

# RESPONSES TO COMMENTS

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) has prepared a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) to address the environmental effects of the proposed Lopez Canyon Equestrian Trails and Trailhead Project (or Project). The Draft IS/MND was prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as well as implementing regulations and agency guidelines. LASAN is the CEQA lead agency.

### 1.1 RESPONSES TO COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT IS/MND

This document includes all of the comments received on the Draft IS/MND, responses to each comment, and, where applicable, text changes made in the Final IS/MND in response to the comment. Under CEQA, Section 15088(c) of the CEQA Guidelines describes the evaluation that is required in the response to comments:

*The written response shall describe the disposition of significant environmental issues raised (e.g., revisions to the proposed project to mitigate anticipated impacts or objections). In particular, the major environmental issues raised when the Lead Agency's position is at variance with recommendations and objections raised in the comments must be addressed in detail giving reasons why specific comments and suggestions were not accepted. There must be a good faith, reasoned analysis in response. Conclusory statements unsupported by factual information will not suffice.*

In order to comply with Section 15088(c) of CEQA, reasoned, factual responses have been provided to all comments received, with a particular emphasis on significant environmental issues. Generally, the responses to comments provide explanation, clarification, or amplification of information contained in the Draft IS/MND. All comments and responses to comments are included in the Final IS/MND and will be considered by the LASAN Committee and City Council prior to adoption and in any approval of the Project.

### 1.2 COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT IS/MND

Thirty-one (31) comment letters were submitted on the Draft IS/MND. An additional letter was received prior to the release of the draft IS/MND for public review. Each of the comment letters received is included in its entirety in Section 1, followed by responses to the comments contained in each letter in Section 2. Table 1-1 lists the comments received on the Draft IS/MND. Each commenter was assigned an identification (ID) code, as shown in Table 1-1 (i.e., for United States Forest Service, the code is USFS). In addition, each individual comment made by the commenter was assigned a tracking number. Therefore each individual comment received has a commenter ID and comment tracking number (e.g., USFS-1, USFS-2, etc.). Responses are provided for each individual comment received.

In responding to comments, CEQA does not require a Lead Agency to conduct every test or perform all research, study, or experimentation recommended or requested by commenters. Rather, a Lead Agency need only respond to significant environmental issues and does not

need to provide all information requested by reviewers, as long as a good faith effort at full disclosure is made.

**Table 1-1. Comments Received on the Draft IS/MND**

Letter No.	Commenter	Comment Type <sup>1</sup>	Date Received
<b>State Agencies</b>			
OPR	Governor's Office of Planning and Research	Letter	11/1/16/16
CALTRANS	California Department of Transportation	Letter	10/24/16
<b>Individuals and Organizations</b>			
KKCA1	Kagel Canyon Civic Association	Letter	8/16/16*
LVTIA	Lake View Terrace Improvement Association	Letter	9/15/16*
Lauber1	Tim Lauber	E-mail	10/4/16
ICLC	Indian Canyon Land Corporation	Letter	10/18/16
LeCompte1	Mark LeCompte	Email	10/20/16
Woodruff	Nancy Woodruff	Email	10/20/16
Davis	Daniel Davis	Email	10/24/16
Gnerlich	Steve Gnerlich	Email	10/24/16
Hutchins	Ryan Hutchins	Email	10/25/16
Mazula	Ed Mazula	Email	10/25/16
Toro1	Laura Toro	Email	10/25/16
Toro2	Scott Toro	Email	10/25/16
Kruger	Elektra Kruger	Letter	10/26/16
Bonanza	Gregory Bonanza	Email	10/28/16
Boychuk	Valentin Boychuk	Email	10/29/16
Monaly	Joe Monaly, Jr.	E-mail	10/29/16
Shiells	David Shiells	Comment Card	10/31/16
Paull1	Katharine Paull	Email	11/1/16
Kennedy	Patrick Kennedy	Comment Card	11/1/16
Chadwick	Chris Chadwick	Letter	11/1/16
Gunn	Lloyd Gunn	Comment card	11/1/16
LeCompte2	Mark LeCompte	Email	11/2/16
Paull2	Katharine Paull	Comment card	11/16/16
Lauber2	Donna Lauber	Email	11/17/16
Lauber3	Donna Lauber	Email	11/17/16
Owen	Jan Owen	Email	11/17/16
KKCA2	Kagel Canyon Civic Association	Letter	11/29/16
Sheflin	Kelli Sheflin	Email	11/29/16
Brkic	Milutin Brkic	Letter	11/29/16

\*Comments received prior to the start of the 30-day public review period.

