

A-7 GROSSMONT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Comment Letter A-7



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Subject: DRAFT EIR COMMENTS FROM GROSSMONT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT Otay Ranch Village 14 and Planning Areas 16 & 19, LOG NO. PDS2016-ER-16-19-006: SCH NO. 2016121042. PROJECT NUMBERS; PDS2016-GPA-16-008, PDS2016-SP-16-002, PDS2016-REZ-16-006, PDS2016-STP-16-027, and PDS2015-TM-5616

To Whom It May Concern:

The Grossmont Union High School District (GUHSD) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the subject Draft EIR (DEIR). GUHSD provides public education for grades 9-12 plus adult education in East San Diego County and has a high interest in this proposed project.

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We have several comments in Section 3.1.6 Public Services.

- 1. On page 3.1.6-5, under "Grossmont Union High School District", Steele Canyon High School is identified as the nearest high school to the Project Area. Steele Canyon High School is a charter school sponsored by GUHSD, and as a charter school, does not have defined boundaries which determine enrollment eligibility for resident students. The GUHSD school that serves the territory in which the proposed project is planned is Valhalla High School. Please revise the DEIR accordingly.
2. On page 3.1.6.29, under "High Schools", the first sentence says SUHSD would serve high school students from Village 14. A portion of Village 14 resides in the territory served by GUHSD. In order for these residents to be served by SUHSD, a transfer of territory would have to be approved through a process. GUHSD strongly objects to such a transfer.
3. Regarding page 3.1.6-30, "Grossmont Unified High School District", the proper name is Grossmont Union High School District. Also, this section repeats the identification of Steele Canyon High School as serving students from Planning Areas 16/19. As explained in Comment (1) above, the GUHSD school that serves the territory in which the Planning Areas 16/19 is Valhalla High School. Please revise the DEIR accordingly.

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4. Table 3.1.6-6 on page 3.1.6-37 is incomplete and not up to date. Please the attached table for the updated information on GUHSD enrollments and capacities.

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In summary, the GUHSD objects to any proposed transfer of property as an overriding consideration and appreciates the revisions requested above.

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Sincerely,



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Enclosure

Table 3.1.6-6
Grossmont Union High School District - High School Capacity

School Site	Estimate Enrollment 2017/18	Approximate Capacity	Remaining Capacity
High Schools			
Grossmont	2,219	2,750	531
Helix	2,465	2,758	293
El Cajon Valley	1,838	2,662	824
Mount Miguel	1,205	2,678	1,473
El Capitan	1,675	2,080	405
Granite Hills	2,290	2,624	334
Monte Vista	1,640	2,534	894
Santana	1,584	2,256	672
Chaparral/IDEA	233	900	667
Valhalla	2,125	2,656	531
West Hills	1,723	2,626	903
Steele Canyon	2,195	2,470	275

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