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Correspondence Regarding Sheriff Protection
County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and California
Highway Patrol
2013–2014



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September 27, 2013

Ms. Stephanie Eyestone-Jones
President
Matrix Environmental
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Los Angeles, California 90045

Dear Ms. Eyestone-Jones:

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR SHERIFF SERVICE INFORMATION
ENTRADA SOUTH PROJECT
(LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROJECT NO. 00-210-(5); SCH 2010071004)**

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) submits the following information in response to your Request for Sheriff Service Information (Request), dated August 16, 2013. The Request seeks to update and verify various data and analyses that were provided by the Department in 2010, with regard to the Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Entrada South Project.

The Department's responses to your Request were prepared by Captain Paul Becker of the Santa Clarita Valley Station on September 18, 2013 (attached). The responses correspond with the numbered questions in the Request. As such, the Request is also attached hereto for ease of reference.

In the future, all CEQA documents, requests for information, and other related correspondence should be directed to the Department's Facilities Planning Bureau at the following address:

Gary T.K. Tse, Director
Facilities Planning Bureau
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
1000 South Fremont Avenue
Building A9-East, Fifth Floor, Unit 47
Alhambra, California 91803

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Ms. Eyestone-Jones

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Should you have any questions of the Department regarding this matter, please contact Lester Miyoshi, of my staff, at (626) 300-3012. You may also contact Mr. Miyoshi, via email, at Lhmiyosh@lasd.org.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

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Gary T.K. Tse, Director
Facilities Planning Bureau

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
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DATE: September 18, 2013
FILE NO:

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FROM:  PAUL BECKER, CAPTAIN
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY STATION

TO: GARY T.K. TSE, DIRECTOR
FACILITIES PLANNING BUREAU

SUBJECT: **ENTRADA SOUTH PROJECT – REQUEST FOR SHERIFF SERVICE INFORMATION**

The following information is provided by the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station in response to a Request for Sheriff Service Information, dated August 16, 2013, from Matrix Environmental (Matrix). Matrix is updating and verifying information previously provided by the Station for an EIR being prepared for the proposed Entrada South Project (Project).

Law Enforcement Facilities Fees

The fees for residential, commercial, office, and industrial development, as identified in the Matrix questionnaire, appear to be an accurate reflection of Chapter 22.74 of the L.A. County Code. However, these fees are not governed or administered by the Station. Therefore, it is the Station's recommendation that Matrix confirm this information with the L.A. County Department of Regional Planning.

Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station

The information in the Matrix questionnaire is confirmed.

Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station Service Area

The information in the Matrix questionnaire is confirmed.

Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station Equipment and Services

The information in the Matrix questionnaire is confirmed.

Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station Equipment, Personnel, and Service Population

The Station is currently staffed by 183 sworn deputies and 38 civilian employees. Field deployment is provided for Day, PM, and Early-Morning shifts, but for security reasons, the Station cannot disclose the number of deputies deployed per shift. The Station's estimated service population is 270,000.

Search and Rescue Operations

- a. Yes
- b. Yes
- c. Yes
- d. No
- e. Yes

Deputy-to-Population Ratio

The Station is not aware of any published County standard regarding the number of deputies deployed per resident population. However, the generally accepted officer-to-population ratio within the law enforcement industry is 1:1000. The Station's current service ratio is well below the industry standard (1:1475).

Response Time Information

- a. Optimal response times (guidelines):
 - i. The information in the Matrix questionnaire is confirmed.
 - ii. The information in the Matrix questionnaire is confirmed.
 - iii. The information in the Matrix questionnaire is confirmed.
- b. Approximate forecasted response times to Project Site:
 - i. Non-emergency: 10 to 60 minutes.
 - ii. Priority: 5 to 20 minutes.
 - iii. Emergency: 2 to 7 minutes.
 - iv. The information in the Matrix questionnaire is confirmed.

Project Impact Assessment

- a. The information in the Matrix questionnaire is confirmed.
- b. The Station recommends the following edit:
Without additional Sheriff's Department staffing and facilities, there is a reasonable expectation that the proposed Project will significantly impact the current level of service provided by the Sheriff's Department.
- c. The Station recommends the following edit:
The Project applicant would be required to pay the Law Enforcement Facilities Fee. The Law Enforcement Facilities Fee is intended to provide sufficient revenues to pay for land acquisition, engineering, construction, installation, purchasing, and other costs for the provision of capital law enforcement facilities and equipment.
- d. The information in the Matrix questionnaire is confirmed.

