

Chapter 1

Introduction

This document contains comments submitted by agencies, organizations and individuals concerning the May 2016 Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR) for the Rancho Cañada Village Project (the Proposed Project) and the 130-Unit Alternative, responses to those comments, and appropriate revisions to the RDEIR. The Monterey County Planning Department (County) is the CEQA lead agency for this project.

The RDEIR was made available to the public and regulatory agencies for review and comment during a 68-day comment period between June 1, 2016 and August 8, 2016. The County also accepted and responded to all comments received from August 9th through August 31, 2016 at the request of certain commenters.

The Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) require that written responses be prepared for all written comments received on a DEIR during the public review period. CEQA Guidelines Section 15132 specifically states:

The Final EIR shall consist of:

1. The Draft EIR or a revision of that draft.
2. Comments and recommendations received on the Draft EIR either verbatim or in a summary.
3. A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR.
4. The response of the Lead Agency to significant environmental points raised in the review and consultation process.
5. Any other information added by the Lead Agency.

This Final EIR has been prepared in compliance with these Guidelines, as well as with applicable procedures of Monterey County, and includes the following.

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- Appendix E: Rancho Cañada Residential Development Traffic Study
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