# OPR; 10-31-16



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## GOVERNOR'S OFFICE *of* PLANNING AND RESEARCH

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE AND PLANNING UNIT



KEN ALEX  
DIRECTOR

October 31, 2016

Adriana Borrayo  
City of Los Angeles  
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Subject: Lopez Canyon Equestrian Trails and Trailhead Project  
SCH#: 2016091072

Dear Adriana Borrayo:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Mitigated Negative Declaration to selected state agencies for review. On the enclosed Document Details Report please note that the Clearinghouse has listed the state agencies that reviewed your document. The review period closed on October 28, 2016, and the comments from the responding agency (ies) is (are) enclosed. If this comment package is not in order, please notify the State Clearinghouse immediately. Please refer to the project's ten-digit State Clearinghouse number in future correspondence so that we may respond promptly.

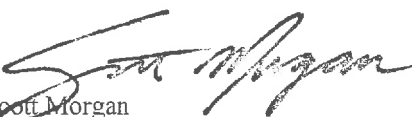
Please note that Section 21104(c) of the California Public Resources Code states that:

"A responsible or other public agency shall only make substantive comments regarding those activities involved in a project which are within an area of expertise of the agency or which are required to be carried out or approved by the agency. Those comments shall be supported by specific documentation."

These comments are forwarded for use in preparing your final environmental document. Should you need more information or clarification of the enclosed comments, we recommend that you contact the commenting agency directly.

This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Please contact the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

Sincerely,

  
Scott Morgan  
Director, State Clearinghouse

Enclosures  
cc: Resources Agency

**Document Details Report**  
**State Clearinghouse Data Base**

**SCH#** 2016091072  
**Project Title** Lopez Canyon Equestrian Trails and Trailhead Project  
**Lead Agency** Los Angeles, City of

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**Type** MND Mitigated Negative Declaration  
**Description** The proposed project includes the formation of an equestrian trail loop system and supporting trailhead staging area. The trail loop would incorporate an existing maintenance access road, segments of an existing, disconnected trail network, and two new trail gap segments (Future Connection 1 and Future Connection 2), which will connect the aforementioned trails to form a loop, and the trailhead staging area. The proposed trail loop would extend approximately five miles and would overlap traverse three jurisdictions: (1) city of LA, (2) county of LA, and (3) US National Forest.

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**Project Location**

**County** Los Angeles  
**City** Los Angeles, City of  
**Region**  
**Lat / Long** 34° 17' 04.45" N / 118° 22' 59.33" W  
**Cross Streets** Terra Bella St and Terra Vista Way  
**Parcel No.** multiple  
**Township** 2N **Range** 14W **Section** 6 **Base** SBBM

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**Proximity to:**

**Highways** 118, 210  
**Airports**  
**Railways**  
**Waterways**  
**Schools** Community Charter MS  
**Land Use** Open space, vacant/open space, agricultural/open space, rural land

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**Project Issues** Aesthetic/Visual; Agricultural Land; Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Biological Resources; Drainage/Absorption; Flood Plain/Flooding; Forest Land/Fire Hazard; Geologic/Seismic; Minerals; Noise; Population/Housing Balance; Public Services; Recreation/Parks; Sewer Capacity; Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Solid Waste; Toxic/Hazardous; Traffic/Circulation; Vegetation; Water Quality; Water Supply; Wetland/Riparian; Landuse; Cumulative Effects; Other Issues

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**Reviewing Agencies** Resources Agency; Department of Conservation; Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 5; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 7; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 4; Native American Heritage Commission

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**Date Received** 09/29/2016 **Start of Review** 09/29/2016 **End of Review** 10/28/2016

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## Caltrans, 10-24-16

October 24, 2016

Ms. Adriana Borrayo  
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Los Angeles, CA 90015

RE: Lopez Canyon Equestrian Trails and  
Trailhead Project  
Mitigated Negative Declaration  
SCH#2016091072  
IGR#07-LA-2016-00195 (FL)  
Vic. LA/ 210/ PM R8.011

Dear Ms. Borrayo:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project.

