

I-193 Diane L. Hoadley

- I-193-1** 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-193-2** The expresses concern over the increase in traffic and evacuation during a fire. Traffic impacts have been thoroughly analyzed in Section 2.13 Transportation and Traffic. Regarding evacuation during a fire, refer to **Topical Response HAZ-1**, as well as Appendix N-2, Wildland Fire Evacuation Plan. 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-193-3** The comment asks how the proposed interchange improvements and widening of Deer Springs Road would do anything to solve the already existing problem. The comment also expresses concern regarding evacuation during a fire. Refer to **Topical Response TR-2 and Topical Response HAZ-1**. 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-193-4** The comment asks whether there are plans in the EIR to add more lanes to I-15 or 395. The project does not propose the widening of either I-15 or Highway 395. As stated in the Draft EIR, Section 2.13 Transportation and Traffic, on page 2.13-112, regarding the impact to I-15 Mainline between Deer Springs and Pomerado, the improvements necessary to mitigate the identified impacts are to provide additional mainline capacity along this stretch of I-15. However, there is no Caltrans program currently in place to provide funding and implement the necessary improvements into which the Project could contribute a fair share, and, thus, there is no feasible mitigation that would reduce the identified impacts to less than significant. Refer to **Topical Response TR-1**. 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-193-5** The comment asks what the solution is to resolve the issues at the intersection of Buena Creek Road and Santa Fe. As addressed in the Draft EIR in Section 2.13, Transportation and Traffic, the project proposes to widen Twin Oaks Valley Road from its intersection with Deer Springs Road to its intersection with Buena Creek Road to City of San Marcos' Four-Lane Major Arterial standards. The project also proposes intersection improvements along Buena Creek Road, including the Buena Creek Road/Twin Oaks Valley Road intersection (in the City of San Marcos), the Buena Creek Road/Monte Vista Drive intersection, and the Buena Creek Road/S.

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- Santa Fe Avenue intersection, to mitigate both direct and cumulative impacts to these intersections and corresponding segments. As it relates to the Buena Creek Road/Monte Vista Drive intersection, in response to the Twin Oaks Valley Sponsor Group's request that the County consider a roundabout at this intersection, this EIR identifies two mitigation options for this intersection, a conventional signalized intersection and a roundabout. Both mitigation options mitigate the project's impacts to less than significant. 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-193-6** The comment asks how the Draft EIR addresses the loss of wildlife and wildlife corridors. Impacts to wildlife and wildlife corridors have been thoroughly and adequately analyzed in Section 2.4 Biological Resources. Please refer also to **Topical Response BIO-2**. The comment does not raise any specific issue regarding that analysis and, 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-193-7** The comment states that the County should be respecting the General Plan and that the citizens defeated the Merriam Mountains project in 2010. The County acknowledges the comment as expressing the opinion of the commenter. Please see **Response to Comment O-1-377**. No further response is required because the comment does not raise an environmental issue requiring any further response under CEQA.
- I-193-8** The comment asks how this development constitutes affordable housing. Refer to **Response to Comment O-1-235**. Affordable housing is not included as part of the proposed project. However, the proposed project does not preclude the future development of affordable housing units. The type of homes proposed with the project, including the 762 multi-family townhome, row townhome-style units, 173 cluster units, and 325 age-qualified units could be considered viable affordable housing types. The County acknowledges the comment and notes it asks a question that 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-193-9** The expresses concern over the increase in traffic and evacuation during a fire. Traffic impacts have been thoroughly analyzed in 2.8 Hazards and Hazardous Materials, and Section 2.13 Transportation and Traffic. Regarding evacuation during a fire, refer to **Topical Response HAZ-1**. This comment is included in the Final EIR

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