Thank you for including the Station in the environmental review process for the proposed Project. Should you have any questions of the Station regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (661) 255-1121, or contact Lt. Brenda Cambra at (661) 799-5815.



August 16, 2013

Pat Creason
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF DEPARTMENT
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY STATION
23740 Magic Mountain Parkway
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

RE: ENTRADA SOUTH PROJECT—REQUEST FOR SHERIFF SERVICE INFORMATION

Dear Ms. Creason:

In coordination with the County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning, Matrix Environmental is preparing the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Entrada South Project (the Project) located in the unincorporated portion of the Santa Clarita.

A draft of the EIR's law enforcement services section was completed in 2010 based on an extensive amount of information provided by the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department (LACSD). At this point in time we are seeking to update and verify the data and analysis previously provided by the LACSD. The following is a brief description of the Project and a list of those information items that we are updating and confirming.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project Site is located west of Interstate 5 and The Old Road, south of the Six Flags Magic Mountain Theme Park, north of the existing community of Westridge and directly east of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan in western unincorporated Los Angeles County (see enclosed Figures 1 and 2). The Project consists of the development of approximately 501.4 acres, including 382.3 acres within the boundaries of the proposed Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 53295 (VTTM 53295) and 119.1 acres outside the boundaries of VTTM 53295 (the External Map Improvements). The Project includes 339 single-family units, 1,235 multi-family units, and 730,000 square feet of commercial uses anticipated to be comprised of approximately 435,000 square feet of office uses and approximately 295,000 square feet of commercial retail uses. In addition, the Project includes an 11-acre elementary school site, a 5.6-acre public neighborhood park, 105.7 acres of open space areas, two private recreational centers within 2.9 acres, and a 27.2-acre spineflower preserve. Facilities and infrastructure proposed as part of the Project also include a network of roads and trails, drainage and water quality



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improvements, dry utilities systems, a recycled water system, a sanitary sewer system, and a potable water system, including a water tank.

REQUESTED INFORMATION

Provided below is the information previously provided by the LACSD with regard to the Project. The information provided below was distilled from the initial draft of the EIR section to facilitate LACSD response to this request. Please confirm or provide the following information as appropriate:

1. Confirm the following fees are the current fees for the Santa Clarita Zone, Zone 1, the zone in which the Project Site is located (according to Section 22.74.030 of the Los Angeles County Code):
 - \$467.00 per single-family dwelling unit;
 - \$337.00 per multi-family dwelling unit;
 - \$69.00 per 1,000-square-foot commercial unit, or \$0.07 per square foot of commercial space;
 - \$87.00 per 1,000-square-foot office unit, or \$0.09 per square foot of office space; and
 - \$35.00 per 1,000-square-foot industrial unit, or \$0.03 per square foot of industrial space.
2. Confirm the Santa Clarita Valley Station of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, located at 23740 Magic Mountain Parkway in Valencia, is responsible for providing general law enforcement to the area in which the Project Site is located.
3. Confirm the following regarding the service area for the Santa Clarita Valley Station: 656 square miles consisting of the City of Santa Clarita and unincorporated County land between the limits of the City of Los Angeles to the south, Kern County line to the north, and all areas between the Ventura County line to the west and the township of Agua Dulce to the east.
4. Confirm the general statement that the equipment and services provided through the station include 24-hour designated County cars, helicopters, search and rescue, a mounted posse, and emergency operation centers.
5. Provide information regarding current equipment, number of sworn deputies and estimated service population for the Santa Clarita Valley Station.



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6. Search-and-Rescue Operations
 - a. Does the Santa Clarita Valley Station also have access to the Antelope Valley Station's helicopter for search-and-rescue operations?
 - b. Do mutual aid agreements exist with other search-and-rescue teams located within and outside of Los Angeles County?
 - c. Are the mutual aid agreements organized through the State's Office of Emergency Services (OES)?
 - d. Are search-and-rescue operations funded through the Reserve Forces Bureau and private sources?
 - e. Are urban search-and-rescue operations (i.e., rescues from building collapse) performed by the County Fire Department?
7. Please confirm that the current County deployment standard is 1 deputy per 1,000 residents.
8. Response Time Information. Please confirm the following:
 - a. Optimal response times (guidelines):
 - i. 10 minutes or less for emergency response incidents (i.e., a crime that is presently occurring and is a life or death situation),
 - ii. 20 minutes or less for priority (immediate) incidents (i.e., a crime or incident that is currently occurring but that is not a life or death situation), and
 - iii. 60 minutes or less for routine (non-emergency) responses (i.e., a crime that has already occurred and is not a life or death situation).
 - b. Approximate forecasted response times to Project Site:
 - i. Non-emergency: 10 to 20 minutes
 - ii. Priority: 5 to 10 minutes
 - iii. Emergency: 2 to 4 minutes
 - iv. It should be noted that all response time are approximations, and would be dependent on both the deployment of area radio cars, and traffic conditions. Therefore, although it is estimated that current response times to the proposed Project Site would be within optimal (as defined by the LACSD) response times, there are currently no calls for service to the unoccupied Project Site by which actual times could be measured.



