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WILDOMAR SHOOTING RANGE/ACADEMY PROJECT

City of Wildomar

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1. Introduction

1.1 INTRODUCTION

This document includes a compilation of the public comments received on the Wildomar Shooting Range/Academy Project Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (collectively, “MND”; State Clearinghouse No. 2019109095) and the City of Wildomar’s (City) responses to the comments.

Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a lead agency is not required to prepare formal responses to comments on an MND. However, CEQA requires the City to have adequate information on the record explaining why the comments do not affect the conclusion of the MND that there are no potentially significant environmental effects. In the spirit of public disclosure and engagement, the City—as the lead agency—has responded to all written comments submitted on the MND during the 30-day public review period, which began November 5, 2019 and ended December 4, 2019.

1.2 DOCUMENT FORMAT

Section 1, *Introduction*. This section describes CEQA requirements and the content of this document.

Section 2, *Response to Comments*. This section provides a list of agencies and persons commenting on the MND, copies of comment letters received during the public review period, and individual responses to written comments. To facilitate review of the responses, each comment letter has been reproduced and assigned a letter. Individual comments for each letter have been numbered, and the letter is followed by responses with references to the corresponding comment number.

Appendix A, *Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program*. This document lists all the mitigation measures required for implementation of the project, the phase in which the measures would be implemented, and the enforcement agency responsible for compliance. The monitoring program provides 1) a mechanism for giving the lead agency staff and decision makers feedback on the effectiveness of their actions; 2) a learning opportunity for improved mitigation measures on future projects; and 3) a means of identifying corrective actions, if necessary, before irreversible environmental damage occurs.

1.3 CEQA REQUIREMENTS REGARDING COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

CEQA Guidelines Section 15204 (b) outlines parameters for submitting comments on negative declarations, and reminds persons and public agencies that the focus of review and comment of MNDs should be on the proposed findings that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. If the commenter believes that the project may have a significant effect, they should: (1) Identify the specific effect, (2) Explain why they believe the effect would occur, and (3) Explain why they believe the effect would be significant.

1. Introduction

CEQA Guidelines Section 15204 (c) further advises, “Reviewers should explain the basis for their comments, and should submit data or references offering facts, reasonable assumptions based on facts, or expert opinion supported by facts in support of the comments. Pursuant to Section 15064, an effect shall not be considered significant in the absence of substantial evidence.”

Section 15204 (d) also states, “Each responsible agency and trustee agency shall focus its comments on environmental information germane to that agency’s statutory responsibility.” Section 15204 (e) states, “This section shall not be used to restrict the ability of reviewers to comment on the general adequacy of a document or of the lead agency to reject comments not focused as recommended by this section.”

Finally, CEQA does not require a lead agency to conduct every test or perform all research, study, and experimentation recommended or demanded by commenters. When responding to comments, lead agencies need only respond to potentially significant environmental issues and do not need to provide all information requested by reviewers, as long as a good faith effort at full disclosure is made in the environmental document.

2. Response to Comments

2. Response to Comments

This section provides all written comments received on the circulated MND and the City's response to each comment.

Comment letters and specific comments are given letters and numbers for reference purposes. Where sections of the MND are excerpted in this document, they are indented. The following is a list of all comment letters received on the circulated MND during the public review period.

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The following comment letters, A1 through A33, indicate support of the proposed project.

These comment letters do not raise any environmental issues. The comments are noted, and no further response is required.

2. Response to Comments

LETTER A1 – Eric Leavitt (1 page)

Letter A1

From: [Eric Leavitt](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Public comment: Shooting range
Date: Monday, November 04, 2019 6:36:37 PM

[The e-mail below is from an external source. Please do not open attachments or click links from an unknown or suspicious origin.]

Hello,

As a resident of wildomar I'd like to provide my public comment on the proposed shooting range.

I am absolutely supportive of the project and very excited about a new range in the region. I believe it will attract a lot of business and be a financial success, if run properly.

Respectfully,

Eric Leavitt

Sent from my iPhone

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LETTER A2 – Myles Richardson (1 page)

Letter A2

From: [Myles Richardson](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Wildomar shooting range
Date: Monday, November 04, 2019 9:41:30 PM

[The e-mail below is from an external source. Please do not open attachments or click links from an unknown or suspicious origin.]

Hi,

I would definitely like to see a shooting range. Since moving to elsinore in 2017 it has been a hassle going to a range since the closest indoor ranges are riverside indoor and Escondido range both of which are about 45 minutes away. This being right down the street from me would be great!

Myles Richardson

[REDACTED]

Lake Elsinore

Ca 92530

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LETTER A3 – William Franklin (1 page)

Letter A3

From: [William Franklin](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Wildomar Shooting Range/Academy
Date: Tuesday, November 05, 2019 7:08:45 AM

[The e-mail below is from an external source. Please do not open attachments or click links from an unknown or suspicious origin.]

My wife and I heartily support the application for the proposed shooting range/academy, and would make use of it as a family. It's something we really need in our area, and the location is appropriate and convenient for the community.

