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Project Title: Bouquet Canyon Project

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Project Location: Santa Clarita
City

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County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

Located in the Saugus area, along the northern edge of the City of Santa Clarita, the project site consists of undeveloped land, covered by a mixture of natural and altered landscapes, prominent hills in the western side, and a stream course known as Bouquet Creek flowing from east to west in the northern part of the site. Development of 375 for-sale homes is proposed in five distinct neighborhoods, along with extensive site improvements including internal streets and driveways, storm drainage, water, and sewer facilities, electrical and natural gas facilities, private recreation areas, public parkland and trails, and a reconfiguration of Bouquet Creek and its adjacent floodplain to provide flood control within the project and maintain regular stream flows already occurring. This project also includes construction of a new segment of Bouquet Canyon Road, to follow the general alignment identified in the Santa Clarita General Plan Circulation Element. This is intended to facilitate local and regional travel through a more direct route, compared to the existing long curve that forms the northern and western borders of the site. The total development footprint would cover approximately 67.57 acres. Land clearance, grading, and the construction of all site improvements and homes is tentatively estimated to occur over a period of five years, with homes to be sold in phases in response to market demand. For purposes of the analyses conducted for this EIR, it is presumed that all homes will be sold and occupied, and all elements of the project completed and functional by approximately 2025.



Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Potentially significant effects identified in the Draft EIR include: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise, Transportation and Traffic, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Wildfire. However, these effects would be avoided or reduced through the following mitigation measures:

Air Quality - Off-road, diesel-powered construction equipment to meet Tier 4 emission standards and haul trucks shall not be larger than Medium Heavy Duty Trucks.

Biological Resources - reduce impact on the slender mariposa-lily; protect Burrowing Owl during construction; obtain a Streambed Alteration Agreement from CDFW and CWA Section 401 and 404 permits; and avoid disruption of active bird nests during construction.

Cultural Resources - implement Archaeological and Native American Monitoring Program throughout grading and determine location of the Chari/Suraco Cemetery.

Geology and Soils - confirm active or inactive fault feature discovered on-site and implement a Paleontological Monitoring Program.

Hazards and Hazardous Materials - test the abandoned oil/gas well on-site and remediate/remove soils, if required.

Noise - Implement construction noise control measures.

Transportation and Traffic - install traffic signals; pay fair share for installation and modification of other traffic signals and intersection capacity improvements, and develop a secondary access for Planning Areas 1, 2, and 3.

Tribal Cultural Resources - retain Native American monitor throughout grading, to identify any avoid resources

Wildfire - implement a Construction Fire Prevention Plan; comply with fuel modification and ignition resistance building standards; implement construction period emergency vehicle access plan.



If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Issues were raised during the Public Scoping Meeting concerning traffic, noise, air quality, and flood control. As the public expressed concern for these issues, they can be considered areas of controversy.

Additionally, several agencies and organizations submitted written comments that raised additional concerns:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife - biological resources and the impact of the project on Bouquet Creek.

Caltrans District 7 - traffic impacts and the effects of the project on Interstate 5 and State Route 14; use of VMT in the EIR.

FEMA Floodplain Management and Insurance Branch - compliance with FEMA regulations concerning flood zones.

County of Los Angeles Fire Department - concerned with compliance with code and ordinances and potential impacts related to wildfire and archaeological and cultural resources.

Native American Heritage Commission - concerned with the impact to Tribal Cultural Resources.

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy - concerned with biological and ecological impacts of the project, aesthetic impacts, alternatives included in the DEIR, growth-inducing impacts, and indirect impacts caused by the project off-site (e.g., new easements potentially causing loss of land being used for mitigation of another project).

Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency - concerned with water supply and infrastructure.



Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Responsible agencies are anticipated to include California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

