January 14, 2010

Taven Kinison Brown
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Subject: Recirculated DEIR (RDEIR) for the Harper Canyon Subdivision

Dear Mr. Kinison Brown:

LandWatch Monterey County has reviewed the RDEIR and has the following comments:

1. Implementation of MM 3.10-1 requiring payment to complete the Caltrans Project Study
    Report for the 2.3 mile "State Route 68 Commuter Improvements" program is found to
    reduce the project's impacts to less than significant on State Route 68/Corral de Tierra
    intersection, State Route 68/San Benancio Road intersection and State Route 68 segment
    between Corral de Tierra and San Benancio Road. Please explain how funding a **study**
    would reduce impacts to less than significant. Also, please identify the schedule for
    constructing the Improvements program.

2. Mitigation Measure 3.10-6 requires the applicant to pay TAMC's Regional Development
    Impact Fees in effect at the time of building permit applications for future development
    on the project site. This measure is found to reduce the project's cumulative impacts to
    less than significant. Cumulative impacts would have significant adverse impacts on
    several intersections west of the "State Route 68 Commuter Improvements" program.
    There are no projects identified in TAMC's Strategic Expenditure Plan that address this
    segment of State Route 68. Please explain how funding contributions to projects that are
    not identified as potential projects in TAMC's plan and have no schedule or funding for
    construction would reduce cumulative impacts to less than significant.

    Thank you for the opportunity to review the document.

Sincerely,

Amy L. White, Executive Director
LandWatch Monterey County