William R. Franklin
Wildomar Resident
[REDACTED]

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LETTER A4 – Aaron Burgess (1 page)

Letter A4

From: [Aaron B](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: In Support of Wildomar Range
Date: Tuesday, November 05, 2019 9:24:58 AM

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I am fully in support of the new facility and would like to help by emailing or calling whoever to show support. I am also a weapons instructor for the US Air Force and would love to help out with the community in doing classes on basic shooting fundamentals, safety with firearms, safety in the home (especially with kids in the house). Or even if there are other opportunities now where volunteers are needed to help teach/promote firearm safety within the community.

Thank You
Aaron Burgess

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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LETTER A5 – Brad Hassler (1 page)

Letter A5

From: [Brad Hassler](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: I support PA No. 19-0093
Date: Tuesday, November 05, 2019 2:03:31 PM

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To whom it may concern,
I am a Wildomar resident. I support the approval of Project Number 19-0093.

Citizens need a safe place to receive instruction in the use of firearms and a safe place to practice the use of firearms.

Since many shooting ranges have been barred from construction this is a site that is sure to attract business from all over. This will be a great addition to Wildomar.

Bradley Hassler

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Bradley Hassler
Hassler Backflow Prevention



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LETTER A6 – Michael Brewer (1 page)

Letter A6

From: [Michael Brewer](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Shooting Range
Date: Tuesday, November 05, 2019 4:49:29 PM

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I am a California CCW permit holder and would approve a local Wildomar shooting range. Other responsible shooters and I have to travel frequently for an hour or more to practice marksmanship mandated by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and the State of California. If the shooting range would be patterned and regulated as well as the Oceanside or the Front Sight Nevada training facilities it would bring an orderly community recreational and regulated citizens group dedicated to public safety. Approval of such a facility would benefit the Inland Empire and bring additional revenue to Wildomar. Sincerely, Vietnam Veteran Michael Brewer
Sent from my iPhone

2. Response to Comments

LETTER A7 – Mark LeRoux (1 page)

Letter A7

From: [Mark LeRoux](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Proposed Shooting Range
Date: Thursday, November 07, 2019 8:57:47 AM

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Matt,

As a resident and member of the Wildomar community I would like to reach out and offer my support for the proposed building of a shooting range/ academy in our city. I'm an avid outdoor enthusiast and sports fan and moved to this area for this reason. Wildomar will benefit with a decision to move forward with permitting this business as well as a high end sporting goods franchise such as Bass Pro Shop or Cabelos

Thanks,

Mark LeRoux,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

2. Response to Comments

LETTER A8 – Richard Mohr (1 page)

Letter A8

From: [Richard Mohr](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Range
Date: Thursday, November 07, 2019 8:12:53 AM

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Yes! Please build it, looking forward to it.

Sent from my iPad

2. Response to Comments

LETTER A9 – Leslie Ingham (1 page)

Letter A9

From: [Leslie Ingham](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Support for proposed gun range
Date: Thursday, November 07, 2019 7:27:42 AM

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Hello,

I am support of the proposed gun range. It would provide a valuable practice facility for local residents!

Leslie Ingham

Murrieta, CA 92562

2. Response to Comments

LETTER A10 – Rob Laconklin (1 page)

Letter A10

From: [Work Email](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Gun range
Date: Thursday, November 07, 2019 7:20:27 AM

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I am all for it. I think it would be nice to have a range nearby without driving so far away. Thanks for considering something that is highly frowned about.

Robert

Sent from my iPhone

2. Response to Comments

LETTER A11 – Sparkman Family (1 page)

Letter A11

From: [bsparkman9](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Shooting Range
Date: Wednesday, November 06, 2019 4:45:28 PM

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Great to have this so close. The Sparkman family totally support

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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LETTER A12 – Bob Sutton (1 page)

Letter A12

From: [flightsafety](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Shooting range
Date: Wednesday, November 06, 2019 4:30:12 PM

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I am in favor of the shooting range.
I am a member at Rainbow and it is quite a drive from my La Cresta home

Bob Sutton
Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

"On matters of style, swim with the current, on matters of principle, stand like a rock."

Thomas Jefferson

2. Response to Comments

LETTER A13 – Darlene Simonian (1 page)

Letter A13

From: [Darlene Simonian](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Range- Wildomar
Date: Wednesday, November 06, 2019 4:15:56 PM

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Hi, I am emailing my support for the shooting range to be built in Wildomar as proposed.

Darlene Simonian, MBA, Author

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LETTER A14 –Jim Willbanks (1 page)

Letter A14

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Gun Range
Date: Friday, November 08, 2019 7:37:07 AM

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Mr. Bassi,

I'm very happy to see that there is a proposed gun range in Wildomar. This area needs and wants a gun range badly. People in the area have been talking about how great it would be for years.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help support the project.

Jim Willbanks
The Willbanks Corporation
[REDACTED]

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LETTER A15 – David Walthall (1 page)

Letter A15

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Wildomar Gun Range
Date: Saturday, November 09, 2019 6:46:38 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

My wife and I are beyond pleased that Wildomar could offer a gun range. We have been wanting a safe place to further learn how to protect ourselves and our home for a long time. In addition, our daughter has this chance as well and this excites us for the future. California has been putting too many restrictions on our right to bear arms for too long, and this gun range is a breath of fresh air. You have our full support!

