

I-409 Bill Ward

- I-409-1** 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-409-2** The comment states Potential impacts associated with traffic have been adequately analyzed in Section 2.13 Transportation and Traffic. Mitigation has been provided when necessary to avoid or lessen potentially significant impacts. Furthermore, Section 2.13 details a number of roadway and I-15 interchange improvements that will be included as part of the proposed project. Please also refer to Topical Response TR-1.
- I-409-3** The commentator is correct, no public schools are included as part of this project. As stated on page 1-23 in Section 1.0 Project Description, the project's proposed neighborhoods are within the service boundaries of three public school districts: San Marcos Unified School District, Escondido Union School District, and Escondido Union High School District (see Figure 1-33, School District Boundaries). The project has reserved a 6-acre site for a school, which could serve students from the San Marcos Unified School District and Escondido Union School District. If students do not attend a school within the project Site, the project's future students who live in the San Marcos Unified School District boundary are expected to attend Twin Oaks Elementary School, San Marcos Middle School, or Woodland Park Middle School. The project's future students living within Escondido Union School District are expected to attend North Broadway School, Rock Springs Elementary School, or Rincon Middle School. The project's future high school students are expected to attend Mission Hills High School, San Marcos High School, or Escondido High School. The school districts ultimately decide student attendance at the various schools.
- I-409-4** As stated on page 2.14-51 in Section 2.14, Utilities and Service Systems, the cumulative study area for water supply falls within the Vallecitos Water District's potable water service boundary. The proposed project, along with any other large cumulative projects within Vallecitos' potable service area boundary, would be required to provide availability and commitment letters demonstrating sufficient water resources and access to available water facilities prior to building permit issuance. In addition, adherence to regulations would ensure that cumulative projects would not result in a demand for water that exceeds existing entitlements and resources, or any new or expanded water-related infrastructure would be funded by the respective applicant. Therefore, cumulative impacts associated with adequate water service and supplies would be less than significant.

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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, as described in Topical Response HAZ-1. Mitigation has been provided when necessary to avoid or lessen potentially significant impacts.

- I-409-5** 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.