

Response to Comment Letter O20

The Real East County Fire Safe Council March 3, 2014

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The County of San Diego (County) acknowledges the commenter's opposition to the Proposed Project and support of the No Project Alternative. The information in this letter will be included in the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (FPEIR) for review and consideration by the decision makers.

The County acknowledges the commenter's concerns regarding water and fire. The Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR) analyzed the Proposed Project's impacts to fire risk and fire response capabilities in Sections 3.1.4 and 3.1.7 and water supply in Sections 3.1.5 and 3.1.9. The DPEIR found that the Proposed Project would have a less than significant impact on groundwater supply and a less than significant impact with respect to hazards such as fire and emergency response capabilities (DPEIR Sections 3.1.4.4.3, 3.1.4.4.4, 3.1.5.3.4, 3.1.7.3.1.). In accordance with PDF-PS-1, funding will be provided for additional full-time emergency response personnel. No changes to the environmental document are required as a result of this comment letter.

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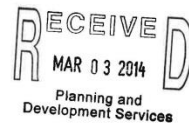
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Mr. Robert Hingtgen,



We are a volunteer organization focusing on the public safety of five communities: Boulevard, Campo, Jacumba, La Posta, and Lake Morena. We are all citizens from these communities and dedicate our time to helping with fire safety and protection.

Developers and absentee land owners who do not attend or contribute to our meetings and are proposing projects are making decisions that we feel could bring unnecessary hardships on our community members. We pay an extra fire service fee already and do not have 24/7 career staffed fire stations. This causes our communities to be in the highest ISO ratings.

The Governor has set a state of emergency in regards to water. The drought has affected our area for years with no end in sight. There are no guarantees to the residents for what would happen if the water runs out or for extra fire fighting capabilities to keep up these new threats.

At this time, the only viable option is "No Project", due to the disproportionate hardships on our communities. After meeting with Supervisors and Fire Authority about these increases in dangers, we believe that the County should take responsibility in accepting these projects and any catastrophic consequences that follow in relation to them.

Thank you,

The Real East County Fire Safe Council Board

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