Dave and Michelle Walthall (Wildomar residents)

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

2. Response to Comments

LETTER A16 – Erin Pettengill (1 page)

Letter A16

From: [Erin Pettengill](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Shooting Range for Wildomar
Date: Saturday, November 09, 2019 2:51:15 PM

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Thank you so much for considering a shooting range in Wildomar. I am a woman, with a Masters degree, a Registered Nurse, and have a Concealed Weapons permit. I am an Army veteran and take shooting seriously. I have a membership at Rainbow Shooting and multiple times a year go to Front Sight to ensure my shooting abilities are honed and safe. I think this would be a great contribution to this area, and much of our discretionary funds would go to this site instead of outside sights. I applaud the community for taking gun safety seriously and look forward to this facility opening. Please let me know if you need anything from me, or if I can be of assistance.

Erin Pettengill, RN, BSN, MPH

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LETTER A17 – Mike Pettengill (1 page)

Letter A17

From: [Mike Pettengill](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Shooting Range Planned for Wildomar
Date: Saturday, November 09, 2019 2:15:39 PM

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Matthew:

I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing to comment on the proposed shooting range in Wildomar.

My wife and I are military trained. We are lifelong shooters and gun owners. We take group and personal firearm training lessons monthly. We are both licensed by the County of Riverside to carry a firearm concealed. We have never been accused of a misdemeanor or a felony. We have a bachelors and a masters degrees and we are homeowners in Murrieta. In short, we are safe and responsible gun owners.

My wife and I travel regularly to Nevada to train with firearms. We are members at the Rainbow Shooting Range in San Diego County and we purchase weapons, ammunition and shooting supplies on-line and at stores in Murrieta. We spend thousands of dollars annually on shooting and shooting supplies.

If this shooting range in Wildomar is approved and opened our lives will change. On the day that range opens we will be redirect thousands of discretionary dollars each year in Wildomar.

We live in Bear Creek in Murrieta. We would buy a membership, spend our money in Wildomar and travel down Palomar St. weekly to support this facility.

If I can be of service on this issue please feel free to call me at [REDACTED]

Thanks,

Mike Pettengill

[REDACTED]
Murrieta, CA 92562

2. Response to Comments

LETTER A18 – Kathy Gloudemans (1 page)

Letter A18

From: [Kathy Gloudemans](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Shooting range in Wildomar
Date: Saturday, November 09, 2019 2:52:34 PM

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I vote YES! A shooting range in Wildomar will bring revenue and promote proper handling of firearms.

Respectfully,
Kathy Gloudemans

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

2. Response to Comments

LETTER A19 – Lee Gloudemans (1 page)

Letter A19

From: [LEE GLOUDEMANS](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Firing range at wildomar
Date: Saturday, November 09, 2019 3:06:14 PM

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This will save me from traveling to LytleCreek as I do now. I rather spend my money in Wildomar.

Lee Gloudemans

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LETTER A20 – Michelle Walthall (1 page)

Letter A20

From: [Michelle Walthall](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Wildomar Gun Range
Date: Saturday, November 09, 2019 6:41:21 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

My husband and I are beyond pleased that Wildomar could offer a gun range. We have been wanting a safe place to further learn how to protect ourselves and our home for a long time. In addition, our daughter has this chance as well and this excites us for the future. California has been putting too many restrictions on our right to bear arms for too long, and this gun range is a breath of fresh air. You have our full support!

Thank you,

Michelle and David Walthall (Wildomar residents)

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LETTER A21 – Ken Carpenter (1 page)

Letter A21

From: [Ken Carpenter](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Wildomar Shooting Range
Date: Sunday, November 10, 2019 5:11:36 PM

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A posting on next-door.com said that the city of Wildomar planning commission was considering a proposed shooting range.

If that's the case, I would like to say I'm **in favor** of the range.

Though I don't own a gun, I know several local enthusiasts who would enjoy not having to drive to Fallbrook or further to have a place to shoot.

Ken Carpenter

[REDACTED]
Wildomar, CA 92595
[REDACTED]

2. Response to Comments

LETTER A22 – Ride (1 page)

Letter A22

From: [ride1226](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Wildomar gun range
Date: Friday, November 15, 2019 12:36:39 PM

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Great idea! Teach people to use a weapon responsibly and in a safe atmosphere. Fully support this idea. Less people taking guns to vacant areas to shoot would be a great outcome plus an overall education on the subject for those interested. Well done!

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LETTER A23 – Jacob Wilkins (1 page)

Letter A23

From: [Jacob Wilkins](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Proposed Firearm Range Comments
Date: Friday, November 15, 2019 12:47:42 PM

[The e-mail below is from an external source. Please do not open attachments or click links from an unknown or suspicious origin.]

Good afternoon,

I recently saw an article in the Valley News about Wildomar's proposed firearm range and academy and I was hoping to express my excitement and interest in the project.


I am an Army Veteran and an avid firearm enthusiast and my biggest complaint with the areas in which I have lived have always been the lack of education surrounding firearms. Providing a safe and supervised location, such as the proposed range, would be an incredible addition to Wildomar and the surrounding communities. When an experienced and knowledgeable professional is available to teach, mentor, and help an individual learn, especially in regards to firearms, the individual will turn out much better off than if he or she were to attempt to teach themselves. With firearms, I feel like this is even more important.

