

### I-229 Thomas Kifer

- I -229-1** The commenter explains that they are against the Project for many reason, the foremost being that the General Plan would allow for increased density housing so that rural areas would be protected, which would also protect wildlife in the area.

Please refer to **Topical Response LU-1**. 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 -229-2** The comment states that there are water limitation problems.

Regarding the proposed projects impacts to water supply, please refer to Topical Response UTL-1. The Draft EIR analyzes water supply in Section 2.14.1, Water Supply and Service. The proposed project would increase overall demand for potable water; however, the Draft EIR compares the planned water usage for the project Site with the estimated water demand based on the proposed project land uses and water conservation measures and concludes the impacts to water supplies would be 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 -229-3** The comment states that traffic on Deer Springs Road is already congested and that if there was a fire or other emergency there would be no way to evacuate. The comment states that stay in place evacuation would not work if there was nuclear warfare.

For information regarding evacuation during a wildfire, refer to Draft EIR Appendix N-2, which includes the Evacuation Plan for Newland Sierra. Also refer to **Topical Response HAZ-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 -229-4** The comment states that because the Merriam Mountain project was rejected, and this Project is still being considered, the commenter can only assume that people were paid off.

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. Please see **Response to Comment O-1-377**.

## **Comment Letter Responses**

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