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Date January 5, 2017

Mr. Eric Turner
Project Manager
VCS Environmental

RE: East Lake Plan Amendment #11 Project Request for information

Dear Mr. Turner,

In response to the letter dated December 23, 2016 listed are responses to your questions.

1. Which Department fire station would be the first responding station to a fire at the Project site? What are the back-up stations? Please Provide addresses and distances to the project site.
 - Station 94 Canyon Hills. 22770 Railroad Canyon Road Lake Elsinore, CA. Distance to station 4.1 miles
 - Station 61 Wildomar. 32637 Gruwell Street. Wildomar, CA. Distance to station 4.5 miles.
 - Station 11 Lakeland Village. 33020 Maiden Lane Lake Elsinore, CA. Distance to station 6.8 miles.
2. What are the manpower and equipment allocations at each of those fire station? Are these allocations adequate to meet the minimum acceptable service standards? If not, please explain.
 - Station 94-1 Fire Captain, 1 Engineer and 1 Fire fighter Paramedic on a Type 1 Engine (structural firefighting apparatus).
 - Station 61-1 Fire Captain, 1 Engineer and 1 Fire fighter Paramedic on a Type 1 Engine (structural firefighting apparatus).
 - Station 11-1 Fire Captain, 1 Engineer and 1 Fire fighter Paramedic on a Type 1 Engine (structural firefighting apparatus).

The above-mentioned City of Lake Elsinore fire stations are staffed full-time, 24 hours/7 days a week, providing Advanced Life Support (ALS) Paramedic Services.
3. What is the Department's standard for emergency response times by fire and paramedic units?
 - The turnout time standard for emergency incidents will be one minute (60 seconds) for responses. This policy will align with NFPA guidelines and objectives and is consistent with many fire services across the country.
4. What are the emergency response times from each of the responding fire stations to the project site?
 - The average response time is within the acceptable County Standard.
5. Is the Department proposing to construct new fire stations near the Project site in the future? If so, please describe the location, timing, and effect on the agency's level of service.
 - The Fire Department is currently in the process of updating its master plan which will include the location in question. Capital improvements such as land, equipment purchases and fire station construction will be identified and discussed.

6. Would implementation of the proposed Project adversely affect the Department's ability to provide an adequate level of protection (e.g., increased response time, inadequate manpower and /or equipment) not only to the proposed Project but also within the service area?
 - The proposed project will have a cumulative adverse impact on the Fire Department's ability to provide an acceptable level of service. These impacts include an increased number of emergency and public service calls due to the increased presence of structures, traffic and population. The project proponents/developers will be expected to provide for a proportional mitigation to these impacts via capital improvements and/or impact fees.
7. Is the Project site located within a "high fire hazard" area? If so, please describe the requirements that would be imposed on the Project to address the potential impacts that may be anticipated.
 - The site location is **NOT** identified in the "high fire hazard" area.
8. What "standard conditions" related to fire protection/emergency access and response would be applied to the Project by the Department (e.g. site plan review, payment of impact fees, etc.)
 - Fire Department emergency vehicle apparatus access road locations and design shall be in accordance with the California Fire Code, Adopted City Ordinance, and Riverside County Fire Department Standards. Plans must be submitted to the Fire Department for review and approval prior to building permit issuance.
9. Would the proposed Project, when considered with all other approved and/or planned development within the City's jurisdiction, result in a significant "cumulative" impact to the Department's ability to continue to provide an adequate level of fire protection? If so, please describe the nature and extent of these impacts.
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10. If either Project-related or cumulative impacts would occur, what mitigation measures would be required of the Project applicant and/ or future development within the planning area to reduce these impacts to a less than significant level?
 - Any building constructed on lots created by this project shall comply with the special construction provisions contained in Adopted City Ordinance, Title 14, the California Building Code. Plans must be submitted to the Fire Department for review and approval prior to building permit issuance.

Prior to Building Permit issuance, the required water system, including all fire hydrant(s), shall be installed and accepted by the appropriate water agency and the Riverside County Fire Department prior to any combustible building materials placed on an individual lot. Contact the Riverside County Fire Department to inspect the required fire flow, street signs, and the required all weather surface access roadways. Approved water plans must be at the job site.