In addition to this, having a controlled and monitored location for enthusiasts to come and practice their skills helps make the community and surrounding areas safer and cleaner as well. A large problem with locations on private or public land where firearms are often fired is the amount of trash and junk that is left behind in these popular shooting destinations. Having a range that is well maintained and available, helps prevent garbage from piling up somewhere that would otherwise be trash free.

I can go on and on about my opinions and beliefs, but suffice it to say that I wholeheartedly and completely support the project and I hope that it becomes a center of safe practice and education for firearms in the Inland Empire.

If you have any questions or if any other news of this proposal comes available, I would love to hear of it. My contact information is below.

Very Respectfully,

Jacob Wilkins


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LETTER A24 – Josh Money (1 page)

Letter A24

From: [Josh Money](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Wildomar Shooting Range/Academy
Date: Friday, November 15, 2019 3:11:21 PM

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To whom it may concern,

Regarding the Wildomar Shooting Range/Academy. Myself and my extended family are 100% in favor of this project. We are very excited for it's completion.

This range could be a contender for being the nicest range in Southern California. This range has the potential to attract customers from within 50 miles in my opinion. The only indoor ranges that are available to us here in the valley currently are close to 30 miles away and are nowhere near as nice as what is being proposed here.

There are a lot of firearm owners in our area, having a facility like this locally would be a great asset to our community. The ability to train, compete and learn about firearms for beginners is very much needed. We give our full support.

Respectfully submitted.

Josh Money

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LETTER A25 – David Rutherford (1 page)

Letter A25

From: [David Rutherford](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Comment For Proposed Gun Range
Date: Friday, November 15, 2019 10:06:06 PM

[The e-mail below is from an external source. Please do not open attachments or click links from an unknown or suspicious origin.]

Hello,

I am writing to express my SUPPORT for the proposed gun range. I am a private citizen who owns a firearm for personal use and defense.
I believe strongly that we should have a place that we can practice with firearms and learn gun safety. A lot of accidents can be prevented with proper training and education.
Gun safety is something that should be taught to all since no one knows when one could be encountered. Children should be taught about them so they can understand their use and dangers. Removing the curiosity goes a long way in keeping children safe.

Having a good, safe place to shoot and practice skills would also be beneficial to the environment. Right now, the only areas I am aware of are in Riverside and Fallbrook. . anyone in Menifee, Murietta, Perris, Lake Elsinore. . .etc. . .would have to go a long distance or go to the outdoors and shoot on public land. Shooting on public land can also be a fire hazard if not done safely.

With these things in mind, I want to support the proposal for a gun range in Wildomar and hope to be able to use it one day.

Regards,
David Rutherford
Resident of Perris, CA

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LETTER A26 – Joshua Asbill (1 page)

Letter A26


From: [Joshua Asbill](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Wildomar Gun Range
Date: Saturday, November 16, 2019 12:45:15 AM

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Mr Bassi

I am a resident of Wildomar. I wanted to voice my excitement for this proposed business. I've been in the law enforcement community and firearms community well over 20 years. There are a great deal of residents in our area that enjoy the shooting sports and many that have CCWs. I firmly believe that so much of the anti-2A rhetoric that is prevalent these days is due to lack of education. Education is the key to a broader understanding of any topic. When it comes to firearms this is exactly why the state of CA tries to put these type of facilities out of business. Limit education and you can manipulate peoples beliefs. There are so many people that if given the proper introduction and education on our pro 2A community would have a positive view towards the topic. You're providing a place for education, training and a sense of community. I applaud the city for supporting this and it will only benefit the city as a whole and its citizens. Firearms owners are responsible, they have a strong sense of helping their community, they are military members, public safety members, hard working and passionate about their families safety and the safety of their city. Empowering them empowers the city wildomar.

Thank you.
Joshua Asbill.



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LETTER A27 – Joe Ruzzamenti (1 page)

Letter A27

From: [Joe Ruzzamenti](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Shooting Range
Date: Saturday, November 16, 2019 5:32:56 AM

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Greetings Mr. Bassi:

I am writing to voice my unequivocal support for a gun range in Wildomar. At this time, those of us who participate in the sport of target shooting must join a private club in Rainbow or drive to Riverside or Oceanside in order to participate. I am a resident of Wildomar and have zero issues with a range in our community because I know legal gun owners are among the most law abiding in any community. It sure would be nice to not have to drive through the traffic to get to a range and I would much rather spend my money locally.

Thank you,

Joe Ruzzamenti

2. Response to Comments

LETTER A28 – Danielle Carlson (1 page)

Letter A28

From: [Danielle Carlson](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Proposed Wildomar gun range.
Date: Saturday, November 16, 2019 10:35:37 AM

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I have lived in Wildomar since I was born in 1991. I am emailing to let you know how pleased I am to hear of the new gun range development on Mission and Bundy Canyon! I am very excited for this, especially seeing that the business will offer a variety of services. The Wildomar area has been in need of a business like this around! The proposal has my FULL support, and I will be a regular patron if it goes through and the business is built!

- Danielle Carlson

2. Response to Comments

LETTER A29 – Jerry Kraft (1 page)

Letter A29

From: [Jerry.kraft](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: New Shooting Range
Date: Saturday, November 16, 2019 1:31:38 PM

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This would be an outstanding idea for Wildomar. Currently we have to go to Corona, Temecula, Oceanside, Escondido or Poway to go target shooting. It would generate revenue for the city and allow it's citizens to stay close to home.