The proposed project includes an equestrian trail loop extend approximately five miles and would traverse three jurisdictions (City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, and U.S. National Forest). The Los Angeles Sanitation (LASAN) is proposed to operate the trail loop system within the Lopez Canyon Landfill, which ceased refuse disposal in 1996 and formally closed in 2012, and City owned "buffer" lands.

The trail loop would be constructed in three phase contingent on available funding. The trailhead staging would be constructed in conjunction with Phase 1.

The nearest state facilities to the proposed project is I-210. Caltrans does not expect project approval to result into a direct adverse impact to the existing State transportation facilities.

Caltrans continues to strive to improve its standards and processes to provide flexibility while maintaining the safety and integrity of the State's transportation system. It is our goal to implement strategies that are in keeping with our mission statement, which is to *"provide a safe, sustainable, integrated, and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability."*

Caltrans is aware of the challenges that the region is faced with in identifying viable solutions to reducing congestion on State facilities. Caltrans encourages implementation of Active Transportation amenities that will provide an attractive alternative to driving. Caltrans will work with City to look for every opportunity to develop project that improve safety and connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Ms. Adriana Borrayo  
10/24/2016  
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As a reminder, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials, which requires the use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will require a Caltrans transportation permit. Caltrans recommends that large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods. A truck/traffic management plan may be needed for this project; if one has been prepared, please provide a copy for Caltrans' review.

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Storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Please be mindful that project needs to be designed to discharge clean run-off water.

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding these comments, please contact project coordinator, Frances Lee at (213) 897-0673 or electronically at frances.lee@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



DIANNA WATSON  
Branch Chief, Community Planning & LD IGR Review

cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse



# KCCA1; 8-16-17



Kagel Canyon Civic Association

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### **Re: Equestrian Staging Area and Trails Project at Lopez Canyon Landfill**

Dear Mr. Tokeshi:

As a community that borders Lopez Canyon Landfill and the one that is most impacted by activities there, Kagel Canyon has long awaited the fulfillment of the promise by the Bureau of Sanitation to create an equestrian staging area, trailhead, and network of trails on and around the landfill property.

1

We understand that HDR, Inc. will be facilitating the CEQA process and is currently preparing a document for public comment for this project. I write today to express the wholehearted support of the Kagel Canyon Civic Association of this project and of the proposed designs presented by HDR at the April 2016 meeting of the Lopez Canyon Restoration Project.

2

This project will provide our local equestrian community, as well as equestrians traveling from other areas, with a wonderful place to enjoy the natural beauty that surrounds the landfill, and eventually provide much needed connectivity to the Rim of the Valley Corridor.

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We specifically request timely written notification of the completion of the public document and of the window for public comment so that we may have the opportunity to review it and provide feedback at that time.

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Lopez Canyon Landfill Equestrian Project  
August 16, 2016  
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Thank you again for your work to make this project possible, and we are very much looking forward to its completion!

Sincerely,



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# LVTIA-1, 9-15-16



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September 15, 2016

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Re: Equestrian Staging Area and Trails Project at Lopez Canyon Landfill

Dear Mr. Tokeshi:

Lake View Terrace Improvement Association represents a community in the Northeast San Fernando Valley where the Lopez Canyon Landfill impacted many local citizens until its closure in 1996. At that time, various plans were created for eventual recreational use on the site of the closed landfill.

1

We understand that HDR, Inc. will be facilitating the CEQA process and preparing a document for public comment for an equestrian staging area, trailhead, and network of trails on and around the landfill property. Lake View Terrace Improvement Association is in support of this project and would like to be kept informed as it proceeds. We specifically request timely written notification of the completion of the public document and of the window for public comment so that we may have the opportunity to review it and provide feedback.

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Sincerely,

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# Lauber1, 10-4-16

## Lopez Canyon Equestrian Trail and Trailhead Project

As a regular trail riding equestrian from Kagel Canyon I am very interested in and indeed excited by the Lopez Canyon Equestrian Trail and Trailhead Project.

