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## INTRODUCTION AND LIST OF COMMENTERS

### 1.0 Introduction

This Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) contains public and agency comments received during the public review period of the Rancho Del Oro Estates Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR). This document has been prepared by Placer County, as lead agency, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Guidelines (Section 15132). Chapter 1 discusses the background of the Draft EIR, the organization of the Final EIR, and lists the 19 comment letters received.

### 1.1 BACKGROUND

The Rancho Del Oro Estates Draft EIR contains the following environmental analysis sections:

- Land Use;
- Biological Resources;
- Cultural Resources;
- Visual Resources:
- Transportation and Circulation;
- Air Quality;
- Noise:
- Soils, Geology, and Seismicity;
- Hydrology and Water Quality;
- Public Services and Utilities; and
- Hazardous Materials and Hazards.

The County used several methods to solicit public input on the Draft EIR. These methods included the distribution of a Notice of Preparation (NOP) on September 25, 2008, and the distribution of the Draft EIR for a 45-day comment period from December 8, 2009 through January 21, 2010. The Draft EIR was distributed to applicable public agencies, responsible agencies, and interested individuals. Copies of the document were made available at the Granite Bay Library and the public counter of the Community Development Resource Agency, located at 3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, California 95603. In addition, the Draft EIR was made available for public review on the Placer County website. A public hearing on the Draft EIR was also held on Thursday, January 14, 2010, at 10:05 am in the Placer County Planning Commission Hearing Room, located at 3091 County Center Drive. The purpose of the hearing was to receive comments on the Draft EIR for the project.

## 1.2 ORGANIZATION OF THE FINAL EIR

The Final EIR is organized into the following chapters:

### 1. Introduction and List of Commenters

Chapter 1 provides an introduction and overview of the document, describing the background and organization of the Final EIR. Chapter 1 also provides a list of commenters who submitted letters in response to the Draft EIR.

#### 2. Revisions to the DEIR Text

Chapter 2 is intended to summarize changes made to the Draft EIR text either in response to comment letters or minor staff edits that do not change the intent or content of the analysis or effectiveness of mitigation measures.

## 3. Responses to Comments

Chapter 3 presents all of the comment letters received, and responses to each comment. Each comment letter received has been numbered at the top and then bracketed to indicate how the letter has been divided into individual comments. Each comment is given a number with the letter number appearing first, followed by the comment number. For example, the first comment in Letter 1 would have the following format: 1-1.

## 4. Mitigation Monitoring Plan

The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP) in Chapter 4 includes a description of the requirements of the CEQA. The intent of the MMRP is to prescribe and enforce the proper and successful implementation of the mitigation measures as identified within the EIR for this project.

## 1.3 LIST OF COMMENTERS

The following comment letters were received during the comment period for the Rancho Del Oro Estates Draft EIR:

Letter 1	Rick Helman – California Department of Transportation
Letter 2	Sandra Harris – Granite Bay Community Association
Letter 3	Marilyn Jasper – Sierra Club
Letter 4	Jim and Kim Cassidy – Residents
Letter 5	John Costa – Resident
Letter 6	Jay Doyle – Resident
Letter 7	
Letter 8	Frank and Sue Gullum – Resident
Letter 9	Holly Johnson and Kellie Malamatenios – Residents
Letter 10	Richard Langowski – Resident

Letter 11	
Letter 12	Jane Negri – Residen
	Judith Stickney – Residen
Letter 15	
Letter 16	Kim Yee – Residen
Letter 17	
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The following additional letter was received after the close of the Draft EIR public comment period.

Letter 19......Scott Morgan, Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse Unit

### 1.4 RECIRCULATION

CEQA requires recirculation of an EIR when significant new information is added to the EIR after public notice is given of the availability of the Draft EIR for public review, but before certification (Section 15088.5). New information is not "significant" unless the EIR is changed in a way that deprives the public of a meaningful opportunity to comment upon a substantial adverse environmental effect of the project or a feasible way to mitigate or avoid such an effect (Section 15088.5).

Because this Final EIR did not result in the identification of any new significant environmental impacts, or a substantial increase in the severity of an environmental impact, this Final EIR does not contain "significant new information," and a recirculation of the Draft EIR is not required prior to approval.