

I-377 George Stoneback

- I-377-1** The comment states the proposed Project is “just a repeat of the Merriam Mountains project.”

The County acknowledges the comment as an introduction to comments that follow 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-377-2** The comment states that traffic is bad enough now and asks where the additional traffic will go.

The comment addresses general subject areas, traffic, which received extensive analysis in the Draft EIR, specifically Section 2.13, Transportation and Traffic. 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.

Further, with respect to existing traffic conditions, the County agrees with the comment and notes that the DEIR analyzes Existing Conditions in Section 2.13.2.3 and Tables 2.12-1, 2.13-2, 2.13-3 and 2.13-4. As analyzed in the DEIR, several roadway segments, intersections, and freeway segments operate at LOS E or LOS F under existing conditions.

- I-377-3** The comment states the proposed Project is “far and above” the 99 homes allowed under the General Plan.

The County acknowledges the comment and notes that the comment restates information contained in the Draft EIR and does not raise an environmental issue within the meaning of CEQA. Specifically, Page 1-34 states, “As shown in this EIR, Table 1-11, the existing General Plan land use designations would allow approximately 99 residential dwelling units and 2,008,116 square feet of commercial space.” The proposed Project includes a General Plan Amendment to increase the number of units and reduce the amount of commercial/retail and professional/office permitted by the General Plan. Further, Section 4.5, Existing General Plan Alternative, compares the impacts of the proposed Project to the uses permitted under the Existing General Plan land use and zoning designates for the project Site.

Comment Letter Responses

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-377-4** The comment states “shame on you” to the County Supervisors if they “allow these developers to take over the County zoning laws.”

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-377-5** The comment states the commenter will see this project from his living room and deck.

The County acknowledges the comment and notes that the comment does not raise any specific issue regarding the DEIR 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-377-6** The comment states the commenter will “see the destruction of a fire prone area” which has had many fires on the I-15 corridor.

The County acknowledges the comment and notes that it restates information contained in Section 2.8 of the DEIR. Specifically, page 2.8-17 states, “The proposed project is situated in an area that, due to its steep terrain, heavy fuels, adjacent ignition sources, and fire history, is subject to periodic wildfire. The project Site and the nearby communities of Castle Creek, Hidden Meadows, and Lawrence Welk Resort are all located in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, as designated by CAL FIRE (EIR, Appendix N).” The comment 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-377-7** The comment states the commenter, his family, neighbors, friends and the County Supervisors do not want this project to be allowed to happen.

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.

Comment Letter Responses

I-377-8 The comment states “the last developers lost here and at Liliac Hills” and asks “when do they stop?”

The County notes the comment provides background information about other recent County projects 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.

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