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This project is NEEDED. Here are some reasons why:

1) Places to ride in Los Angeles are going away on a continual basis. As the city and county continue to grow, places to access trails go away and never come back. Dedicated trails based on official arrangements by government agencies protect riding areas for extended time to come. This project creates official trail connections that will maximize the potential of already existing riding areas. It creates a wonderful staging area incorporating well-thought-out parking of horse trailer rigs.

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2) This project helps equestrians access the local riding trails without having to ride on highways and streets. Many of the local roads have little to no shoulder space. In the current situation many riders like myself spend way too much time riding in nervous fear of the next noisy truck or speeding car or motorcycle "spooking" my horse flying by inches away.

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3) This project will help ensure the future of equestrian trail riding in Los Angeles. It will provide a beautiful and wonderful set of trails to be readily accessed for generations to come.

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The team of individuals currently working on this project are efficiently and effectively putting together a realistic plan that is AFFORDABLE. This plan is not wasteful or extravagant. It heavily utilizes already existing resources including trails already in use and construction teams and materials of the Bureau of Sanitation at minimal cost compared to contracting out to private firms.

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This Lopez Canyon Equestrian Trail and Trailhead Project is far too valuable to be delayed or stalled. The opportunity is NOW. It must not be wasted.

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Thank you for your support of this project.

Tim Lauber



ICLC, 10-19-16

**INDIAN CANYON LAND CORPORATION**

P O Box 291 • Acton • CA 93510

City of Los Angeles/ LA Sanitation

10/18/16

Solid Resources Processing and Construction Division

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Attn: Adriana Borrayo

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Subject: Proposed Lopez Canyon Equestrian Trails and Trail Head Project

My Name is Mark LeCompte and I represent the Indian Canyon Land Corporation here in known as ICLC. The ICLC owns approximately 180 acres just north of the Lopez Canyon Landfill site. The property is now and has since 1949 operated as a shooting range, formerly the Southern California Gas Company Rod and Gun Club. There are currently five sportsman's clubs who share the facility, four of whom previously leased a portion of the range facility from the Gas Company starting in 1955. In 2002 the five clubs formed the ICLC and purchased a portion of the land from a private owner and in 2009 purchased the remaining portions of the range facility from the Southern California Gas Company.

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The Shooting Range facility has operated continually without incident or problems with the surrounding community for over 60 years. There are in excess of 600 members who along with their families and guests utilize the facility on a regular bases.

The range is also used as a training facility for several sworn law enforcement agencies including Los Angeles Police Department, Devonshire Division, Burbank Airport Police, UCLA Police Department, City of Englewood Police Department, City of Redondo Beach Police Department, US Marshals, US Postal Inspectors and the California State DMV Inspectors.

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We have several concerns with negative impact on portions of the proposed project.

1<sup>st</sup> Our property, lot APN 2846003006 as noted on your proposal page A-3, includes a large portion of the shooting range that is used by our members and for law enforcement training. This canyon terminates at the ridge line where you are proposing a new trail identified as Future Connection # 1, as shown on page A-11, Figure A-5, that trail runs north from the landfill site and connects with Indian Canyon Mountain Way.

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Our primary issue with this proposed section of trail is that it has a direct line of sight into the shooting venues and is approximately 1000 feet from the existing shooting range. Although the intended impact

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areas are not in the direction of that ridge, the trail is in relatively close proximity to the firing line and this does create however remote a citation where an accidental discharge or ricochet going in that direction would needlessly put hikers or horseback riders on the unobstructed ridge line in harm's way.

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2<sup>nd</sup> The next issue we have with this section of trail identified as Future Connection Number 1, is the problem created by (if you will forgive the expression) looky-loos. People hiking or riding horseback on that portion of the trail will be on a high elevation that looks directly down into the shooting range facility, normal human curiosity will cause them to want to see more and get closer for a better look. Especially if they see uniformed police officers shooting they will of course want to get closer to see what the officers are doing. This will bring these curiosity seekers more into harm's way and will also interfere with range operations as the range masters will most certainly be forced call cease fire and stand down the moment uninvited spectators appear on the open ridge. Whether the spectators come closer or not, the range master will likely not be able to continue operations as long as spectators remain on the ridge in plain view of the firing line.

