

Response to Comment Letter L1

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- L1-1** The commenter states as acting chairman of the Jacumba Community Services that he has heard little, or nothing about this project and that he recently found out that there was a “public review period” that just closed on December 7, 2020. The comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis contained within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.
- L1-2** The commenter states that he would like to voice the concerns of himself, the community of Jacumba, and in particular a concern about the Horned Lizard populations that reside within the area. The commenter states the lizard is currently on the endangered species list, and without a proper review of the project, the project may be endangering the lizard further, and may be in danger of disappearing from the area altogether. The commenter further states the commenter’s concern that without the proper research on the impact that this new project may have on the lizard, it may be too late. In response, Section 2.3 Biological Resources of the Draft EIR analyzes the Proposed Project’s potential impacts to biological resources, including wildlife. The Blainville’s horned lizard (*Phrynosoma blainvillii*) is the horned lizard that has a high potential to occur on the Project site. The Blainville’s horned lizard is considered State Species of Special Concern and is on the County of San Diego’s Group 2 wildlife list. It is not state or federally listed as endangered or threatened. The Draft EIR identifies potential significant impacts to County Group 2 wildlife species, including Blainville’s horned lizard. Potential significant temporary and permanent direct impacts to habitat for special status wildlife species are identified in Section 2.3 of the Draft EIR (See Impact BI-W-1 and Impact BI-W-2). Implementation of mitigation measures **M-BI-1** (biological monitoring) and **M-BI-2** (temporary construction fencing) would reduce temporary direct impacts to habitat to less than significant. Implementation of mitigation measures **M-BI-3** (habitat preservation) and **M-BI-4** (Resource Management Plan) would reduce permanent impacts to habitat to less than significant.
- L1-3** The commenter states that on behalf of himself, the other board members, and the Jacumba Hot Springs Community would like to have this reviewed. The commenter also states that with the proper resources from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, the impact assessment can be implemented. Until then, the commenter asks that the project be put on hold. In response, please refer to Response to Comment LI-2. The comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis contained within the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required

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