

I-303 Eunice Parisi-Carew

- I-303-1** The comment explains that they are very concerned about the Project and its impact on the community. The commenter explains that they are a Hidden Meadows resident and an owner of three horses.

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-303-2** The comment explains that their biggest concern is the evacuation out of Hidden Meadows during a wildfire, because the Project would contribute to additional traffic in the area and there are only two evacuation routes and the commenter has a shelter arranged on Deer Springs Road.

The County notes that the comment addresses general subject areas, wildland fire evacuation, which received extensive analysis in the Draft EIR. 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.

Nonetheless, please also refer to **Topical Response HAZ-1**, which notes that the Draft EIR states that while prior evacuations within the project vicinity have experienced traffic congestion, the project includes improvements to Deer Springs Road, which would increase capacity of the main evacuation route compared to the existing condition. Further, when compared to the existing condition, improvements to N. Twin Oaks Valley Road and Buena Creek Road would expand the traffic network capacity to assist evacuation efforts for the surrounding community.

The Evacuation Plan also provides that “fire and law enforcement official will identify evacuation points before evacuation routes are announced to the public. Evacuation routes are determined based on the location and extent of the incident and include as many pre-designated transportation routes as possible.” Accordingly, the Draft EIR, Appendix N-2 “defers to Law Enforcement and Office of Emergency Services” because, “among the most important factors for successful evacuations in urban settings is control of intersections downstream of the evacuation area.”

- I-303-3** The comment states that they are considering moving somewhere safer and more environmentally conscious and that they love the area, but it will change dramatically. The comment states that wildfires are an issue in the area and the community has

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invested in their own Fire Department, but the Project would make that investment inconsequential.

Please see **Response to Comment I-303-2** for responsive information. The County also notes that the comment 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 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-303-4** The comment states that travel, congestion, water issues, and change in the community are issues for the commenter. The commenter asks the County to fight for open land.

The comment addresses general subject areas, which received extensive analysis in the Draft EIR, specifically in Section 2.13 Traffic and Transportation, Section 3.2, Hydrology and Water Quality, and Section 2.14 Utilities and Service Systems (including water supply). Please also see **Topical Responses TR- 1** regarding traffic; **and Topical Response UTL-1, and UTL-2** regarding water supply issues. As to land use and community character, please see **Responses to Comments O-1-377 through O-1-495**. The comment does not raise any specific issue regarding these analyses 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.