

### I-245 Nathan Larson

- I-245-1** The comment states that 55% of the Project site is subject to the County’s Resource Protection Ordinance for steep slopes and has remained undeveloped because of the difficult topography. The comment states that the blasting and bulldozing associated with the Project would offensively scar the land in ways that cannot be mitigated, despite the optimistic conclusions of the Draft EIR.

Section, 2.1 Aesthetics, of the Draft EIR, determined “[t]he visual change associated with removal of existing vegetation and alteration of existing terrain to accommodate proposed residential, commercial, and education land uses and associated infrastructure would be most evident as viewed from locations in the viewshed located east of the project Site. As viewed from these locations, the introduction of project elements would result in an adverse change to the primarily undisturbed chaparral-covered hill and valley terrain of the project Site, resulting in changes in the visual character of the project Site from undeveloped to open space/developed. As such, the proposed project would significantly alter the current visual character of the site, and impacts would be significant and unavoidable.

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. 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-245-2** The comment states that the County should focus on the significant and unavoidable impacts to aesthetics, air quality, noise, population and housing, and transportation and traffic, as summarized in the Draft EIR.

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 refers the commenter to Section 4, Alternatives, for an analysis of alternatives to the proposed project which would reduce or avoid significant, unmitigable impacts of the proposed project. 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-245-3** The comment states that the Project is not suitable for the site.

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

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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.