

### I-18 Susan Arneson (3)

**I-18-1** The commenter asks how the present and future water shortages and increasing costs of water will be impacted by the proposed project. The commenter asks how water use during the 10 years of construction and later by future residences will affect the water they and their need. The following statement was published by VWD:

Please refer to **Topical Response UTL-1**. 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-18-2** The comment states that recent water rationing has affected the plants in her nursery and nay additional expense or restriction will make it impossible to continue her small business. The County acknowledges the comment and notes it does not raise an issue related to the adequacy of any specific section or analysis of the Draft EIR. Please refer to **Topical Response UTL-2**. 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-18-3** The comment states that there are already numerous developments approved by individual cities and by the County. The comment asks how the County will be able to ensure that water will not be further restricted or increased in cost due to the proposed project. Please refer to **Topical Response UTL-1**. Further, as stated in Section 2.14 Utilities and Service Systems, on page 2.14-51,

“the proposed project, along with any other large cumulative projects within Vallecitos’ potable service area boundary, would be required to provide availability and commitment letters demonstrating sufficient water resources and access to available water facilities prior to building permit issuance. Cumulative projects that would be considered a water demand project and require water service availability confirmation include: (a) University District Specific Plan (2,600 units of multi-family residential, 800 units of student housing, hotel use (400 rooms), 638,000 sf of general office, 300,000 sf of medical office, 1,000,000 sf of commercial/mixed-use, 30,000 sf of civic/Community use), (b) Main Street Plaza (mixed-use development in Creek District Specific Plan (66,450 sf commercial, 428 apartments, 53,700 sf multi-use), and (c) San Marcos Creek Specific Plan (mixed-use development consisting of 1,265,000 sf of retail, 589,000 sf of office and 2,300 dwelling units). In addition, adherence to regulations would ensure that cumulative projects would not result in a demand for water that exceeds existing entitlements and resources, or any new

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or expanded water-related infrastructure would be funded by the respective applicant.”

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- I-18-4** The County acknowledges the comment and notes it provides concluding remarks that do not raise new or additional environmental issues concerning the adequacy of the Draft EIR. For that reason, the County provides no further response to this comment.