Response to Comment Letter I106

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I106-1 This comment does not raise specific issues related to the Proposed Project or the adequacy of the environmental analysis in the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR); therefore, no additional response is provided or required.

Potential impacts related to visual character, water, air quality, public health, wildlife, and fire hazards are considered and discussed throughout the DPEIR; see Chapters 2.0 and 3.0. Potential impacts to property values were not evaluated in the DPEIR since this topic is not related to environmental impacts. (See 14 CCR § 15131 and response to comment I76-2.)

I106-2 Please see response to comment letter C2. This comment does not raise specific issues related to the Proposed Project or the adequacy of the environmental analysis in the DPEIR; therefore, no additional response is provided or required.
Potential impacts related to groundwater use are considered and addressed in the DPEIR; see Sections 3.1.5.3.4, Groundwater Resources, and 3.1.9.3.1, Water. As stated in Section 3.1.9.3.1, the County will place conditions on the Major Use Permit that will restrict the amount of water that is permitted to be withdrawn from the on-site wells in order to prevent interference with off-site wells. As such, the County does not anticipate that wells of neighboring residents will run dry as a result of the Proposed Project.

The County acknowledges the commenter’s support for the No Project Alternative. The decision makers have the approval authority for the Proposed Project and will consider all information in the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (FPEIR) and related documents before making a decision on the Proposed Project. The information in this comment will be in the FPEIR for review and consideration by the decision makers.