

Response to Comment Letter I83

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Re: County's Draft Climate Action Plan

Dear Ms. Soffel,

My husband and I are 2nd generation living in the Twin Oaks Valley community.

It is necessary for the County to seriously look at current and future vehicular traffic congestion in an effort to reduce GHG emissions, especially in rural areas of the County such as ours. The general plan calls for our area to remain rural, yet there are projects such as Newland Sierra being presented to the County that will increase traffic and GHG emissions substantially, estimated over 28,000 trips daily! Isn't this leapfrog/sprawl development the exact opposite of what the CAP needs and wants to accomplish? How is this conflict going to be resolved?

W-1.2 Reduce Outdoor Water Use. Please clarify how an outdoor water reduction requirement factors into reducing GHG emissions? The target of 40% is extremely unreasonable and unfair. We spent thousands and thousands of dollars on water conservation measures such as hardscaping, restructuring sprinklers/drip systems, in home water saving devices, etc. because of drought, cutbacks and rate hikes. And now you require us to cut back another 40% by 2020? What else can we do? We live in a rural area with some food bearing trees and a small food producing garden. Does this "requirement" mean we must give up this aspect of our lifestyle? Is certainly appears this is the message. Forty % and any other % is utterly ridiculous and is penalizing to tax paying citizens who have acted responsibly and already taking steps to reduce water consumption voluntarily.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns.

Sincerely,

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183-1 The comment introduces the comments that follow. No response required.

183-2 The County acknowledges concern regarding traffic congestion and additional GPA projects and their contribution to traffic congestion. However, 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 CAP provides a pathway for General Plan Amendments as described on page 2.7-36 through 2.7-40, however each project would be considered on its own merits by the Board of Supervisors. Please also refer to Master Response 6 related to transportation GHG reduction measures.

This 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.

183-3 The comment requests clarification to GHG Reduction Measure W-1.2 which would result in a required reduction of 40% in outdoor water consumption countywide for new and existing residential and non-residential development. This measure is described on pages 3-67 through 3-69 of the CAP. The measure would apply to projects for which the County issues a building permit or a discretionary permit under Title 8, Division 6, Chapter 7, of the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances Relating to Water Conservation in Landscaping. For existing residences, the provision would only apply for any modified landscape that in the aggregate totals 2,500 square feet or more.