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i am writing to you to about the proposed zoning change in Borrego Springs in the area called Rudyville. We live directly across the highway from these acres and if they were to be developed we could face increased dust and sand on our property and in our lungs. Tubb canyon is a wind tunnel whenever we have winds and this blows strong and hard through our property. Also a public hearing about this issue in the middle of the summer is unfair as not all home owners in Borrego and even on our street are in residence. We do not want a zoning change to allow more homes. We do not need more lots in Borrego Springs nor do we want development on those acres as this will also destroy the natural and eye catching beauty of an ancient ocotillo forest, a signature plant of our Sonoran desert. Water is also a huge issue here in Borrego and we are mandated to reduce consumption. The zoning change makes no sense and should be denied.

sincerely,  
John and Mary Barber  
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Sent from my iPad

## **Response to Comment Letter I6**

**John and Mary Barber**

**January 15, 2018**

- I6-1** This comment states the proposed zoning change in Property Specific Request Analysis Area DS24 (the site is referred to as “Rudyville” by many in the community) would result in increased dust and sand.

Refer to response to comment I5-3 above for additional relevant information.

- I6-2** This comment states that a public hearing on the issue in summer is unfair as not all homeowners are in residence.

The County disagrees with this comment. The Department’s scheduling of projects for hearing does not take into account the schedules of individual residents. The Proposed Project will be scheduled for hearing when the Department determines all project documentation is complete and it can be scheduled in coordination with other projects proceeding to hearing.

- I6-3** The County acknowledges the commenter’s opposition to DS24. This comment also states the development will destroy the beauty of the ocotillo forest. Section 2.1.3.2 (Aesthetics) of the Draft SEIR analyzes potential impacts to Ocotillo Forest, which is considered a scenic resource.

Impacts to scenic resources associated with development of the D24 site (in part) would be potentially significant (Impact AE-2). As determined in Section 2.1.5.2, implementation of General Plan policies and 2011 GPU PEIR mitigation measures would reduce impact AE-2, which includes potential impacts of other PSR Analysis Areas, to a level less than significant. Impacts to visual character or quality were also determined to be potentially significant (Impact AE-3), in part due to DS24. Implementation of General Plan policies and 2011 GPU PEIR mitigation measures would reduce Impact AE-3; however, the impact would remain significant and unavoidable.

- I6-4** This comment refers to the groundwater issue in Borrego Springs and the mandate to reduce consumption.

Page 2.8-3 of the Draft SEIR includes a description of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014. Section 2.8.3.2 includes an analysis of the Proposed Project’s potential impacts on groundwater supplies and recharge, including the

Borrego Valley Groundwater Basin. Please see the response to comment I5-4 above for additional relevant information.

- I6-5** The County acknowledges the commenter's opposition to the proposed change to the General Plan land use designation.