

## Appendix E      Public Service Correspondence

## Appendices

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September 16, 2019

Tracy Chu, Planner  
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Dear Ms. Chu:

**PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, "CRESCENTA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT," THE PROPOSED PROJECT WOULD RESULT IN THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA SOUTH OF THE TENNIS COURTS AND NORTH OF THE EXISTING TRACK AND FIELD TO ALLOW FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PERMANENT BLEACHERS WITH A 3,442 SEATING CAPACITY, AS WELL AS FOOTBALL FIELD LIGHTING AROUND THE EXISTING FIELD, RESTROOM AND STORAGE/MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS, A TEAM ROOM, AND A CONCESSION STAND, LOCATED AT 2900 COMMUNITY AVENUE, LA CRESCENTA, FFER 2019004725**

The Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report has been reviewed by the Planning Division, Land Development Unit, Forestry Division, and Health Hazardous Materials Division of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department.

The following are their comments:

**PLANNING DIVISION:**

1. Which stations provide first-response service to the project area? Please provide addresses for those stations and inventory of equipment (e.g., engines, EMS vehicles).

**SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:**

AGOURA HILLS	CALABASAS	EL MONTE	INDUSTRY	LAWNDALE	PARAMOUNT	SIGNAL HILL
ARTESIA	CARSON	GARDENA	INGLEWOOD	LOMITA	PICO RIVERA	SOUTH EL MONTE
AZUSA	CERRITOS	GLENORA	IRWINDALE	LYNWOOD	POMONA	SOUTH GATE
BALDWIN PARK	CLAREMONT	HAWAIIAN GARDENS	LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE	MALIBU	RANCHO PALOS VERDES	TEMPLE CITY
BELL	COMMERCE	HAWTHORNE	LA HABRA	MAYWOOD	ROLLING HILLS	WALNUT
BELL GARDENS	COVINA	HERMOSA BEACH	LA MIRADA	NORWALK	ROLLING HILLS ESTATES	WEST HOLLYWOOD
BELLFLOWER	CUDAHY	HIDDEN HILLS	LA PUENTE	PALMDALE	ROSEMEAD	WESTLAKE VILLAGE
BRADBURY	DIAMOND BAR	HUNTINGTON PARK	LAKEWOOD	PALOS VERDES ESTATES	SAN DIMAS	WHITTIER
	DUARTE		LANCASTER		SANTA CLARITA	

*Fire Station 63 is the jurisdictional station for the project site; it is located at 4526 Ramsdell Avenue, La Crescenta, CA 91214. It is staffed with a 3-person engine company (1-Captain, 1-Fire Fighter Specialist, and 1-Fire Fighter).*

2. What is the average emergency response time to the project area? Average non-emergency response time? Are these times considered acceptable according to department standards?

*During 2018 Fire Station 63's jurisdiction had an average emergency response time of 5:26 minutes and an average non-emergency response time of 6:28 minutes.*

*Yes. The Fire Department uses national guidelines of a 5-minute response time for the 1<sup>st</sup>-arriving unit for fire and EMS responses and 8 minutes for the advanced life support (paramedic) unit in urban areas.*

3. How many full and part-time firefighters and other personnel does the department have by personnel type (e.g., Captains, Lieutenants, firefighters, paramedics, EMTs, Hazmat-trained personnel) per station?

*According to the Departments 2017 Statistical Summary, there are 689 captains, 803 fire fighter specialists, 676 fire fighter paramedics, and 1,409 fire fighters that staff 173 fire stations throughout the Department's jurisdictional boundaries, of which 331 are trained HazMat personnel and all uniformed personnel are trained to, at a minimum, the Emergency Medical Technician-1 (EMT-1). In addition, there are 74 call fire fighters that are part time personnel.*

4. About how many people does the Department serve? Is the ratio of personnel-to-population considered acceptable? Are there current deficiencies in staffing or resources to the project area?

