

COMMENTS

RESPONSES

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Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 8:14 PM  
To: Ehsan, Beth  
Subject: Citizen Response to Proposed North County Development

May 27, 2015

Dear Ms.Ehsan,

As a San Diego native, and longtime Escondido resident and homeowner, I am very concerned about the potential development being planned on the Western side of our city, namely the Valiano project. I understand this is in ADDITION to the already approved Harmony Grove Estates with over 750 homes.

BB-1

My first concern is our precious resource, **water**. Governor Brown recently implemented mandatory 25% water use cutbacks by each California city. What little water we have needs to be used for drinking, growing food, and fighting fires. I have long had a drought tolerant yard, and take the "severe drought" situation seriously. I feel the addition of the Valiano development to our community and the water use it will bring is not a logical step to take during a drought.

BB-2

My second concern is **congestion**. While I reside in Old Escondido, the impact from these developments will be felt in all parts of the city (and county). I feel we do not have the infrastructure, nor space for this many more folks in our community. Traffic is already insufferable much of the time, and we do not have the public transportation to support this kind of growth.

BB-3

Thirdly, I have to wonder if the Valiano folks will be able to insure their homes from **fire**. The two lane roads in and out of Harmony Grove/Elfin Forrest appear to be a fire trap, especially during the panic situation of an evacuation. Fallbrook, CA is an excellent example of too narrow roads with firetrucks attempting to go in, and panicked citizenry attempted a retreat.

BB-4

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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BB-1 Introductory comment noted. The comment is correct that the Proposed Project would be in addition to the Harmony Grove Village project, which was approved for up to 742 homes.

BB-2 The comment is related to the Project's water consumption which is fully addressed in Response C-2, C-8, C-10 and K-99. Also see AV-2 regarding use of recycled water.

BB-3 The Project's location is consistent with regional plans to focus housing and job growth in urbanized areas where there is existing and planned transportation infrastructure. See Response BA-3 for further information regarding a summary of the EIR's traffic evaluation. See Subsection 2.8.2.9 of the EIR for the discussion of public transportation; the Project would add residents within the vicinity of alternative transportation, such as the Nordahl Road Bus and SPRINTER Center, as well as within a short travel distance to nearby employment centers and commercial areas.

BB-4 The comment is related to wildfire hazards which is fully addressed in Subchapter 2.9 of the EIR. Also see Topical Response: Fire/Evacuations regarding fire evacuation. Fire insurance is not a CEQA issue so no further comment can be made on this topic.

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