Letter RO-8 – San Diego Mountain Bike Association

RO-8-1 The comment provides an introductory summary of the commenter’s support for “multi-use, natural surface, ‘primitive’ trails” in the Village 13 plan. This comment does not raise any new issue or include any new substantive comment concerning the adequacy of the Draft EIR. For that reason, no further response to this comment is provided.

RO-8-2 This comment provides a description of pathways, bike lanes, fire lanes, and primitive single-track trails, as well as the types of trail users in the vicinity of the Project site. This comment does not raise any new issue or include any new substantive comment concerning the adequacy of the Draft EIR. For that reason, no further response to this comment is provided.

RO-8-3 The comment states that “while the development plan does not meet the real need of future inhabitants and trail users,” the commenter supports the planned primitive trail within the Fuel Modification Zone. This comment does not raise any new issue or include any new substantive comment concerning the adequacy of the Draft EIR. For that reason, no further response to this comment is provided.

RO-8-4 The comment states a concern that trail users will seek more challenging trails and if an actual trail plan is not created, then unsustainable and unplanned trails will appear, similar to what happened at nearby San Miguel and Mother Miguel Mountains. The commenter states that they are currently working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to repair damage that resulted from the population of newer developments. The commenter states they do not want that to happen at Otay Ranch Village. In response, the County acknowledges the concern of unplanned trails and damage that has occurred in the identified areas. Mitigation measure M-BI-1f includes provisions for fencing and signage to deter unauthorized use of trails and open areas. However, this comment does not raise any new issue or include any new substantive comment concerning the adequacy of the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is provided.

RO-8-5 The comment expresses a safety concern due to the lack of planning for a west-east trail connector at Lower Otay Lake. The comment states the new development would widen Otay Lakes Road, which would “destroy the existing trail connector and will force trail users to ride or walk along the new higher speed road.” In response, Otay Lakes Road is designed with a striped bike lane on both sides of the road from Lake Crest Drive to the eastern Project boundary. In addition, an 8-foot- to 10-foot-wide multi-use pathway is proposed for the south side of Otay Lakes Road for length of the road, which would provide a physical connection for recreational users to access the Lower Otay Lake trails.

RO-8-6 The comment requests that an Otay District Community Planning Board and comprehensive Otay District Trails Plan be developed for the Otay area, in adherence to the County Community Trails Master Plan. The Project applicants have been tracking the progress and trail components related to the proposed Project and are consistent with the proposed Otay Regional Trail Alignment Study and pending Community Trails Master Plan. This comment does not raise any new issue or include any new substantive comment concerning the adequacy of the Draft EIR. For that reason, no further response to this comment is provided.

RO-8-7 This comment provides a conclusionary statement. This comment does not raise any issue or include any substantive comment concerning the adequacy of the Draft EIR. For that reason, no further response to this comment is provided.