*The LACoFD serves 4.1 million residents in a 2,305 square mile service area.*

*The LACoFD does not calculate service-to-population ratios. Such ratios do not properly reflect the need for fire protection and emergency medical services. They do not account for demand caused by non-residential structures, vehicular incidents, transient population, and vacant land with combustible vegetation.*

*Currently, staff levels and facilities are adequate in the project area.*

5. What equipment is required in to maintain an acceptable level of service? Is an acceptable equipment level maintained?

*The LACoFD is a full service fire department that provides fire protection, emergency medical services, hazardous material response and other life safety services. An acceptable equipment level is maintained throughout the Department's jurisdictional boundaries to enable the appropriate response to all incidents.*

6. Does your Department recommend standard criteria, such as personnel-to-population ratios, and/or emergency response times, for assessing the significance of a proposed project's impacts in an EIR or other environmental impact documentation? If so, what are those criteria's?

*Yes. Indicators of need for additional resources and staffing include response times, incident loads, resident and transient population, and square footage of improvements.*

7. Will implementation of the proposed project cause service levels to drop below the current or future levels specified in question 6?

*No. While each additional development creates greater demands on existing resources, the project would not have a significant effect on service demands.*

8. Do plans currently exist for either immediate or near-future expansion of your facilities, staff, or equipment inventory?

*Currently, there are no plans for facility expansion or new facilities in the project area.*

9. In general, do you anticipate future demands (not considering the proposed project) on emergency response resources will increase, decrease or remain stable in the next five years? What assumptions are you using to make this determination? If demand for service increases, how would the department meet increased demand?

*The impacts of new development are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The impacts of cumulative development on the adequacy of the level of service are addressed when the need arises with each new proposed development. In the event additional resources are needed due to continued development, the property tax growth within the project area would provide funding to meet those needs.*

10. Can the department serve the proposed project with existing facilities or would new or expand facilities be necessary?

*Yes. Fire protection serving the area appears to be adequate for the existing development/land use and this project is expected to have a less than significant impact*

11. Are any mitigation measures necessary to reduce the proposed project's impacts on your service, staff, and/or material levels?

*See response to Question #7.*

For any questions regarding this response, please contact Loretta Bagwell, Planning Analyst, at (323) 881-2404 or [Loretta.Bagwell@fire.lacounty.gov](mailto:Loretta.Bagwell@fire.lacounty.gov).

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**LAND DEVELOPMENT UNIT:**

Send all plans to Fire Department Engineering Section for review.

For any questions regarding the report, please contact Joseph Youman at (323) 890-4243 or [Joseph.Youman@fire.lacounty.gov](mailto:Joseph.Youman@fire.lacounty.gov).

**FORESTRY DIVISION – OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:**

The statutory responsibilities of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Forestry Division include erosion control, watershed management, rare and endangered species, vegetation, fuel modification for Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, archeological and cultural resources, and the County Oak Tree Ordinance. Potential impacts in these areas should be addressed.

Under the Los Angeles County Oak tree Ordinance, a permit is required to cut, destroy, remove, relocate, inflict damage or encroach into the protected zone of any tree of the Oak genus which is 25 inches or more in circumference (eight inches in diameter), as measured 4 1/2 feet above mean natural grade.

If Oak trees are known to exist in the proposed project area further field studies should be conducted to determine the presence of this species on the project site.

The County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Forestry Division has no further comments regarding this project.

For any questions regarding this response, please contact Forestry Assistant, Joseph Brunet at (818) 890-5719.

**HEALTH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION:**

The Health Hazardous Materials Division of the Los Angeles County Fire Department has no comments regarding the "Fire and Emergency Services Questionnaire."

Please contact HHMD senior typist-clerk, Perla Garcia at (323) 890-4035 or [Perla.garcia@fire.lacounty.gov](mailto:Perla.garcia@fire.lacounty.gov) if you have any questions.

If you have any additional questions, please contact this office at (323) 890-4330

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Y. Takeshita". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

MICHAEL Y. TAKESHITA, ACTING CHIEF, FORESTRY DIVISION  
PREVENTION SERVICES BUREAU

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