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Subject: Newhall Ranch EIR/EIS comment deadline extension

Arthur Feinstein
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June 2, 2009

Dennis Bedford
California Department of Fish and Game

RE: Newhall Ranch EIR/EIS comments

Dear Mr. Bedford:

The Santa Clara River is one of the most treasured of California's streams due to its relatively pristine state, especially compared to the rest of our State's rivers that have suffered so many alterations. Any impacts to that river system deserve intensive review. A 16,000 page plan and accompanying documents related to the EIR/EIS demand hours of attention.

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For that reason, I ask that the comment period for the Newhall Ranch EIR/EIS be extended for 120 days.

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Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Sincerely yours,
Arthur Feinstein
Conservation Chair, Sierra Club San Francisco Group

037. Letter from Sierra Club San Francisco Group (Arthur Feinstein), dated June 2, 2009

Response 1

This comment refers to the Santa Clara River as being in a "relatively pristine state." The Draft EIS/EIR provided extensive information about the existing environmental conditions along the River Corridor, with an emphasis on describing existing conditions and environmental resources located on the Project site. For example, please refer to Draft EIS/EIR **Section 4.4**, Water Quality; **Section 4.5**, Biological Resources; and **Section 4.6**, Jurisdictional Waters and Streams, for information regarding the existing environmental conditions along the Santa Clara River Corridor. In addition, information regarding past, present, and reasonably foreseeable urban development in the Santa Clara River watershed is provided in Draft EIS/EIR **Section 6.0**, Cumulative Impacts.

Please refer to **Response 2**, below, regarding the public review period provided for the Draft EIS/EIR.

Response 2

In response to this and other requests, the Corps and CDFG extended the comment period for the Draft EIS/EIR. Please refer to **Topical Response 1: EIS/EIR Public Review Opportunities**.