

I-384 Victor Terrell

- I -382-1** The commenter explains that the County has forgotten the 2003 and 2007 wildfires which condemned the Merriam Mountains Project.

Potential impacts associated with fire hazards and evacuations have been adequately analyzed in **Section 2.8 Hazards and Hazardous Materials** as well as, **Appendix N, Fire Protection Plan and Evacuation Plan**. Mitigation has been provided when necessary to avoid or lessen potentially significant impacts. Refer to **Thematic Response to Comment (Evacuation)**. 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 -382-2** The commenter explains that although this is the first year without a water shortage after a 6 year drought, the drought will continue in years to come. The commenter asks how 8,000 more people would help the water shortage situation.

The DEIR analyzes water supply in Section 2.14.1, Water Supply and Service. The proposed project would increase overall demand for potable water; however, the DEIR compares the planned water usage for the project Site with the estimated water demand based on the proposed project land uses and water conservation measures and concludes the impacts to water supplies would be less than significant. Please refer to **Topical Response UTL-1**. 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-382-3** The commenter asks how 6,000 more cars would alleviate the current traffic conditions, when there is a line-up of cars at 4 PM that extends from I-15 well past Buena Creek on Deer Springs Road. The comment states that letting a developer come into the community, overbuild, take the cash, and leave the problems for the rest of the community to deal with is not a good plan.

The comment addresses traffic issues, which received extensive analysis in the Draft EIR, specifically in 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.

- I-382-4** The commenter urges the County to be consistent with the existing General Plan.

Comment Letter Responses

Please refer to **Topical Response LU-1**. 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. No further response is required or necessary.