

Comment Letter No. 13



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

DATE: February 6, 2012

TO: RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
ATTN: MITRA MEHTA-COOPER

FROM: MICHAEL MISTICA

RE: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT#524

TEMECULA VALLEY WINE COUNTRY COMMUNITY PLAN

The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report#524 and offers the following comments:

- 1) Any conditions regarding salinity management (i.e. PSU Sewer-1) shall be issued by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (SDRWQCB). All approvals and/or clearances for any salinity management requirement shall be obtained from SDRWQCB.
- 2) Any reference to onsite grey water systems to be used for water conservation purposes should address implementing Best Management Practices (BMP) that provide some level of treatment to mitigate any concerns regarding salinity management as well as assimilative capacity restrictions for TDS and Nitrate. Please note that these systems shall be subject to the review and approval of SDRWQCB.
- 3) Commercial projects in the Temecula Wine Country area proposing onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) exceeding cumulative discharges of waste flow greater than 1,200 gallons per day shall be referred to SDRWQCB for assessment of compliance with water quality standards regardless of whether the project is proposing to utilize grey water systems with BMPs in conjunction with an OWTS.
- 4) Projects located in the Temecula Wine Country area shall connect to the sanitary sewer for the disposal of all wastewater within 60 days of it becoming available. It shall be considered available when the sewer main line is in the street in front of the property (or the sewer runs along any portion of the property boundary) and is active. The project shall waive any objections to the formation and joinder in a CFD or such other financing vehicle for sewer to pay its fair share.

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**County of Riverside, Department of Environmental Health
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- 13.1 Responses to specific comments are provided below.
- 13.2 This comment does not identify any specific concern with the adequacy of the Draft PEIR or any environmental issues. Therefore, no further response is warranted. (State CEQA Guidelines § 15088(a) (CEQA requires that a lead agency respond to *environmental* comments.)) This comment is consistent with the Draft PEIR text. County staff will be responsible for assuring implementation of all mitigation measures through the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, even where outside agencies have primary permit/approval authority.
- 13.3 Mitigation Measure PSU-Water-1 is hereby revised as follows:
- PSU WATER-1** “All implementing projects shall be required to use graywater as a water conserving system (Riverside County Policy OS 2.1), subject to review and approval by the SDRWQCB and incorporation of applicable Best Management Practices.”
- 13.4 This comment does not identify any specific concern with the adequacy of the Draft PEIR or any environmental issues. Therefore, no further response is warranted. (State CEQA Guidelines § 15088(a) (CEQA requires that a lead agency respond to *environmental* comments.)) This comment is consistent with the Draft PEIR text, in which Mitigation Measure PSU-Sewer-1 requires all onsite wastewater treatment systems to be subject to review and approval by the County Department of Environmental Health and the SDRWQCB.
- 13.5 The County will consider this suggestion during Project deliberations.