

Comment Letter I

From: Mark Kukuchek [mkchek@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 05, 2013 9:46 PM
To: Stiehl, Carl
Cc: 'Sheri Todus'; 'John Taylor'; 'Tiz'; De La Rosa, Michael A
Subject: RE: County of San Diego Tiered Equine Ordinance Draft EIR on Public Review

Public comment from the Sweetwater Community Planning group.

The Sweetwater Community Planning Group voted to make the following recommended change to the proposed San Diego county Tiered Equine ordinance:

Section 12 - 3130 Horse stable and Horsekeeping
Para 1.c. should read:

"15 horses per acre of usable area of more than 5 acres and up to 10 acres of usable area and between 75 and 150 horses may be allowed upon approval of an administrative permit."

The planning group voted 8 in favor and 1 opposed to this proposed change.

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From: Stiehl, Carl [mailto:Carl.Stiehl@sdcounty.ca.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2013 2:19 PM
To: Stiehl, Carl
Subject: County of San Diego Tiered Equine Ordinance Draft EIR on Public Review

Good Afternoon Stakeholders,

The County of San Diego Tiered Equine Ordinance Draft EIR is on CEQA Public Review. You may access the Draft EIR on the Equine Ordinance page at: http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/advance/Equine.html

Please send your comments to me on the Draft Ordinance and/or the Draft EIR by March 20, 2013.

Thanks,

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Response to Comment Letter I

Sweetwater Planning Group

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The draft ordinance and EIR analysis recommended by staff for the project is with 10 horses per acre and the administrative permit being between 50-100 horses. The recommended change from the planning group will significantly delay the project and require substantial revisions and changes to the EIR. This does not meet with project objectives, specifically developing a tiered permitting process that minimizes potential for land use conflicts. The increased numbers of horses would create additional land use conflicts when applied across the project area. In addition, in staff's discussion with stakeholders, most indicated that a number of more than 10 horses per acre are too many horses which would be difficult to maintain. This could jeopardize the project objective of ensuring compliance for operators with equine regulations and sound management practices with such large numbers of horses. Staff cannot support the recommended change.

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