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9. Project Impact Assessment. Please confirm the following:
- a. This increase in the required number of deputies would necessitate an increase in support resources, such as detectives, front desk personnel, secretaries, administration, vehicles, and portable radios.
 - b. Without additional Sherriff's Department staffing and facilities, there would be a decrease in the existing level of service of the Sheriff's Department.
 - c. The Project applicant would be required to pay the Law Enforcement Facilities Fee. The Law Enforcement Facilities Fee would provide sufficient revenues to pay for land acquisition, engineering, construction, installation, purchasing, and other costs for the provision of capital law enforcement facilities and equipment.
 - d. Additional operational funding for the Sheriff's Department in the Santa Clarita Valley area and the rest of Los Angeles County would be derived from various types of tax revenues (e.g., property taxes, sales taxes, user taxes, vehicle license fees, deed transfer fees), which are deposited in the County's General Fund. The County Board of Supervisors allocates the General Fund revenue for various public services provided by the County, including law enforcement services. A portion of these revenues would therefore be allocated to the Sheriff's Department during the County's annual budget process to maintain staffing and equipment levels at the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station in numbers adequate to serve Project-related increases in service demands.

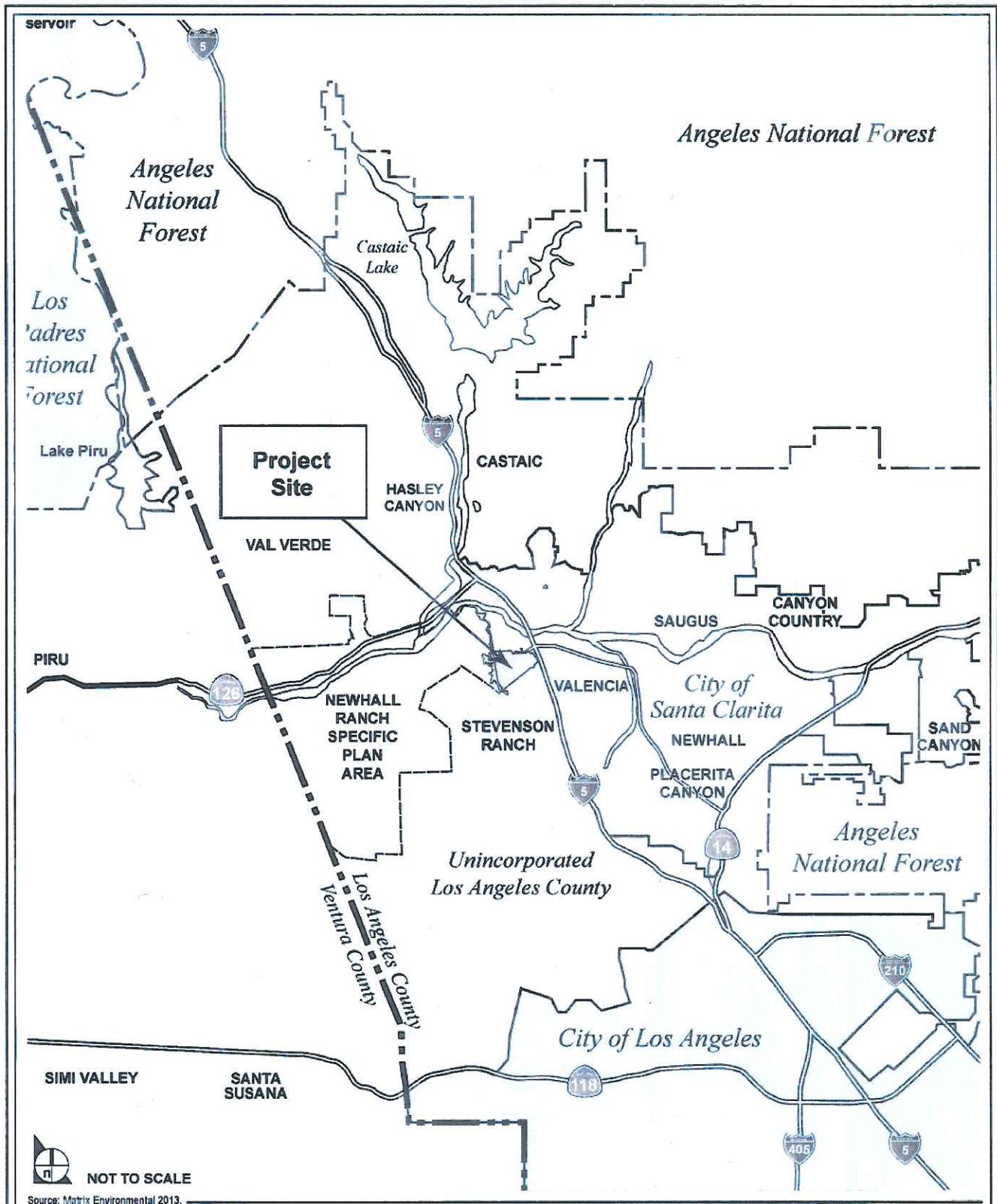
Please feel free to contact me at (424) 207-5333 or via email at s.eyestone@matrixeir.com to discuss the information provided above and/or any questions regarding the Project. We would appreciate a response to the information requests set forth in this letter by August 30, 2013. We thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,
MATRIX ENVIRONMENTAL