2. Response to Comments

LETTER A30 – Chris Horkey (1 page)

Letter A30

From: [chris_](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: proposed gun range
Date: Saturday, November 16, 2019 6:41:10 PM

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Hello I manage a mobile home park on Waite street in wildomar CA, I think that the proposed gun range is a great idea for the city to support. I am not a gun owner buy I feel like our city would benefit from new construction and the business it would bring to our city. Not only will it be a money maker for the community but it will also entice other businesses to the area. Not to mention that gun safety along with proper training and supervision of gun enthusiasts to be along with seasoned gun owners would be a great thing. You have my support along with our family. As a long time resident and property manager of our community I think it's a great opportunity.

Christopher Horkey.

2. Response to Comments

LETTER A31 – Mike Giammona (1 page)

Letter A31

From: [Marvl 87 G](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Wildomar shooting range
Date: Sunday, November 17, 2019 9:29:11 AM

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As a former law enforcement officer and someone who is an avid shooter, I feel this addition would be great for the city. It would also cater to all of the Law Enforcement officers from the surrounding areas who are forced to travel to Oceanside or Riverside to actually go to a range. Or otherwise pay huge fees to join clubs, or find BLM land where they can go. That last option however with fires and the growing risk of such is becoming harder to find and is not as viable an option.

I feel this would be a huge positive addition to the city. It would create a safe and well maintained environment for us shooters to go without the damage to the environment because of those who do not clean up their waste. As well as a training ground to hold formal trainings for the surrounding agencies.

This is a wonderful idea and I fully support this as a member of the community of Wildomar.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Mike Giammona
Riverside County Sheriff's Department
Correctional Deputy II (retired)

2. Response to Comments

LETTER A32 – D. Tomkiel (1 page)

Letter A32

From: [Doug & Terri](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Comment/ input on proposed gun range
Date: Monday, November 18, 2019 2:03:56 PM

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11/18/2019

Matthew

I support this project (development of proposed gun range) going forward.

D. Tomkiel

Wildomar, CA, 92595-8567

References reviewed:

1. Appendix 1.0 – Project Development Plans, Summa Architect (August 1, 2019); 4M Engineering and Development (May 15, 2019); Alhambra Group Landscape Architecture (July 29, 2019)
 2. Appendix 2.0 – Air Quality Impact Analysis, Urban Crossroads (August 25, 2019)
 3. Appendix 3.0 – General Biological Assessment for the 2.33-Acre Gun Shooting Range/Tactical Facility Project, TERACOR Resource Management, Inc. (November 2, 2018)
 4. Appendix 4.0 – MSHCP Consistency Analysis for the Gun Shooting Range/Tactical Training Facility Project, TERACOR Resource Management, Inc. (November 21, 2018)
 5. Appendix 5.0 – Phase I Cultural Resources Assessment of Wildomar Shooting Academy, Jean A. Keller, Ph.D. (June 10, 2019)
 6. Appendix 6.0 – Preliminary Geotechnical Interpretive Report, Earth Strata Geotechnical Services, Inc. (August 30, 2018)
 7. Appendix 7.0 – Greenhouse Gas Analysis, Urban Crossroads (May 30, 2019)
 8. Appendix 8.0 – Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, Earth Strata Geotechnical Services, Inc. (August 10, 2018)
 9. Appendix 9.0 – Hydrology and Hydraulics Study for KCG BLUE, JLC Engineering and Consulting, Inc. (September 3, 2019)
 10. Appendix 10.0 – Project Specific Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP), JLC Engineering and Consulting, (September 3, 2019)
 11. Appendix 11.0 – Double Ring Infiltration Testing Report, Earth Strata Geotechnical Services, Inc. (September 20, 2018)
 12. Appendix 12.0 – Noise Impact Analysis, Urban Crossroads (May 21, 2019)
 13. Appendix 13.0 – Traffic Impact Analysis, Urban Crossroads (October 22, 2019)
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2. Response to Comments

LETTER A33 – Scott and Phyllis Wallace (1 page)

Letter A33

From: [Matthew Bassi](#)
To: [Jasmine Osman](#); [Mark Teague](#)
Subject: Fwd: IS-MND (CUP 19-0093)
Date: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 3:05:22 PM

From: Scott Wallace [REDACTED]
Date: November 27, 2019 at 12:46:44 PM PST
To: Matthew Bassi <mbassi@cityofwildomar.org>
Subject: IS-MND (CUP 19-0093)

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Dear Mr. Matthew Bassi,

We are in support of having a Wildomar Shooting Range/Academy and in fact, are excited at the opportunity. We think that this will be a great addition to the community.

Best regards,

Scott A. and Phyllis Wallace
[REDACTED]
Wildomar

2. Response to Comments

LETTER B – Terry Jacobson (1 page)

From: [Terry Jacobson](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Local Shooting Range
Date: Tuesday, November 05, 2019 5:34:15 AM

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B-1 | IS-MND (CUP 19-0093): I'm looking forward to a local shooting
range. This new construction will clean-up Bundy Canyon at Mission
Trail - Will the city be able to take the curb and gutter all the way
B-2 | back to Lake Elsinore H.S.? I'd like to see (from I-15 west) both
side of Bundy Canyon finished off with curb and gutter, and all 4-
lanes clearly defined at the same time...

