

### I-69 Elizabeth Cate

- I-69-1** The comment states that homeowners purchased in the area knowing it was a semi-rural area offering a country environment, zoned specifically not to be plagued with an overly dense project. The comment expresses concern regarding the number of people, the number of cars, and the destruction of habitat. 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.
- I-69-1** The comment says that they have observed a loss of presence of hawks and owls and mammals disappearing as well. The comment states that the project will decimate what little is left of the open vistas and open space and these lovely animals will disappear forever to be replaced with horrid and dangerous human congestion. The comment states that as San Diego County's growth sprawls, the pleasure of enjoying wildlife and habitat has eroded. 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.
- I-69-3** The comment states that traveling the I-15 corridor is a nightmare. The County acknowledges the comment and notes it expresses the opinions of the comment, 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.
- I-69-4** The comment states that the risk of wildfire is significant and an evacuation of the area would result in dangerous congestion and standstill traffic as residents attempt to flee their homes. The Draft EIR, Appendix N-2 (Section 4.2) evaluates the capacity of the surrounding road network. Relative to the traffic gridlock concern, the Draft EIR notes that while prior evacuations within the project vicinity have experienced traffic congestion, the project includes improvements to Deer Springs Road, which would increase capacity of the main evacuation route compared to the existing condition. Further, when compared to the existing condition, improvements to North Twin Oaks Valley Road and Buena Creek Road would expand the traffic network capacity to assist evacuation efforts for the surrounding community. Please see **Topical Response HAZ-1** for a more detailed explanation of evacuation.

## Comment Letter Responses

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- I-69-5** The comment states that they have had the privilege of having horses in their lives and the opportunities to ride trails are disappearing. The comment says that they are a native San Diegan and it breaks their heart to see how horrible this place has become. 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.
- I-69-6** The comment says to let Newland build a project pursuant to the existing zoning, as this was the deal that was struck and taxpayers paid for to create the General Plan and the density basis upon which residents bought their homes. 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. Compared with the Project, Section 4.5.5 has determined that the Existing General Plan Alternative would actually result in greater 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.