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Stephanie Eyestone-Jones
President

Enclosures: Entrada South Vicinity Map
Entrada South Conceptual Master Plan

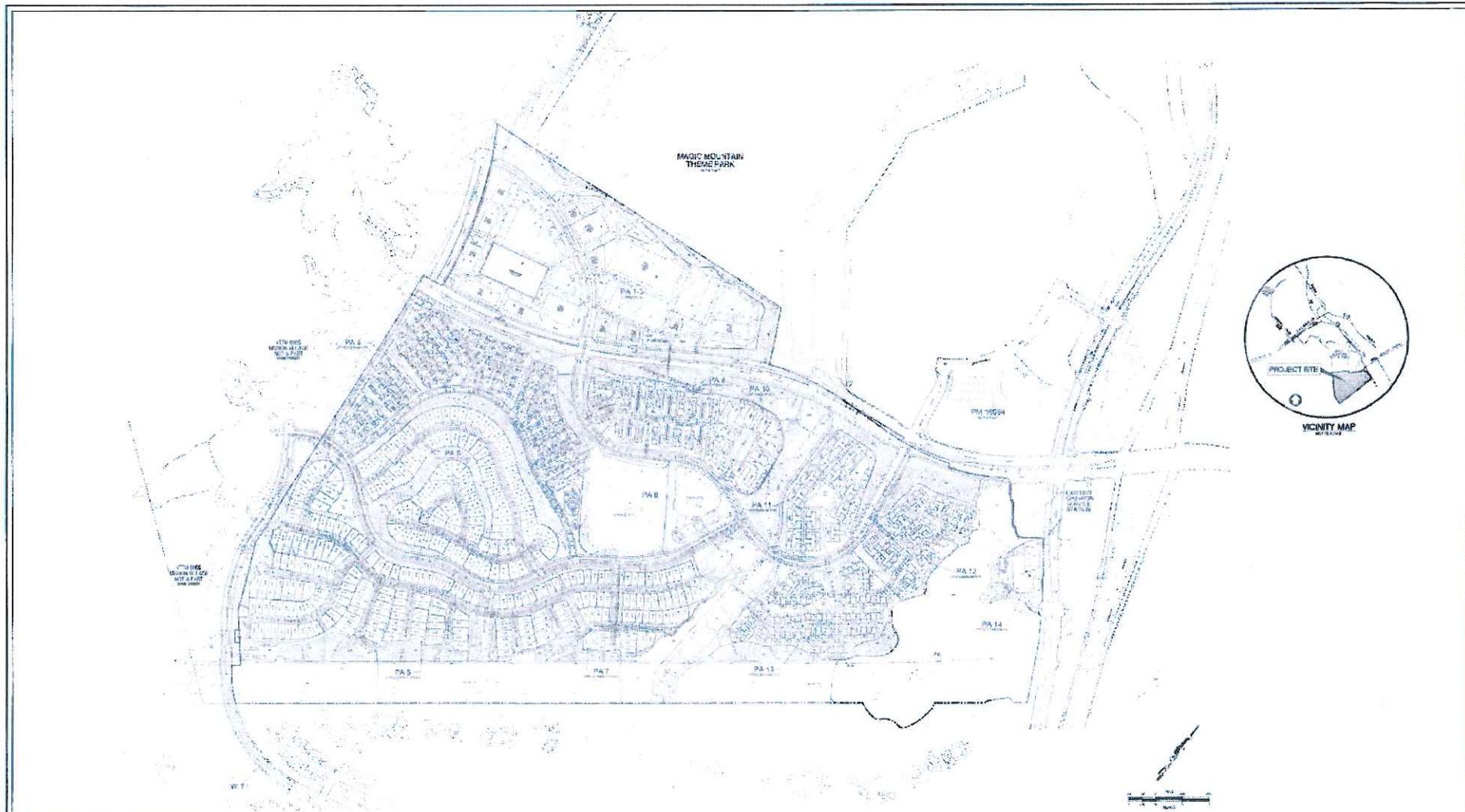


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Source: Matrix Environmental 2013.



Figure 1
Entrada South Project Vicinity Map



Source: Alliance Land Planning & Engineering Inc. 2015



Figure 2
Entrada South VTTM 53295 Master Plan

Brad Napientek

From: Stephanie Eyestone-Jones
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2013 7:11 PM
To: Jessica Viramontes
Cc: Ashley Rogers
Subject: FW: Entrada South Project

Hi Jessica – see below. He said that we would only provide the info that changed. If he didn't update it we can assume that the remaining data in the letter is accurate.

From: Miler, Rick@CHP [<mailto:RMiler@chp.ca.gov>]
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2013 1:31 PM
To: Stephanie Eyestone-Jones
Subject: Entrada South Project

Stephanie-

Here is our response to the request for Law enforcement service info. The responses below are to the questions that may have changed.

#3- 91 uniformed / 9 civilian

#4- 2 helicopter/ 2 fixed wing aircraft.

#5- 52 collisions/ 35 arrests / 924 citations (These numbers are for the past year (7/2012 to now) and are for the area beat) Area beat means a general area not specific street or freeway).

All other questions in your letter are the same with no changes.

Sgt. Rick Miler
Newhall

Brad Napientek

From: Miler, Rick@CHP [RMiler@chp.ca.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2013 7:46 AM
To: Jessica Viramontes
Subject: RE: Entrada South Project

Sorry Jessica, here you go

#1- Please take out the word "not". We need it to reflect that we will be able to handle the new area just like any other.

#2- 8 officers

#3-ok

#4- 15-20 officers

Sgt. Miler

From: Jessica Viramontes [<mailto:J.Viramontes@matrixeir.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2013 2:43 PM
To: Miler, Rick@CHP
Subject: FW: Entrada South Project

Hi Sgt. Miler,

Per our conversation today, provided below are a few follow up questions regarding the Entrada South Project (the Project). Please confirm or update the following statements as appropriate:

1. The CHP has indicated that the Project would directly affect the CHP's ability to serve the existing community. Current staffing levels would not allow for daily patrols of the service area to provide traffic enforcement, emergency incident management, public service, and traffic collision investigation services. Instead, current staffing levels would only allow limited coverage to the Project on an as-needed basis, and response times to emergency calls would be extended. The CHP has indicated that the Project would directly impact the CHP's current staffing levels and resources and would result in increased response times and reduced levels of service to the existing community.
2. The current Newhall Area CHP Station was designed to allow for increased demands for personnel and equipment. How many additional uniformed officers can be accommodated at the current facility?
3. Through increased revenues generated by the Project (via motor vehicle registration and driver license fees paid by new on-site residents and businesses), the funding for additional staffing and equipment would be available to the CHP and could be allocated to the Newhall Area CHP Station to meet future demands. Because the revenue base and method of funding allocation presently in place provide for adequate CHP services in the area, it is anticipated that an adequate level of service would be provided in the future through these same funding sources and allocation methods.
4. Residential growth through 2024 (including the Project) is projected to increase the permanent population within the Santa Clara Valley by approximately 171,022 persons. Approximately how many additional officers would be required to accommodate cumulative development? Please confirm that it is not likely that a new CHP station would be needed because the existing Newhall Area CHP site Station and facilities in the Santa Clarita Valley contain room for this level of expansion if, and when, it is determined that such expansion is necessary. Cumulative development would increase traffic on existing roadways, the numbers and lengths of roadways patrolled by the CHP, and demand for CHP services in the area.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Jessica Viramontes

Environmental Planner



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