

COMMENTS

RESPONSES

Comment Letter RI4

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Subject: Comments to the Revised DEIR

Referencing Projects: Harmony Grove Village South Project, PDS2015-GPA-15-002, PDS2015-SP-15-002, PDS2015-REZ-15-003, PDS2015-TM-5600, PDS2015-MUP-15-008, PDS2015-ER-15-08-006.

To whom it may concern:

I am writing as a resident of the Hidden Hills community, immediately adjacent to Eden Valley, Harmony Grove and Elfin Forest and accessible primarily via Country Club Drive.

My husband, two young children and I moved into our home in 2012. We fell in love with the rural feel -- we had been searching high and low for a place where we could have a decent parcel of land to raise our children and QUIET -- and believed we were buying in an area that would remain hidden and tucked away, true to its name. We were told that Harmony Grove Village was already in process and likely to be built, but that it was the only project in the works since there was a General Plan in place that would prohibit further development.

RI4-1

Imagine our shock when we learned that, in this area, a General Plan apparently doesn't mean... anything. Taxpayers shouldered the massive cost of hammering one out and getting all parties to agree on every detail -- a multi-year undertaking -- and yet developers mysteriously descended upon our hidden valley and began drawing up plans for hundreds or thousands of homes to be squeezed into our little valley, a process which would fundamentally destroy the nature of our neighborhood.

RI4-2

I will not presume to speak on behalf of all residents, but I will speak on behalf of my family: we are singularly and completely opposed to further development of this area. I am still traumatized by the Cocos Fire, when our one way out of our neighborhood was barely passable as we literally heard the flames roaring down the hillsides; it is unthinkable to add hundreds more cars to this one-lane country road. As coyotes are driven further and further into our neighborhoods by the destruction of their habitat, more neighbors are losing their pets; does this even register on anyone's radar? It is shameful to me that we should be beholden to a group of people who apparently think nothing of green-lighting projects that are expressly forbidden by a document that all agreed to, as long as there is some benefit in it for them... are there not words for that, none of them flattering?

RI4-3

If you ever drive down Country Club Drive, you will occasionally see an equestrian trotting alongside the road; open rolling hillsides with native growth and wildlife; homes on large lots with pens for various livestock. They may be getting hemmed in by the existing development of HGV, but that culture is still here for now, and so you will also be looking at a community united in its determination to defend this lifestyle. We will not be fooled, placated, or ignored. This is our home, which developers -- and our own so-called representatives -- would do well to remember as they look for the next profitable venture with no thought to any other considerations.

Best regards,
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Response to Comment RI4-1

The County acknowledges these introductory comments; however, they do not raise an issue concerning the analysis or adequacy of the RDEIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5(c). For a full description of the scope of recirculation for this EIR, please see the Recirculation Readers Guide, dated February 22, 2018.

Response to Comment RI4-2

The County acknowledges the comment and opposition to the Project. This comment relates to an issue outside the scope of recirculation pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5(c). While the comment does not address an issue in this RDEIR, fire hazards issues are detailed within the Project Fire Protection Plan and summarized in the FEIR in Table 1-2, Project Design Features, and Section 3.1.3, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, as well as in Chapter 7.0, List of Mitigation Measures and Project Design Features. This topic is also addressed in the FEIR global responses in Sections 8.3.3, Fire Hazards Impact Analysis, and 8.3.4, Adequacy of Emergency Evacuation and Access, in Chapter 8.0 of the FEIR.

Response to Comment RI4-3

This comment relates to issues outside the scope of recirculation pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5(c). They do not raise specific issues regarding the content of the RDEIR, but will be included as part of the administrative record and made available to the decision makers prior to a final decision on the Proposed Project.