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From:"Helen Archer" <hea-a@roadrunner.com>To:NEWHALLRANCH@dfg.ca.govDate:Fri, May 29, 2009 7:09 PMSubject:Re: Newhall Ranch Company Project

Dear Dept. of Fish and Game (Dennis Bedford),

We are residents of Fillmore, CA which is located approximately 19 miles west of Interstate 5 near Santa Clarita. Plans are being made to build a Newhall Ranch Project which will extend west from I-5 to the Ventura County Line along the Santa Clara River. This development is for approximately 30,000 people and we're concerned because we can envision much sewage, trash, and pollution to the river which runs through a beautiful valley of diversified crops and orchards, and the towns of Piru, Fillmore, Santa Paula and Oxnard. Not only that, but Highway 126 which runs through our small town is already very busy, and another town nearby will bring increased traffic, congestion and pollution to our area. Just try driving in our town on the 126 between 3pm and 6pm!

There's presently a very long document with data regarding this Newhall Ranch Project and the time frame for studying it will soon run out on June 26, 2009. Some of the data seems inconsistent and those of us living near the proposed project need more time to check out and research the accuracy of the document. We would like a 120 day extension to further study the information. Please give this your immediate attention as time is running out for us. If you are unfamiliar with our area, please take a drive to view it for yourself.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Daniel and Helen Alcozar Fillmore, CA 93015 (805) 524-4843

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## **Response 1**

The comment addresses subject areas that received extensive analysis in the Draft EIS/EIR. The comment will be included as part of the record and made available to the decision makers prior to a final decision on the proposed Project. However, because the comment does not address the content of the Draft EIS/EIR, no additional response is provided.

## **Response 2**

This comment indicates that the proposed Project would be occupied by approximately 30,000 people. Please note that the Draft EIS/EIR, **Subsection 4.19.6.2.2**, Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice, indicates that it is estimated that approximately 57,903 people would occupy the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan portion of the Project site after it is built out. The comment also addresses subject areas that received extensive analysis in the Draft EIS/EIR, **Section 4.4**, Water Quality. (See also revised **Section 4.4** of the Final EIS/EIR.) That analysis evaluated water quality impacts that could result from discharges of sewage and trash from the Project site. The comment does not raise any specific issue regarding that analysis; and, therefore, no additional response is provided. However, the comment will be included as part of the record and made available to the decision makers prior to a final decision on the proposed Project.

## **Response 3**

The comment addresses subject areas that received extensive analysis in the Draft EIS/EIR, including **Section 4.8**, Traffic, and **Section 4.7**, Air Quality. (See also revised **Sections 4.7** and **4.8** of the Final EIS/EIR.) The comment does not raise any specific issue regarding those analyses; and, therefore, no additional response is provided. However, the comment will be included as part of the record and made available to the decision makers prior to a final decision on the proposed Project.

## **Response 4**

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