



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Inland Empire District  
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Agenda Item VIII  
WCCA  
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October 14, 2015

Kim Zuppiger  
City of Chino Hills  
909 364 2761  
14000 City Center Drive  
Chino Hills, CA 91709

Subject: Notice of Preparation for the Hidden Oaks Country Club Specific Plan,  
SCH #2015091031

Dear Ms. Zuppiger:

The Inland Empire District of the Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the aforementioned project. State Parks is a trustee agency as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). State Parks' mission in part is to provide for the health, inspiration, and education of the people of California by preserving the state's extraordinary biodiversity and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation. As the office responsible for the stewardship of Chino Hills State Park (Chino Hills SP), we have an interest and concern about contemplated alterations of land use within and adjacent to the park. The long-term health of Chino Hills SP is dependent on the health of the regional ecosystems because the biotic boundaries of the park extend beyond its jurisdictional boundaries.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss potential trail connections and public access into Chino Hills State Park. It is our intent that trail connections are made using existing trails and/or service roads for the benefit of the public with minimal impact on the natural resources of the park.

We also request the preparation of visual simulations of the proposed project from locations within Chino Hills SP. The locations should be along North Ridge Trail, South Ridge Trail, and San Juan Hill. Maintaining the aesthetic integrity of the park is of great importance as we evaluate development surrounding this natural open space State Park.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment and for your serious consideration. For further discussion, please contact me or Enrique Arroyo at (951) 453-6848.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly Elliott".

Kelly Elliott  
District Superintendent  
Inland Empire District