

I-372 Chris Sousa

- I-372-1** The comment refers to an attached letter (not provided) and states that the following comments are a summary of the letter.

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.

The County further notes that no letter was attached to the email, thus, no more detailed response can be provided.

- I-372-2** The comment states the following is a list of questions and concerns on the Draft EIR for the Newland Sierra Development.

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-372-3** The comment states Caltrans must be allowed to complete its analysis before current plans move forward. The comment states that all roads west of the I-15 connecting to Deer Springs Road are overburdened, and that this is a well-established fact.

The County acknowledges the comment and notes it expresses the opinions of the commentator regarding Caltrans timing, and the comment does not raise an issue related to the adequacy of any specific section or analysis of the Draft EIR. The comment also restates information contained in the Draft EIR regarding existing traffic conditions on roadways around the project Site, 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 or necessary.

- I-372-4** The comment states that “consecutive projects” utilizing Buena Creek Road, Twin Oaks Road, and other arterial roads have “contributed little or no improvement to infrastructure,” and that “this trend must stop.”

The County acknowledges the comment and notes it expresses the opinions of the commentator. The comment addresses general subject areas, traffic, which received extensive analysis in Section 2.13, Transportation and Traffic, the Draft EIR. The

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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. No further response is required or necessary.

- I-372-5** The comment states that the proposed project is proposed in a “Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone” and does not provide enough emergency access routes in the event of a fire and that gridlock during an evacuation would compromise the safety of the entire region.

The County does not concur with this comment. Please refer to **Topical Response HAZ-1**.

- I-372-6** The comment states there are numerous species, including mountain lions and bobcats, that rely on “this corridor” for survival and that the proposed project will “dissect precious habitat.”

The County notes that the comment addresses general subject areas, biological resources and wildlife corridors, which received extensive analysis in the Draft EIR in Section 2.4, Biological Resources. 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.

Please also refer to **Topical Response BIO-2**.

- I-372-7** The comment states the County Board of Supervisors spent millions of dollars and 10 years developing a General Plan that protected, in fact down zoned, this area. The General Plan allows for 99 homes, the proposed project would increase this by 20 times, and the Board of Supervisors already denied a similar project on the site.

The County refers the commenter to **Topical Response LU-1** regarding compliance with the General Plan.

The comment also urges the Board of Supervisors to recommend denial of 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.