From my view; Guns of any type do not pull their own trigger....

Thank You, Terry Jacobson At the Farm [REDACTED]
Wildomar, CA 92595 - [REDACTED]

2. Response to Comments

B. Response to Comments from Terry Jacobson, dated November 5, 2019.

B-1 The commenter indicates their support for the proposed project.

The commenter does not raise any environmental issues. The comment is noted, and no further response is required.

B-2 The commenter asks if the curb and gutter will be developed from I-15 to Lake Elsinore High School, along Bundy Canyon. The commenter would like to see all 4-lanes clearly defined.

The proposed project is responsible for improvements along the property frontage on Bundy Canyon Road and Mission Rail. Full street improvements will not occur until future development along Bundy Canyon Road.

2. Response to Comments

LETTER C – Joanna Suskawicz (1 page)

From: [Family Suskawicz](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Shooting range Bundy Canyon
Date: Tuesday, November 05, 2019 2:10:22 PM

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C-1

Mr. Bassi,

I'm interested in the changes and road work at Bundy Canyon and Mission Trail to be done for the Shooting Range.

Also where would I get information for the long term projection for development and road improvements on Bundy Canyon specifically, between Mission Trail and Orange/ I-15.

Sincerely,
Joanna Suskawicz
Owner and resident on Bundy Canyon.

2. Response to Comments

C. Response to Comments from Joanna Suskawicz, dated November 5, 2019.

C-1 The commenter asks where she can find information on the long-term projection for the development and roadway improvements on Bundy Canyon, specifically between Mission Trail and Orange/I-15.

See Appendix 13 of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) analyzed the trip generation of an alternative project, which was larger in scale, in order to provide a conservative evaluation of the proposed project's impacts on traffic. Chapter 4 of Appendix 13 provides an analysis on projected future traffic, and Chapter 7 of Appendix 13 provides an analysis of the 2040 (horizon year) traffic conditions with and without the project.

2. Response to Comments

LETTER D – T. Karr (1 page)

From: [T. Karr](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Shooting range
Date: Wednesday, November 06, 2019 5:50:29 PM

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D-1

Good morning. I'm unable to attend your meeting. Could you inform me of the location planned for the shooting range? My family is excited
Thanks
TKarr

Sent from my iPhone

2. Response to Comments

D. Response to Comments from T. Karr, dated November 6, 2019.

D-1 The commenter asks for the location of the proposed project.

The project address is 34020 Mission Trail, City of Wildomar. The project site is at the southwest corner of Bundy Canyon Road and Mission Trail.

2. Response to Comments

LETTER E – Norma Eich (1 page)

From: [Norma Eich](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Shooting Range
Date: Friday, November 15, 2019 6:33:04 PM

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E-1

I support the shooting range that has been proposed for Wildomar, but I don't like that it is in such a prominent place. It should be away from the high traffic areas. Also, I don't like the idea of reducing traffic lanes. Traffic is sure to increase on Mission Trail once those apartments are completed and rented.
Thank you for hearing my opinion.

Sincerely,
Norma Eich


Wildomar

Sent from my iPhone

2. Response to Comments

E. Response to Comments from Norma Eich, dated November 15, 2019.

E-1 The commenter supports the project but states that she does not like that the project is located in a prominent, high-traffic area. The commenter opines that traffic will increase on Mission Trail once the apartments are completed, and therefore, reducing the traffic lanes is not a good idea.

According to the TIA, which analyzed cumulative and future development traffic, and as mentioned in the IS/MND, the anticipated long-range forecasts along Bundy Canyon Road can be supported by a 4-lane roadway and maintain acceptable levels of service along the roadway segments. The reduction in roadway lanes is part of the City's long-range effort to correctly size roadways to balance the communities needs with the cost of long-term maintenance. See Exhibit 7-2, Horizon Year (2040) with Project Traffic Volumes, of the TIA which shows that the daily traffic volumes anticipated along Bundy Canyon along the site's frontage are within the allowable capacity of a 4-lane arterial highway and that the peak hour intersection operations analysis also demonstrates that the study area intersections can operate at acceptable LOS as a 4-lane Arterial Highway.

2. Response to Comments

LETTER F – Maricela (1 page)

From: [Maricela](#)
To: [Matthew Bassi](#)
Subject: Wildomar shooting range/academy
Date: Saturday, November 16, 2019 1:36:41 PM

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Hello,

First, let me say I believe this is a good opportunity for Wildomar. It will bring more business and revenue to the city, especially since it will be centrally located for residents all the way north to Corona, and south, from Temecula and Fallbrook.

With the above in mind, it will likely increase traffic on Bundy Canyon, a street that has already seen a significant increase in traffic in the past few years (based on experience from driving it - I live off a neighborhood connected to Bundy).

The increase in traffic is likely to continue, as Wildomar continues to develop (new houses area already been built off of Bundy and Monte Vista by the I-15). The demand for the shooting range will also increase traffic as Bundy will likely be the main thoroughfare for traffic coming south/north from the 15.

