

I-416 George Weir

I -416-1 The commenter explains that they have always been interested and involved in matters affecting the surrounding community and after taking time to educate himself on the Project, he is in support of the Project. The comment states that the Project would address the community's concerns while supplying housing, enhancing the area, and fixing existing problems such as roads.

The County acknowledges the comment and notes it expresses the opinions of the commenter, and does not raise an issue related to the adequacy of any specific section or analysis of the Draft EIR. 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 -416-2 The commenter explains that public safety is his number one concern and after reviewing the Draft EIR, believes that the Project would ensure that current police and fire response times would be maintained and is paying its fair share to cover the safety of their residents as well as current residents. The commenter explains that they will support the Project as long as the County standard 5-minute fire response time is maintained throughout the community and the 12-min emergency and 24-min non-emergency response times are maintained for the Sheriff's department.

As stated on page 3.5-15 of the Draft EIR:

“The proposed project will pre-pay the County Fire Mitigation Fee pursuant to a Fire Fee Payment Agreement with the DSFPD which would also provide funding beyond the required County Fire Mitigation Fee to augment the DSFPD's capabilities for continued provision of timely service to its primary jurisdictional area, including the project Site. By pre-paying the County Fire Mitigation Fee, the proposed project ensures Fire Station 12 would continue to have the capacity and facilities to serve the project Site and satisfy the General Plan's 5-minute threshold (Appendix N). The final funding amount will be determined in the Fire Fee Payment Agreement, to be completed prior to map recordation per County conditions of approval. The proposed project would be in compliance with applicable portions of the San Diego County Consolidated Fire Code and the Deer Springs Fire Protection District's Ordinance No. 2013-01. The proposed project also would be consistent with the 2013 California Building Code, Chapter 7A, 2013 California Fire Code, Chapter 49, as adopted by San Diego County. Impacts associated with the degradation of fire protection services and facilities would be **less than significant.**”

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As stated on page 3.5-16 of the Draft EIR:

“The project and its increase in population will necessitate an increase in law enforcement to meet the additional demands for services that invariably accompany population growth. The project would result in the need for five additional sworn personnel. For purposes of this analysis, the estimated residential population for the proposed project is approximately 6,063 individuals, resulting in the need for five new sworn officers to meet desirable law enforcement service levels (See EIR, Appendix EE, Project Facility Availability Forms). The project would not require the expansion of existing police protection facilities or the construction of new facilities. As such, the project would not result in impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered facilities.

General Plan Policy LU-12.2 requires development to mitigate significant impacts to existing service levels. To ensure that adequate law enforcement protection is provided, future property owners would support the County’s Sheriff Department through property tax payments, similar to all other County residents.

With incorporation of the project design features and the requirement for the proposed project to pay its fair share for increased law enforcement services via property taxes, the potential impact to law enforcement services would be **less than significant.**”

Therefore, the Project would result in a less than significant impact to police and fire protection service response times.