

I-134 Barbara Flinn (1)

- I-134-1** The County acknowledges the comment as an introduction to comments that follow. This comment is included in the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project. No further response is required or necessary.
- I-134-2** The comment asks what will happen after Deer Springs is widened to Buena Creek and if all the lanes of traffic would be put onto Buena Creek and the narrow part of Twin Oaks. The commenter is correct. Traffic traveling southwest on Deer Springs Road will have the option of turning right onto Buena Creek Road, or continuing southward on N. Twin Oaks Valley Road. This comment is included in the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project. No further response is required or necessary.
- I-134-3** The comment asks if there's a problem with water supply and states that they reduced the amount and frequency that they water their lawn. See Topical Response to Comment **TR-UTL-1 (Water Shortage)**. This comment is included in the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project. No further response is required or necessary.
- I-134-4** The comment states that traffic issues are horrible and need to be addressed prior to voluntarily making it worse. The comment addresses general subject areas, which received extensive analysis in the Draft EIR; specifically in Section 2.13 Transportation and Traffic. The comment does not raise any specific issue regarding analysis in the Draft EIR; therefore, no more specific response can be provided or is required. The County will include the comment as part of the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project.
- I-134-5** The comment expresses concern over gridlock during an evacuation. With respect to emergency evacuation, Appendix N-2 is the Evacuation Plan for the Newland Sierra project, which was prepared in coordination with the Deer Springs Fire Protection District and County of San Diego, and does not conflict with existing evacuation plans. From Page 2.8-20 of the DEIR, "the intent of the evacuation plan is to guide implementation of an evacuation procedure such that the process of evacuating people from the Site is facilitated in an efficient manner and according to a pre-defined, practiced evacuation protocol." Appendix N-2 identifies the proposed project's evacuation road network, including internal roads which connect to three primary ingress/egress roads, and ultimately connect to major evacuation routes, including, Deer Springs Road, Sarver Lane, North Twin Oaks Valley Road, Buena Creek Road and Interstate 15. In addition, the proposed project includes improvements to Deer Springs Road which would increase capacity of the main evacuation route compared to the existing condition. Further, improvements to North

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Twin Oaks Valley Road and Buena Creek Road would expand capacity of the network to assist evacuation efforts for the surrounding community. Please see **Topical Response HAZ-1 (Evacuation)** for a more detailed explanation of evacuation.

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I-134-6 The comment asks why people who have lived in the area have to be disturbed for out-of-country profiteers and states that the Golden Door is a great asset to the area and that current residences should have first consideration. The County acknowledges the comment and notes it expresses the opinions of the commenter, and does not raise an issue related to the adequacy of any specific section or analysis of the Draft EIR. The County will include the comment as part of the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project. No further response is required or necessary.

I-134-7 The comment states that schools are having budget problems and questions if we can afford more schools that will require transportation, teachers, maintenance, buildings, water etc. The comment also states “Newland Sierra doesn’t care – 6 acres? That is the cheap, uncaring way out.” The County acknowledges the comment and notes it expresses the opinions of the commenter, and does not raise an issue related to the adequacy of any specific section or analysis of the Draft EIR. The County will include the comment as part of the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project. No further response is required or necessary.

I-134-8 The County acknowledges the comment letter, and notes it expresses general opposition for the project, but does not raise any issue concerning the adequacy of the Draft EIR. For that reason, the County provides no further response to this comment.