

I-35 Allen Binns (2)

- I-35-1** The comment states that the brochures that were passed out at the public meeting were misleading and could have swayed people who were originally opposed to the project to now decide not to send in comments on the 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 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-35-2** The comment states that they are now seeing a letter from Caltrans that there are no plans for the interchange. The comment also states that the developer and its representatives have been spreading lies about the Caltrans I-15/ Deer Springs Road interchange. The project applicant is to coordinate with Caltrans to improve the interchange based on the lane configuration ultimately approved by Caltrans. Because implementation of the I-15 interchange improvements is within the jurisdiction and control of Caltrans, and the County cannot assure their implementation, the Draft EIR properly identifies the impact as significant and unavoidable. However, the project applicant to date has been coordinating closely with Caltrans regarding the interchange improvements and, therefore, it is reasonable to conclude as a practical matter that the improvements will be in place prior to the triggering of a significant impact. See **Topical Response TR-1 and TR-2** for more information on the project's impacts and mitigation related to I-15. 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.

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