The County of San Diego (County) acknowledges the commenter’s opposition to the Proposed Project and the commenter’s concerns related to land uses, visual impacts, and local groundwater wells. The Project is consistent with the applicable zoning of the proposed sites with issuance of a Major Use Permit (DPEIR Section 2.5.3.2). Also refer to Section 2.1.1.1 of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR), which discusses the environmental setting of the Proposed Project and surrounding area. The County acknowledges that the Proposed Project will have a significant and unavoidable impacts on visual character and quality (DPEIR, 2.1.7). All feasible mitigation measures to lessen this impact have been incorporated into the project, but the impacts will remain significant and unavoidable. Related to the concern that the DPEIR dismisses local wells for residential use, the County will place conditions on the Major Use Permit that will restrict the amount of water that is permitted to be withdrawn from on-site wells in order to prevent interference with off-site wells (DPEIR Section 3.1.9.3.1). As such, it is not anticipated that wells of neighboring residents will be significantly impacted as a result of the Proposed Project.
The remainder of this comment is general and does not raise specific issues related to the Proposed Project or the adequacy of the environmental analysis in the DPEIR. The information in this comment letter will be provided in the Final Program Environmental Impact Report for review and consideration by the decision makers.