Therefore, the reduction in Lanes on Bundy is the only thing within the proposal and study that made no sense. The reference was short, did not provide any drawing for the Bundy lane reduction proposal, and did not explain how the study was conducted and justified to indicate it did not see a problem. I do not believe it adequately was researched and planned out. I drive it every week and cannot remember seeing traffic flow being recorded. I also don't think it correctly took into account the increase in traffic through the years and the projected traffic (based on development in Wildomar and surrounding cities).

As such, the only thing I currently do not agree with is the Bundy Canyon lane reduction portion. If that can be relooked at and rethought, that would be great.

Thank you,

Maricela
Wildomar resident.

2. Response to Comments

F. Response to Comments from Maricela, dated November 16, 2019.

F-1 The commenter is supportive of the proposed project but opines that traffic will increase on Bundy Canyon Road due to the new housing and demand for the shooting range. The commenter opines that a reduction in lanes on Bundy Canyon Road is not appropriate. The commenter believes that the TIA did not correctly account for the increase in traffic in the City, and the commenter states that the reference in regard to the lane reduction was short, did not provide any drawings, and did not explain how the study was conducted and justified to indicate that this was not a problem.

Please see response to comment E-1.

2. Response to Comments

LETTER G – Ted Shimono (2 pages)

Matthew Bassi

To: Ted Shimono
Subject: RE: Gun Range, wildomar

From: Ted Shimono [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2019 6:48 PM
To: Matthew Bassi <mbassi@cityofwildomar.org>
Subject: Gun Range, wildomar

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In reviewing the proposed gun range, to be located at intersection of Mission Trails and Bundy Canyon Road, the following issues need addressed:

- G-1 1. Windows, 35+ around the perimeter of building. Are these to be bullet proof, which will stop any type ammunition from slow to armor piercing ammo?
- 2. What wall structures will be developed? Dirt, brick walls, cement? Will there be steel plates inside the inner walls? What protection for ricochet rounds? What protection is there for rounds that can be shot into the ceiling?
- G-2 3. Ventilation systems: How is the building going to handle cordite and black powder fumes?
- G-3 4. I notice that the ranges on the 1st and second floors go North, South, East, West
- 5. Security issues: Weapons brought into facility- In carry cases coming into and going? No open weapons being brought into facility. All ammo in carry in bags, no open boxes? Violation of any posted rules and regulations calls for immediate dismissal from gun range. Background checks of all personnel asking for membership into gun range. Weapons like knives and other concealed weapons brought in and confiscated, will terminate the membership. All people leaving the facility must open their bags, show their weapons and show that the weapon is empty. All city, state, and federal guns regulations will be so noted on the rules and regulations.
- G-4
- G-5 6. Noise abatement:: What is the allowable descible noise level outside the gun range when all ranges are being fired?
- G-6 7. Street painting: All street curbs around the perimeter of the facility boundaries should be painted RED fr no parking. Parking is restricted to the 77 parking spaces within the gun range parking lot. No exceptions.

2. Response to Comments

G-7 | 8. No alcohol or drug use within the run range property.

G-8 | 9. All people, including police officers, will be under the posted rules and regulations.

G-9 | 10. Neighboring cities can file violation notices to the City of Wildomar.

Ted Shimono [REDACTED]

2. Response to Comments

G. Response to Comments from Ted Shimono, dated November 21, 2019.

- G-1 The commenter asks if the windows of the proposed building would be bullet-proof, what the walls would be constructed from, whether there would be steel plates inside the walls, and what type of protection would be used for ricochet rounds and rounds shot into the ceiling.
- All exterior walls (and ceiling) of the range are concrete block. There are no windows on the exterior in the range areas. There are bullet proof windows in range managers offices at each range on the interior. There are bullet traps at end of each shooting lane.
- G-2 The commenter asks how the building will handle cordite and black powder fumes.
- As mentioned in the IS/MND, the proposed project would incorporate Mitigation Measure AQ-1 which requires that exhaust or re-circulated air be filtered at the point of removal with a minimum of 99.97 percent High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filter which would ensure that particulate and lead emissions are filtered.
- G-3 The commenter states that the ranges on the first and second floors would be located north, south, east, and west.
- The commenter does not raise any environmental issues. The comment is noted and no further response is required.
- G-4 The commenter states that all guns brought into and out of the facility should be carried in bags, background checks should be conducted for all future members, knives and concealed weapons should be confiscated and membership terminated, all people leaving the facility should show that their guns are empty, and all city, state, and federal gun regulations should be posted.
- Fire arms are regulated by the federal and state government. The commenter does not raise any environmental issues. The comment is noted and no further response is required.
- G-5 The commenter asks what the allowable decibel noise level outside the shooting range is when all ranges are being fired.
- As stated in Section 13, *Noise*, of the IS/MND, the maximum permissible exterior noise level for residential uses shall not exceed 55 dBA during daytime hours and 45 dBA during nighttime hours. As residential and commercial uses surround the project site, the proposed project must fall within this allowable exterior noise levels.
- G-6 The commenter states that all street curbs around the perimeter of the site should be painted red and restrict parking to the parking lot within the project site.

2. Response to Comments

Parking lot illumination will be consistent with Section 8.64 of the Wildomar Municipal Code, as described in Section 1.d, *Aesthetics*, of the IS/MND. Traffic control will be determined by the Public Works Director.

