

I-360 Pamela Sievers

- I-360-1** The comment states there is much environmental and human concern and lack of planning about the proposed project.

The County acknowledges the comment and notes it expresses the opinions of the commentator, and does not raise an issue related to the adequacy of any specific section or analysis of the Draft EIR. 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-360-2** The comment states that the lack of emergency evacuation routes cannot be overlooked as previous evacuations have taken over four hours to evacuate from Hidden Meadows, on the east side of I-15, and adding 2,135 homes will increase the chances of deaths and endangerment.

The County acknowledges the comment and refers the commenter to **Topical Response HAZ-1**. 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-360-3** The comment states the significant impacts to safety, comfort, lack of public transportation and requirements for natural resources, specifically water, cannot be overlooking.

The County acknowledges the comments and notes that it addresses general subject areas, which received extensive analysis in the Draft EIR, including Sections 2.4, Biological Resources, 2.13, Transportation and Traffic, 2.14, Utilities, and 3.5, Public Services. 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.

The comment also notes the region is already facing a drought which the project does not take into account.

The County does not concur with this comment and refers the reader to **Topical Response UTL-1** and **UTL-2** regarding the proposed project's impact to water supply.

Comment Letter Responses

I-360-4 The comment states that “of major importance is the lack of Fire and Police Protection for the suggested 2,135 homes that will be developed on this piece of property.” The County does not concur with this comment.

The County acknowledges the comments and notes that it addresses general subject areas, law enforcement and fire protection, which received extensive analysis in the Draft EIR, including Sections 2.8, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, and 3.5, Public Services. 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-360-5 The comment states that the anticipated traffic is not even considered and that the project area is already impacted by a lack of planning for the existing homes. The comment states that traffic is already stopped on the freeway and ramps at Deer Springs Road because too many residents are trying to get on very short side streets and due to traffic flow from Riverside.

The County does not concur with the comment. The County refers the commenter to Section 2.13.2, Existing Conditions of the DEIR which provides a detailed description of existing facilities studied by the DEIR and Appendix R, Traffic Impact Study.

With respect to existing traffic conditions, the County notes the comment provides factual background information and does not raise an environmental issue 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 because the comment does not raise an environmental issue concerning the adequacy of the Draft EIR.

I-360-6 The comment states that schools and other means of education have not been considered and not paid for. The County does not concur with this comment.

The comment addresses general subject areas, education, which received extensive analysis in Section 3.5, Public Services of 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.

Comment Letter Responses

I-360-7 The comment states that previous research encourages new housing on infrastructure close to employment. The comment states the proposed project does not account for business buildings/growth in the area.

The County acknowledges the comment and notes it expresses the opinions of the commentator, 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.

Nonetheless, the County does not concur with this comment. There is an existing surplus of employment lands in north San Diego County, in particular along Highway 78 (i.e., Innovate 78); and as noted in **Comment I-360-5**, above, traffic from Riverside County is the result of insufficient housing supply in San Diego County, which has resulted in employees buying or renting homes in Riverside County.

I-360-8 The comment states the previous project proposed on the project Site was denied by the Board of Supervisors, and that since that time, the County adopted the General Plan Update which zoned the project Site for 99 homes.

The County acknowledges the comment and refers the commenter to **Topical Response LU-1**.

With respect to the Merriam Mountains project, the County notes the previous denial does not have any effect on the current proposal, which is different than Merriam Mountains, and has separately processed all the required plans and technical reports to analyze the proposed Project's impacts in compliance with CEQA.

I-360-9 The comment states the commenter is opposed to the proposed project.

The County acknowledges the comment, and notes it expresses general opposition for the project, but does not raise any issue concerning the adequacy of the Draft EIR. For that reason, the County provides no further response to this comment.

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK