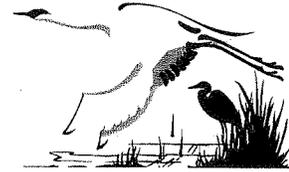


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Dear Kathy:

I have completed the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review of LAFCO 3066 for the Commission. LAFCO 3066 is the Reorganization to include annexations to the City of Rialto and West Valley Water District and Detachments from Bloomington Recreation and Park District and Central Valley Fire Protection District (Cactus Investment LLC). Based on my review of the City of Rialto's Rancho El Rivino Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for this action, the Commission can make its decision as a Responsible Agency in accordance with Section 15096 of the CEQA. In this case it is my conclusion that the EIR certified by the City demonstrates that the proposed Reorganization project will not alter the potential environmental effects addressed in the City's certified EIR. Thus, based on my independent review of the CEQA documentation for LAFCO 3066, the Commission can approve the Reorganization which will allow implementation of the residential project, in accordance with the attached Candidate Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations

The proposed Reorganization area is currently devoted primarily to a golf course (currently not operational) and other open space uses. The City certified the project EIR and concurrently rezoned the project area to permit up to 726 single-family residential units on the approximately 165-acre property. The City's EIR for this project adequately evaluates the impacts associated with this increase in intensity of land use. In accordance with the State and LAFCO CEQA Guidelines, I believe it is appropriate for the Commission's CEQA environmental determination to cite the City's certified EIR as adequate in accordance with the Commission's Responsible Agency status, if the Commission chooses to approve LAFCO 3066. Under this circumstance, I recommend that the Commission take the following steps if it chooses to approve LAFCO 3066, acting as a CEQA Responsible Agency:

1. Indicate that the Commission, LAFCO Staff and environmental consultant have independently reviewed the City's EIR, and found the EIR adequate for the Reorganization decision.
2. The Commission needs to indicate that it has considered the EIR and the environmental effects, as outlined in the EIR, and as referenced in the attached

Candidate Findings of Fact and Statement, prior to reaching a decision on the project and finds the information substantiating the EIR findings adequate.

3. The Commission should indicate that it does not intend to adopt alternatives or mitigation measures for this project. All mitigation measures will be implemented under the City's jurisdiction.
4. Prior to making its decision on LAFCO 3066, the Commission must adopt the attached Candidate Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations as the Commission's conclusion regarding the environmental effects outlined in the EIR and the ultimate development that would be allowed by approving LAFCO 3066.
5. File a Notice of Determination as a Responsible Agency with the County Clerk of the Board.

If you have any questions regarding these recommendations, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Dodson".

Tom Dodson