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## INTRODUCTION AND LIST OF COMMENTERS

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

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This Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) contains public and agency comments received during the public review period of the Timberline at Auburn Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR). This document has been prepared by Placer County, as lead agency, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Guidelines (Section 15132). Chapter 1 discusses the background of the Draft EIR, the organization of the Final EIR, and lists the 22 comment letters received.

### 1.1 BACKGROUND

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The Timberline at Auburn Draft EIR contains the following environmental analysis sections:

- Land Use;
- Biological Resources;
- Visual Resources;
- Transportation and Circulation;
- Air Quality;
- Noise;
- Soils, Geology, and Seismicity;
- Hydrology and Water Quality;
- Public Services and Utilities;
- Hazardous Materials and Hazards; and
- Mineral Resources.

The County used several methods to solicit public input on the Draft EIR. These methods included the distribution of a Notice of Preparation (NOP), an NOP scoping meeting on September 10, 2008, and the distribution of the Draft EIR for a 45-day comment period from November 10, 2010 through December 27, 2010. The Draft EIR was distributed to applicable public agencies, responsible agencies, and interested individuals. Copies of the document were made available at the Auburn Library and the public counter of the Community Development Resource Agency, located at 3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, California 95603. In addition, the Draft EIR was made available for public review on the Placer County website. A public hearing on the Draft EIR was also held on December 16, 2010, at 10:00 am in the Placer County Planning Commission Hearing Room, located at 3091 County Center Drive. The purpose of the hearing was to receive comments on the Draft EIR for the project.

## 1.2 ORGANIZATION OF THE FINAL EIR

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The Final EIR is organized into the following chapters:

### 1. Introduction and List of Commenters

Chapter 1 provides an introduction and overview of the document, describing the background and organization of the Final EIR. Chapter 1 also provides a list of commenters who submitted letters in response to the Draft EIR.

### 2. Revisions to the Draft EIR Text

Chapter 2 is intended to summarize changes made to the Draft EIR text either in response to comment letters or minor staff edits that do not change the intent or content of the analysis or effectiveness of mitigation measures.

### 3. Responses to Comments

Chapter 3 presents all of the comment letters received, and responses to each comment. Each comment letter received has been numbered at the top and then bracketed to indicate how the letter has been divided into individual comments. Each comment is given a number with the letter number appearing first, followed by the comment number. For example, the first comment in Letter 1 would have the following format: 1-1.

### 4. Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan

The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP) in Chapter 4 includes a description of the requirements of CEQA for monitoring or reporting programs for projects approved by a public agency. In addition, the MMRP includes all of the mitigation measures identified in the EIR for the proposed project, along with the party responsible for monitoring implementation of the mitigation measures, the milestones for implementation and monitoring, and a sign-off that the mitigation measures have been implemented. The intent of the MMRP is to prescribe and enforce the proper and successful implementation of the mitigation measures as identified within the EIR for this project.

## 1.3 LIST OF COMMENTERS

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The following comment letters were received during the comment period for the Timberline at Auburn Draft EIR.

| STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES |              |   |                   |
|--------------------------|--------------|---|-------------------|
| #                        | Name         | Agency                                  | Date Received     |
| 1                        | W.L. Donovan | Department of California Highway Patrol | November 29, 2010 |

| <b>STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES</b>         |   |   |                   |
|---|---|---|-------------------|
| 2                                       | Rick Helman   | California Department of Transportation                           | December 22, 2010 |
| 3                                       | Katy Sanchez  | Native American Heritage Commission                               | November 23, 2010 |
| 4                                       | Scott Morgan  | State Clearinghouse   | December 28, 2010 |
| 5                                       | Chris Hanson  | Placer County Department of Facilities                            | December 28, 2010 |
| 6                                       | Stan Tidman   | Placer County Transportation Agency – Airport Land Use Commission | December 29, 2010 |
| <b>ORGANIZATIONS</b>                    |   |   |                   |
| #                                       | Name  |   | Date Received     |
| 7                                       | Ad-hoc Committee to Save Our North Auburn Quality of Life |   | December 27, 2010 |
| 8                                       | Fawn Creek Court Homeowners                               |   | December 22, 2010 |
| 9                                       | Red Hawk Court Homeowners                                 |   | December 22, 2010 |
| 10                                      | Diane and James Timko                                     |   | December 22, 2010 |
| 11                                      | Deer Ridge Homeowners                                     |   | December 22, 2010 |
| <b>INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</b> |   |   |                   |
| #                                       | Name  |   | Date Received     |
| 12                                      | Kim Aaron-Siegalkoff                                      |   | December 20, 2010 |
| 13                                      | Matt Bartholomew  |   | December 27, 2010 |
| 14                                      | Cheryl Berg   |   | December 27, 2010 |
| 15                                      | Scott Bovee   |   | December 15, 2010 |
| 16                                      | Jeffrey and Kimberly Campbell                             |   | December 23, 2010 |
| 17                                      | Jerome Cress  |   | December 27, 2010 |
| 18                                      | Ken Davis and Family                                      |   | December 27, 2010 |
| 19                                      | Mildred Livingston  |   | December 18, 2010 |
| 20                                      | Robert Simon  |   | December 27, 2010 |
| 21                                      | Jeff Tupen  |   | December 27, 2010 |
| 22                                      | Comments from Draft EIR Planning Commission Hearing       |   | December 16, 2010 |

In addition, the following late comment letter was received for the Timberline at Auburn Draft EIR.

| <b>INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</b> |            |                   |
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| #                                       | Name       | Date Received     |
| 22                                      | Dale Smith | December 29, 2010 |

## **1.4 RECIRCULATION**

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CEQA requires recirculation of an EIR when significant new information is added to the EIR after public notice is given of the availability of the Draft EIR for public review, but before certification (Section 15088.5). New information is not “significant” unless the EIR is changed in a way that deprives the public of a meaningful opportunity to comment upon a substantial adverse environmental effect of the project or a feasible way to mitigate or avoid such an effect (Section 15088.5).

Because this Final EIR did not result in the identification of any new significant environmental impacts, or a substantial increase in the severity of an environmental impact, this Final EIR does not contain “significant new information,” and a recirculation of the Draft EIR is not required prior to approval.