I-68  Arnold R. Carter

I-68-1  The County acknowledges the comment letter, and notes it expresses general opposition for the project, but does not raise any issue concerning the adequacy of the Draft EIR. 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-68-2  The comment says that exiting from the I-15 onto Deer Springs Road or Mountain Meadow going northbound or southbound during peak hours is currently jammed. The comment asks what the exits would look like with over 2,000 homes and cars added daily. Potential traffic impacts associated with project generated traffic being added to the surrounding roadway network have been adequately analyzed in Section 2.13 Transportation and Traffic. Mitigation measures have been provided in order to reduce potentially significant impacts. 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-68-3  The comment says that the width of the bridge that crosses over the I-15 at the Deer Springs Road/Mountain Meadows interchange would not accommodate a huge increase in traffic due to the project. As stated in Appendix R, Traffic Impact Analysis, on page 184, “It is also anticipated that grading and related improvements will be required for the relocation of the interchange ramps and the construction of a new overpass and associated improvements.” 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-68-4  The comment asks what happened to the County Board of Supervisors 3 to 2 vote to put a stop to the last attempt to build a similar community. The County acknowledges the comment and notes it 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-68-5  The comment asks what happened to the existing zoned building plan for no more than 99 homes on the property. The existing General Plan land use designations would allow approximately 99 residential dwelling units and 2,008,116 square feet of commercial space on the project site. Development under the existing General Plan designations is analyzed under the Existing General Plan Alternative to the Project in Section 4.5.5 of the Draft EIR. Compared with the Project, Section 4.5.5 has determined that the Existing General Plan Alternative would actually result in greater

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significant impacts to Transportation and Traffic, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Aesthetics and Mineral Resources compared to the project (Draft EIR, p. 4-24.). 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-68-6 The comment says to please feel free to contact him and provides contact information. The County acknowledges the comment and notes it 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.