

I-361 Dale Silva

- I-361-1** The comment states there is much environmental and human concern and lack of planning about the proposed project. The comment further 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 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-361-2** 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 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. Please also see **Topical Responses TR-1 through TR-3**.

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-361-3** 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

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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-361-4** 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.

- I-361-5** 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-361-6** The comment states that the lack of emergency evacuation routes cannot be overlooked.

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-361-7** The comment the County adopted the General Plan Update which zoned the project Site for 99 homes.

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The County refers the commenter to **Topical Response LU-1 and Responses to Comments O-1-377 through O-1-495** for further responsive information.

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-361-8 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.

I-361-9 The comment states the impact on wildlife will be horrific. The comment provides a link to a TED talk.

The comment addresses general subject areas, wildlife, which received extensive analysis in **Section 2.4, Biological Resources**, of the Draft EIR. With respect to the link provided by the comment, the County has reviewed and considered the comment and the cited document and determined that the content does not address the 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-361-10 The comment states that the City of Escondido will have to build an onramp near Centre City/Country Club.

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.

I-361-11 The comment states that the cost of new homes will end up costing far more money to the City than it will gain in tax revenue.

The County acknowledges the comment and notes it raises economic, social, or political issues that do not appear to relate to any physical effect on the environment. 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.

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