G-7 The commenter states no alcohol or drugs should be used within the project site.

The proposed project does not include a request to sell alcohol. The commenter does not raise any environmental issues. The comment is noted and no further response is required.

G-8 The commenter states that all people, including police officers, are to comply with the posted rules and regulations.

The commenter does not raise any environmental issues. The comment is noted and no further response is required.

G-9 The commenter states neighboring cities can file violation notices to the City of Wildomar.

The commenter does not raise any environmental issues. The comment is noted and no further response is required.

2. Response to Comments

LETTER H – Cal Fire, Adria Reinertson (2 pages)

From: [Matthew Bassi](#)
To: [Mark Teague](#); [Jasmine Osman](#)
Subject: Fwd: Initial Study/MND Wildomar Shooting Range
Date: Friday, November 22, 2019 12:24:57 PM

From: "Reinertson, Adria@CALFIRE" <Adria.Reinertson@fire.ca.gov>
Date: November 22, 2019 at 10:24:27 AM PST
To: Matthew Bassi <mbassi@cityofwildomar.org>
Cc: "Payne, Steven@CALFIRE" <Steven.Payne@fire.ca.gov>
Subject: Initial Study/MND Wildomar Shooting Range

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H-1

Good morning. I have reviewed the above project and have a couple of comments.

- Section 9. Hazards and Hazardous Materials
Item g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?
This is listed as a potentially significant impact, however, this parcel is not in a FHSZ. The discussion for this item does note that in paragraph 2 however it states in the mitigation measures that the project will conform to California Building Code Chapter 7A and California Fire Code Chapter 49. Compliance with these provisions is not required for this project and all references should be removed from the document.

I also reviewed the Public Services section and do not have any comments on our availability to provide service.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Have a great weekend.

<!--[if !vml]--><!--[endif]-->**Adria Reinertson**

2. Response to Comments



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The Office of the County Fire Marshal is committed to facilitating fire and life safety solutions by empowering its employees to serve our community through innovation and partnership.

2. Response to Comments

H. Response to Comments from Cal Fire, Adria Reinertson, Deputy Fire Marshal, dated November 22, 2019.

H-1 The commenter states that the project site is not within a fire hazard severity zone and that the mitigation measures, which require compliance with the provisions of California Building Code Chapter 7A and California Fire Code Chapter 49, is not required for the proposed project. The commenter states that all references should be removed from the IS/MND. The commenter does not have comments on the Public Services chapter of the IS/MND.

Although the project site is not located within a fire hazard severity zone, the City includes these standard mitigation measures for all projects in the City.

2. Response to Comments

LETTER I – Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians, Cheryl Madrigal (1 page)

RINCON BAND OF LUISEÑO INDIANS
Cultural Resources Department

One Government Center Lane · Valley Center, California 92082 ·
(760) 297-2635 Fax: (760) 692-1498



December 2, 2019

Matthew C. Bassi
City of Wildomar
23873 Clinton Keith Road
Wildomar, CA 92595

**Re: Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for Wildomar Shooting Range/Academy Project
(PA No. 19-0093)**

Dear Mr. Bassi,

This letter is written on behalf of the Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians. Thank you for providing us with the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the above referenced project. The identified location is within the Territory of the Luiseno people, and is also within Rincon's specific area of Historic interest.

I-1

We have reviewed the provided MND and we are in agreement with the recommendations pertaining to Tribal Cultural Resources.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office at your convenience at (760) 297-2635.

Thank you for the opportunity to protect and preserve our cultural assets.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Madrigal
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Cultural Resources Department

Bo Mazzetti
Tribal Chairman

Tishmall Turner
Vice Chairwoman

Steve Stallings
Council Member

Laurie E. Gonzalez
Council Member

Alfonso Kolb
Council Member

2. Response to Comments


I. Response to Comments from Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians, Cheryl Madrigal, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, dated December 2, 2019.

I-1 The commenter states that the project site is within the territory of the Luiseno people and is also within the Rincon's specific area of Historic interest. The commenter states that the Tribe is in agreement with the recommendations pertaining to Tribal Cultural Resources.


The comment is noted and no further response is required.

2. Response to Comments

LETTER J – Governor's Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse, Scott Morgan, Director, State Clearinghouse (1 page)


Gavin Newsom
Governor

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit


Kate Gordon
Director

December 3, 2019

Matthew C. Bassi
Wildomar, City of
23873 Clinton Keith Road, Suite.201
Wildomar, CA 92595

Subject: Wildomar Shooting Range/Academy (Planning Application No. 19-0093)
SCH#: 2019109095

Dear Matthew C. Bassi:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named MND to selected state agencies for review. The review period closed on 12/2/2019, and no state agencies submitted comments by that date. This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, please visit: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2019109095/2> for full details about your project.

Please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process. If you have a question about the above-named project, please refer to the ten-digit State Clearinghouse number when contacting this office.

Sincerely,

J-1

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Director, State Clearinghouse

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2. Response to Comments

J. Response to Comments from Governor's Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse, Scott Morgan, Director, State Clearinghouse, dated December 3, 2019.

J-1 The commenter states that the State Clearinghouse submitted the MND to selected state agencies for review and received no comments. The commenter states that the project has complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents pursuant to CEQA.

The comment is noted and no further response is required.