Further review of the project will occur upon receipt of building plans. Additional requirements may be necessary at that time.

If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me

Sincerely,

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Eric Turner

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To: Eric Turner
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Attachments: Letter to Lake Elsinore Police Department 20160216.docx

Eric,

See attached.

Thank you,
Sergeant Kaas

Dan Anne, Chief
Lake Elsinore Police Department
333 Limited Avenue
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

Subject: East Lake Specific Plan Amendment #11 Project Request for Information

Dear Chief Anne:

VCS Environmental (VCS) has been retained to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the East Lake Specific Plan Amendment #11 Project, which if approved, would result in a change from the predominantly residential and open-space uses currently allowed in the specific plan area to predominantly sports- and recreation-oriented uses while also maintaining open-space.

A Notice of Preparation (NOP) was sent to the Lake Elsinore Police Department (Department) soliciting comments for inclusion in the Draft EIR on November 11 for a 30-day comment period (please see the attached NOP). We have not received comments from the Department to date; however, in order to adequately address potential impacts of the proposed Project to the Department's facilities, I am requesting information related to the polices of the Department and related to operations of facilities that would serve the Project:

1. What is the location of the existing Police Stations(s) serving the City?

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2. How is police protection provided in the City (e.g., beats, substations, etc.)?

Our city units are assigned any of 6 city beats, 90-95 and deploy from the Lake Elsinore Station daily. In Addition, we have a Sergeant, Corporal, Special Teams (Special Enforcement Team, Theft Suppression Team, Traffic) that also deploy daily from the station and service the area.

3. Does the Department have plans to expand or relocate existing Police facilities or construct new Police facilities? If so, please describe those facilities and the timing.

There are no plans in place at this time to expand or construct new facilities and it would not be required to service this area.

4. What Police facilities would serve the Project site?

The project site is located in the area identified as the City 91 Beat and is staffed and serviced 24hrs a day as outlined in question 2.

5. What is the Department's established "acceptable" personnel-to-population ratio, if one has been established?

There is no universally accepted personnel to population ratio established. It varies by numerous factors including population size, geographical terrain and population densities.

6. What is the current personnel-to-population ratio?

The Lake Elsinore City current contract shows .81 per one thousand as determined by its contract.

7. What is the Department's standard for emergency response times?

The City of lake Elsinore response times to priority 1 calls average less than 6 minutes which is in an acceptable range.

8. What are the current response times to emergencies at the Project site?

The current response times for priority 1's at the project site are within the acceptable range.

9. What types of crimes occur within the Project area?

Traffic related, thefts, assaults, stolen vehicles and vandalism are the top 5 most common calls for service.

10. Does the Department require the implementation of standard conditions (e.g., defensible space design, site plan review, payment of impact fees, etc.) for development occurring in the City? If so, please explain.

The Department would require site plan review and the expectation is that the Project would have a significant effect on the Police Departments ability to provide services to this area due to the anticipated increase in roadways, traffic flow, population, and retail development. The Police Departments expectation is that this would be mitigated by the developers through improvements and /or impact fees.

11. Would the proposed Project, either individually or cumulatively, result in potentially significant impacts to the Department or adversely affect the Department's ability to provide an adequate level of police/law enforcement service within the City? If so, please explain.

The proposed project would have an impact to the Departments ability to service this area via increased population, retail and public use development, daily in-transit population and vehicular traffic would also increase accordingly. This would impact our calls for service and response times.

12. If Project implementation (i.e., buildout of the planning area) would result in significant impacts to the Department, please identify specific mitigation measures that would be required to reduce the Project-related impacts to a less than significant level.

With increased permanent and daily populations, vehicular and pedestrian traffic, combined with additional retail and public use development, an increase in calls for service is to be expected. This increase could require an increase in the amount of patrol officers assigned to this area to mitigate.

I would greatly appreciate receiving this information for inclusion into the Draft EIR by **January 31, 2017**, if possible, in order to incorporate the information and submit the screen check EIR to the City of Lake Elsinore for review and comment, after which it would be distributed for public review and comment.

Please contact me at eturner@vcsenvironmental.com or 949.489.2700 extension 216 should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Eric Turner
Project Manager

Enclosures (1):

- Notice of Preparation