Letter I-1 – Joel Kownacki

I-1-1 The County acknowledges and appreciates the comment. It will be included as part of the FEIR and considered by the decision makers. However, the comment provides introductory information regarding the commenter that does not raise any issue or include any substantive comment with regard to the adequacy of the DEIR. For that reason, the County provides no further response to this comment.

I-1-2 The EIR adequately addresses the proposed Project’s potential impacts relative to Aesthetics and Visual Resources and determined that such impacts would be significant and unavoidable as implementation of the Project would change the Project site from its natural, undeveloped condition to a developed condition. The comment contains an opinion about the Project site and information taken from the General Plan Amendment and does not include any substantive comment about the adequacy of the DEIR; for that reason, no further response is needed or required.

I-1-3 Please see Response to Comment I-1-2 regarding the proposed Project’s potential impacts relative to Aesthetics and Visual Resources. The County acknowledges and appreciates the comment. It will be included as part of the FEIR. However, the comment contains an opinion about the potential Project impacts and does not present any issue or include any substantive comment about the adequacy of the DEIR; for that reason, no further response is needed or required.

I-1-4 The DEIR adequately analyzes the potential impacts of the proposed Project relative to the habitat of the Quino checkerspot butterfly, California gnatcatcher, golden eagle, and burrowing owl. To the extent these impacts are deemed significant, the EIR recommends appropriate mitigation measures to reduce those impacts to less than significant levels. The County acknowledges and appreciates the comment. The comment will be included as part of the FEIR and considered by the decision makers. However, the comment provides information taken from the DEIR and does not present any issue or include any substantive comment about the adequacy of the DEIR; for that reason, no further response is needed or required.

I-1-5 The County acknowledges the assertion that “no type of mitigation is sufficient to hide a stand of homes close to or on top of the western most ridgeline." However, the comment does not include any substantive comment about the adequacy of the DEIR; for that reason, no further response is needed or required. Please see Response to Comment I-1-2 for additional information.

I-1-6 The County acknowledges and appreciates the comment. The decision makers will select among the proposed build alternatives (including the proposed Project), and the No Project Alternative identified in Chapter 4.0, Project Alternatives. The comment will be included as part of the FEIR. However, it does not present any issue or include any substantive comment about the adequacy of the DEIR; for that reason, no further response is needed or required.