Letter Jess Morton 160 Subject: Climate Action Plan and DSEIR Wednesday, September 20, 2017 11:33:25 AM Dear Ms. Soffel, The San Diego County Climate Action Plan (CAP) is an important part of California's lead role in minimizing the damage caused by climate change. As such the CAP needs to place meaningful controls over urban 160-1 sprawl, one of the key components of CO2 emissions in the County. The County's authority to regulate land use should be used within the CAP to do so. I strongly advocate for the inclusion of language within the CAP to hold CO2 emissions down. Sincerely yours,

## **Response to Comment Letter I60**

## Jess Morton September, 20 2017

**I60-1** The comment states that the CAP should implement controls over sprawling development patterns in the county. The CAP is not a land use plan. Land use is regulated through the 2011 GPU. The 2011 GPU, which contains the approved land use map for which the CAP is a mitigation measure, is the approved document which establishes the patterns of development in the County. The County's 2011 GPU focused growth in existing communities by establishing higher densities in villages and planning for diverse uses to create comprehensive live, work, and play communities and a sustainable pattern of development. Therefore, the County has established the regulatory framework to create sustainable patterns of development. Finally, the CAP is not a mechanism which governs land use development. The CAP is a plan to reduce GHG emissions resulting from the build-out of the 2011 GPU land use map. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft SEIR and no further response is required. However, the comment will be included in the Final EIR and made available to the decision makers prior to a final decision on the project.

Jess Morton