

I-16 Susan Arneson (1)

- I-16-1** The comment states that they are providing comments due to the project's lack of compliance with the General Plan, that they support the General Plan, and agree with its efforts to place development in areas where services, employment, and transportation are located. Regarding the proposed Project's compliance with the General Plan, please refer to **Topical Response LU-1**.
- I-16-2** The comment asks if the developer is planning a new bus line or light rail for the homeowners. The project does not propose a new bus line or light rail for the future residents; however, as listed in Section 1.0 Project Description page 1-12 Project Design Features PDF-2 through PDF-13 identify commute/travel services for residences and PDF-14 through PDF-19 identify commute services for employees.
- I-16-3** The comment asks where double income households will work and what is the proximity to the nearest industrial park, medical offices, churches, and restaurants. The commenter asks where they will need to travel to get employment. See response to comment I-16-1 above.
- I-16-4** The comment states that the number of dwelling units is equal to the size of a small city and that it will be a city of commuters. The comment asks how the County will be reducing carbon emissions if it approves this project and how is this keeping with the goals of the General Plan.

As set forth in the Draft EIR, the Newland Sierra project would be the “first large-scale planned community in San Diego to achieve a 100 percent reduction in the project's construction and operational GHG emissions” (Draft EIR, p. 1-6). The reduction to zero net GHG emissions would be achieved through implementation of mitigation measures that include both on-site emission reduction actions and the purchase of carbon offset credits.

Furthermore, regarding the project's consistency with the General Plan, as stated in Section 2.7 Greenhouse Gas Emissions on page 2.7-44, the proposed project would be consistent with the policies set forth in the Conservation and Open Space Element of the County's General Plan that are designed to reduce the emissions of GHGs; reduce energy use in buildings and infrastructure; and promote the use of renewable energy sources, conservation, and other methods of efficiency. Table 2.7-17 outlines the proposed project's consistency with applicable policies; as illustrated therein, the project's consistency with such policies evidences that impacts would be less than significant. Please also refer to **Response to Comment O-1-142**.

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