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Project Title: Mesa Verde Specific Plan Area 2 Amendment 2

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Project Location: City of Calimesa, County of Riverside

City

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Mesa Verde Specific Plan Area 2 Amendment 2 (Project) site comprises 1,463.1 acres of undeveloped land located in the northwestern portion of the City, in the County of Riverside, California. The Project site is generally located in the northwestern portion of the City, adjacent to and south of the border of San Bernardino County. The Project is an amendment to the approved Mesa Verde Specific Plan Area 2 Amendment 1, and would permit a maximum of 3,650 residential units. The projected number of units within each of the residential zones include: 790 units of High Residential, 594 units of Medium High, 1,450 units of Medium, 677 units of Low Medium, and 139 units of Low. The Project would permit up to 4.44 million square feet of building area with the Business Park zone (allowing for industrial, logistics, office, and/or educational uses), up to 300,000 square feet of commercial building area within the Commercial and Mixed-Use zones, two school sites, open space and public/private parks, utility infrastructure, and roadways. An internal network of trails would connect the Project's land uses and parks. Off-site improvements for roadway infrastructure, utility connections, and fuel modification would be required. County Line Road improvements would require redeveloping the roadway within the full width of the existing 60-foot right-of-way.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Based on the analyses provided in the Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR), prior to mitigation, the Project would result in potentially significant effects related to aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems, and wildfire. The Project would implement the following mitigation measures to reduce or avoid these potentially significant effects: MM-AES-1, MM-AES-2, MM-AQ-1 through MM-AQ-28, MM-BIO-1 through MM-BIO-13, MM-CUL-1 through MM-CUL-7, MM-GEO-1 through MM-GEO-3, MM-GHG-1 through MM-GHG-3, MM-HAZ-1 through MM-HAZ-6, MM-HYD-1, MM-NOI-1 through MM-NOI-6, MM-TRA-1, MM-TCR-1 through MM-TCR-3, MM-UTIL-1, and MM-WF-1 through MM-WF-5. However, even with implementation of all feasible mitigation measures, impacts related to air quality, GHG emissions, and noise would be significant and unavoidable and cumulatively considerable. Impacts related to aesthetics would be cumulatively considerable. There are no feasible mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid the cumulatively considerable aesthetic impacts. All other potentially significant effects would be reduced to a less than significant level and would not be cumulatively considerable with implementation of feasible mitigation measures.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

- Impacts to existing infrastructure and service systems
- The proposed use of County Line Road for full access as opposed to emergency access only
- Increased traffic along and proposed widening of County Line Road
- Noise and pollution related to increased traffic
- Increased traffic and freeway corridor access within the adjacent City of Yucaipa
- Tribal consultation requirements pursuant to Assembly Bill 52 and Senate Bill 18
- Potential displacement of wildlife
- Potential impacts to mature oak trees
- Protection of air quality
- Reduction of potential greenhouse gas emissions
- Potential cumulative impacts
- Public transportation and traffic management in cooperation with Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)
- Potential noise impacts
- The reduction of lower density housing and increase of higher density housing on the Project site
- The addition of business park and industrial warehouse uses on the Project site
- Potential for increased wildfire hazards

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Responsible Agencies under CEQA include: California Department of Fish and Wildlife for a Section 1604 Permit; Caltrans, District 8, for encroachment permits in Caltrans right-of-way; Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board for waste discharge requirements; Yucaipa Valley Water District for and Updated Water Supply Assessment and construction easement to connect Project pipelines, a Development Agreement for water, wastewater, and recycled water utility service, and a maintenance easement for ongoing fuel modification; Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District for encroachment/construction easement and circulation improvements; and Riverside County Flood Control District for easements and management of stormwater basins.