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Subject: Citizen response in opposition to Valiano Draft Environmental Impact Report: PDS2013-SP-13-001, PDS2013-GPA-13-001, PDS2013-REZ-13-001, PDS2013-TM-5575, PDS2014-MUP-14-019, PDS2013-STP-13-003, PDS2013-ER-13-08-002

Dear Sensible and Thoughtful leader,

CP-1 I am writing in opposition to the development efforts under consideration in the Elfin Forest area, and specifically regarding the Valiano project. The quality of life in this tranquil, rural community is at critical risk.
CP-2 This region can hardly support more water users, the roads are unacceptably old and small to support a large
CP-3 population, and our indigenous plant and animal life will be disturbed and will dwindle if they cannot continue
CP-4 to find enough habitat for their needs.

CP-5 San Diego County has a special charm in its natural state. Imagine the night sky we enjoy at present, obscured by the lighting generated by hundreds of homes, car lights, streetlights. Unpleasant.

CP-6 In the wildfire events, common to this area, trying to evacuate a mass of cars, families, and especially horses and livestock, would be very difficult and life threatening. The area just doesn't have enough egress to ensure public safety. The area just doesn't have enough infrastructure to support a large housing development.

CP-7 Please redirect your energy to projects that renovate older, established areas rather than to cut out a natural habitat. I've seen urban areas regrow- but I've never seen a wild countryside get itself back to normal once disturbed.

Please consider this letter gravely, and note that I am confident better social and ecological solutions can be found.

Sincerely,

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CP-1 Introductory comment noted. See responses to detailed comments below.

CP-2 See Responses C-2, C-8, and C-10 regarding water use and consistency with Rincon MWD's plans.

CP-3 As discussed in Subchapter 2.8 of the EIR, significant impacts from Project traffic would be mitigated with improvements to the infrastructure of the roads.

CP-4 See Response BC-8 for why the Project site would not be critical for plants and wildlife habitat.

CP-5 See Responses U-2a regarding night lighting in general and AG-1 regarding street lights in particular.

CP-6 See Topical Response: Fire/Evacuations regarding fire evacuation of people and horses.

CP-7 Much of the existing site could be considered an older, established area of human use, as the site has been farmed as early as the 1870s. The existing site parcels include two homes, sheds/barns, water tanks, etc. to support an equestrian facility and grove areas, among other isolated elements. The most sensitive biological areas would be preserved in open space, as depicted on Figures 2.4-10a and b, which would be located throughout the Project. The grading, although substantial, is the minimum practical to support the Project. In addition, a proposed 35.4-acre agricultural easement would preserve the availability and viability of this area for agricultural use, as discussed under Response I-69a.

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