

October 12, 2015

VIA E-MAIL & U.S. MAIL

John Helmer, Planning Division City of Escondido 201 North Broadway Escondido, CA 92025

Re: Safari Highlands Ranch Project (SUB 15-0019, ENV 15-0009): Notice of

**Preparation** 

Dear City of Escondido:

This letter is submitted on behalf of San Pasqual Valley Preservation Alliance in connection with the proposed Safari Highlands Ranch project ("Project"). The EIR should address the following issues:

• The scope of the Project;

- All phases of Project development, including related developments in the area;
- Biological resource impacts, including impacts to designated open space and habitat;
- Construction traffic impacts, including impacts associated with slowmoving and heavy equipment;
- Land use impacts, including existing General Plan and Proposition S requirements and existing uses in the surrounding area;
- Traffic impacts, including impacts associated with inducing travel and impacts associated with existing traffic patterns;
- Noise impacts to surrounding uses, including nearby neighborhoods, parks and habitat uses, and impacts associated with destruction of on-site vegetation;
- Light impacts to surrounding uses, including nearby neighborhoods, parks and habitat uses;
- Toxics and human health impacts, including impacts associated with construction and airborne contamination during construction and impacts associated with exiting soil and water contamination;
- Water and air quality impacts, including impacts associated with existing on-site and groundwater contamination and impacts associated with any water quality treatment system;
- Water supply impacts;

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- Historical and cultural resource impacts, including impacts associated with destruction of existing features on the Site;
- Cumulative impacts;

• Climate Change impacts;

• Requirements associated with consideration by San Diego LAFCO, including those found in the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act;

• Adequate and verifiable mitigation for Project impacts;

• Consideration of mitigation that includes open space protection in and around the Project site; and

• An adequate range of alternatives, including an alternative that protects biological resources and a "no project" alternative that is consistent with existing uses and existing conditions in the Project vicinity.

Please contact me if you have questions or need additional information. Additionally, please ensure I am provided a copy of the draft EIR and any notice regarding the Project. Thank you for your consideration of the above.

Sincerely,

Everett DeLano