

I-249 Ralph and Mary Letizia

I-249-1 The commenters explain that they are residents of Walnut Cove and have been residents of the County since 1980. The commenters explain that they are disappointed that the Project has been considered, when other developers in the area have been rejected previously. The commenter explains that they are concerned because they have a serious respiratory condition and blasting of the magnitude proposed by the Project would hospitalize the commenter.

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-249-2 The commenters explain that because of recently constructed homes in the area, traffic has become horrendous, especially during peak traffic hours.

Traffic impacts and proposed improvements are disclosed in Section 2.13 Traffic and Transportation. There are a number of roadway, interchange, and signal improvements that are included as part of the proposed project. 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 comment as part of the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project.

I-249-3 The commenters explain that they expected growth, but the outcome is not fair. The commenter explains that since they have lived in the area, there have been plans to straighten and widen Buena Creek Road. The comment states that the County continues to allow more housing in the area without improving Buena Creek Road. The commenter asks if the County would look the other way if the commenter did not pay their property taxes, because the County has not spent the funds on improving Buena Creek Road despite the traffic caused by the Sprinter and large developments at Lone Oak.

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- I-249-4** The commenters explain that they are concerned about the evacuation plan. The comment states that if a wildfire were to occur there would be no way to escape. The comment states that Twin Oaks Valley Road and Deer Springs Road would be incapable of handling an evacuation, because of existing traffic conditions. The commenter asks that funds be used to improve these roads and asks that the County does not “bite the hands that feed you.”

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 HAZ-1**. 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.