

I-231 Mary and Will King

- I-231-1** The commenter explains that her and her husband are senior residents living in the Hidden Meadows community and moved to the area 17 years ago because of the rural character, minimal traffic congestion, wildlife, good air quality.

The County acknowledges the comment as an introduction to comments that follow. This comment is included in the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project. No further response is required or necessary.

- I-231-2** The commenter explains that they are concerned about the effect to the health and welfare of residents to the area during construction, specifically related to blasting, dust and noise over a lengthy period of time. The commenter explains that there are many senior citizens living in the construction area with pulmonary and respiratory problems which would be exacerbated by the Project.

The Draft EIR's Air Quality chapter, and particularly Section 2.3.5, Impact Analysis therein, comprehensively evaluates the project's construction-related air quality impacts, including those attributable to blasting. Please refer to **Topical Response AQ-1**. As the comment does not raise any specific issue regarding that analysis, no more specific response can be provided or is required. The County will include the comment as part of the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project.

- I-231-3** The comment states that prompt and safe evacuation of the community would be effected by traffic generated by the Project combined with existing traffic.

For information regarding evacuation during a wildfire, refer to Draft EIR Appendix N-2, which includes the Evacuation Plan for Newland Sierra. Also refer to Topical Response to Comment (Evacuation). The County will include the comment as part of the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project. No further response is required or necessary.

- I-231-4** The comment states that during the time that new homes were constructed around the golf course in Hidden Meadows, much of the wildlife disappeared from the area. The commenter asks if a study has been done to determine the effect of construction on wildlife.

Potential impacts to biological resources, including wildlife, received extensive analysis in the Draft EIR, specifically in Section 2.4 Biological Resources. The comment does not raise any specific issue regarding that analysis and, therefore, no more specific response can be provided or is required. The County will include the

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comment as part of the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project.

- I-231-5** The comment states that the County should consider the many comments and letters received from members of the community in making the decision whether to approve the Project or not.

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