Response to Comment PC05-1
Comments provided by the Twin Oaks Valley Community Sponsor Group regarding County bundling of projects requesting General Plan Amendments for consideration by the Board of Supervisors are noted. Several issues relate to public review of the HGV South Project, and are addressed here.

In brief, it is noted that each project (including HGV South) has been environmentally analyzed, publicly circulated for comment, and has had final project documentation prepared within its own timeline. Similarly, each project has moved through Planning Commission with focused discussion and consideration. The public, community planning groups and sponsor groups have had an opportunity to participate in full compliance with California state law and County standards. At this point, several projects will be submitted for Board of Supervisors consideration on specific days. During that hearing, the projects will continue to be subject to separate public testimony, and consideration by the decision makers. It is not anticipated that the hearing will require participants to “give up two or more days of work to be able to make their concerns known.” If attendance is not possible on a given day, written comments are routinely accepted and considered, or someone who is already attending may read a statement into the record. Comments related to Lilac Hills Ranch do not pertain to HGV South, and do not warrant a response.
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requests GPA each with their own EIRs, how do those 9 bundled project become the 4 GPAs allowed for 2018?

What is the rational for bundling projects together? Will they be grouped geographically? Or randomly? Does it make sense to bundle Lilac Hills with Warner Springs, Pala and Otay Mesa? Or Newland Sierra with Harmony Grove?

How will the Board of Supervisors meeting work if there are multiple large projects in the same resolution as part of the same agenda item? How much time will each person be given to speak? Instead of three minutes, will people be allowed only 30 seconds to bring up matters of concern because bundling three large projects together has brought out hundreds of people? Large projects like Newland Sierra, or Lilac Hills are typically given their own separate meetings.

How will the staff presentation, public comments and Board comments be organized during a bundle with 4 projects? For example will there be a staff report, then public testimony and then Board deliberation and then the same for the 3 other projects in the bundle, or will there be 4 staff presentations in a row? How is this going to work?

Why not just have separate items on separate days so people can plan accordingly? How is it fair to make someone wait indefinitely or have to give up two or more days of work to be able to make their concerns known to the members of the Planning Commission and later the Board of Supervisors?

Other questions include, will Supervisor Bill Horn need to recuse from the Lilac Hill project bundled with other projects in the same resolution? Can he recuse from one, but not the others? If not, the bundling process appears as an attempt to allow one with a conflict of interest to vote on a project that one should recuse themselves from. Please explain how this works.

It is also extremely distressing to see that a zombie project like Lilac Hills being brought back to the county when the recent elections had the majority in San Diego county voting to deny the project.

The rush to have seven projects bundled ignores the fact that the property specific requests general plan amendment is also pending this year.
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The bundling of the various housing project goes against the whole planning process and is wrong. It is one thing to bundle property specific requests plans. I have observed that process to be an open and transparent process.

The public deserves better than this. The Ends does NOT justify the means. We recognize this as a power move which may be legal but it is not ethical. It denies free speech and limits ones constitutional right to bring their concerns to their elected officials. I believe, that no matter what your position is on these development projects, you know and understand that if we allow this to happen, we are giving up on not only our freedom, but those of our children and grandchildren.

We must demand that the current general plan amendment process does not allow for such a warped and unjustified bundling of projects. We deserve better than this.

Your opposition to the bundling of projects with their own EIRs would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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