

I-318 Diana Procter

- I-318-1** The commenter thanks the County for the opportunity to respond to the Draft EIR. The commenter explains that they have a list of questions.

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-318-2** The commenter explains that they live in the area and want to know how the County will protect residents from fire related injuries if fires occur in the area without adequate escape routes.

The County acknowledges the comments and notes that it 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 refer to **Topical Response HAZ-1** which notes 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 North 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-318-3** The commenter asks how wildlife would be displaced and states that the area should be left rural.

Potential impacts to biological resources, including wildlife, received extensive analysis in the Draft EIR, specifically in Section 2.4 Biological Resources. The comment does not raise any specific issue regarding that analysis and, therefore, no

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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-318-4 The commenter asks how traffic problems would be solved.

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. There are number of roadway, interchange, and signal improvements that are included as part of the proposed project. These improvements are disclosed in **Section 2.13 Traffic and Transportation**. Please see **Topical Responses TR-1 through TR-3**. This comment is included in the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project.

I-318-5 The commenter asks why the County would consider the Project after spending 10 years on the General Plan. The commenter asks if the financial records of the County officials have been looked into.

Refer to **Topical Response LU-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.

I-318-6 The comment states that there are too many problems with the project.

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 or within the meaning of CEQA. 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.