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3<sup>rd</sup> At the point where Indian Canyon Mountain Way connects with this proposed new trail that comes downhill from the landfill site it turns from its west-west direction and heads north paralleling the ridge line. However heading westward on Indian Canyon Mountain Way puts you in parallel with the shooting range canyon and brings anyone on that path closer to the shooting venues and more in harm's way as well as onto our privately owned property.

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In the distant past we occasionally had problems with trespassers both on horseback and on motorcycles entering our property from this route. Although the road was posted with the appropriate Danger Shooting Range/ Firearms in Use signs, on some occasions their curiosity brought them right down the trail close to the shooting venues even with a match in progress. Obviously the noise from the firing line was not enough of a deterrent to keep them a safe distance away.

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After acquiring the property from the Gas Company, ICLC gated that trail and some years ago a government agency not known to us gated the opposite ends of the Indian Canyon Mountain Way and Kagel/Indian Mountain Way where they lead to paths that exit in Kagel Canyon this in conjunction with the fact that the LA County Fire Department has not maintained that section of trail as a fire access road as they always did in the past we have not had any problem with looky-loos or trespassers.

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We believe that putting hikers and horseback riders on the trail known as Future Connection # 1 is a bad idea and would only serve to needlessly put people in harm's way as well as spark human curiosity that would result in both safety concerns for the people using the trail and trespassing issues for our facility.

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4<sup>th</sup> Our Facility has also remained crime free for many years, primarily due to its remote location and limited access crimes such as burglary and vandalism are at an almost non-existent level. Allowing large numbers of unsupervised individuals to use this proposed section of trail with a direct view of our facility and access to it through Indian Canyon Mountain Way would most assuredly make our facility a target for unwanted trespassers entering the property during off hours. As the range facility is not in operations at night, this easy access would make it a sitting duck for late night intrusion.

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5<sup>th</sup> With regard to wildlife in the area the ICLC does not allow hunting or of any kind on its property and as the majority of our property is undeveloped and in its natural state the vegetation provides excitant habitat for indigenes wildlife which includes Hawks, Owls, Rabbits, Bobcats and many other species of animal, bird rodent and reptile. Indian Canyon also supports what from a layman's view is a very healthy heard of Deer. It is our opinion that the proposed section of trail known as Future Connection # 1 would encourage trespassers to enter our property through this proposed route and serve to facilitate the illegal poaching of these animals. The Department of Fish and Wild Life has in the past worked hard to stop poaching in the area, and as we feel our property serves as sanctuary that helps protect the wild life we do not want unwanted intruders to take advantage of this new access and harm of the abundance of wildlife that has been traditionally protected within our boundaries.

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6<sup>th</sup> Police Protection, Although the proposal states on page B-57 that the Los Angeles Police Department Foothill Division provides protection for the project area we believe that our primary area of concern, Future Connection # 1 resides within the County and we do not see any mention of the Los Angeles County Sheriffs who have jurisdiction in this area being a part of the plan. The LACSD should have input on this proposal as portions of the trail are in their area of responsibility. This same concern may also apply to the US Forest Service Rangers in the area.

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In conclusion we respectfully request that an alternate route be found for the section of the trail described as Future Connection #1.

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We recommend that this section trail be eliminated or relocated to a point where it does not run on the ridge line above the existing shooting range and does not connect with Indian Canyon Mountain Way in an area that would encourage its users to proceed downhill on the existing trail and trespass on our private property interfering with the designated use of the facility and putting the trespassers in a potentially dangerous location.

Keeping the trail well below that ridge and away from the line of sight of the range facility would eliminate both the safety and curiosity problems. Connecting to the Indian Canyon Mountain Way path far north of its westward leg and blocking access in the direction of the range facility would also serve to eliminate the aforementioned problems.

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Exiting the landfill site in an easterly direction south of the proposed path and using the next ridgeline to the east would eliminate all of these issues and allow both resources to exist without interfering with one another.

Thank you

  
Mark LeCompte

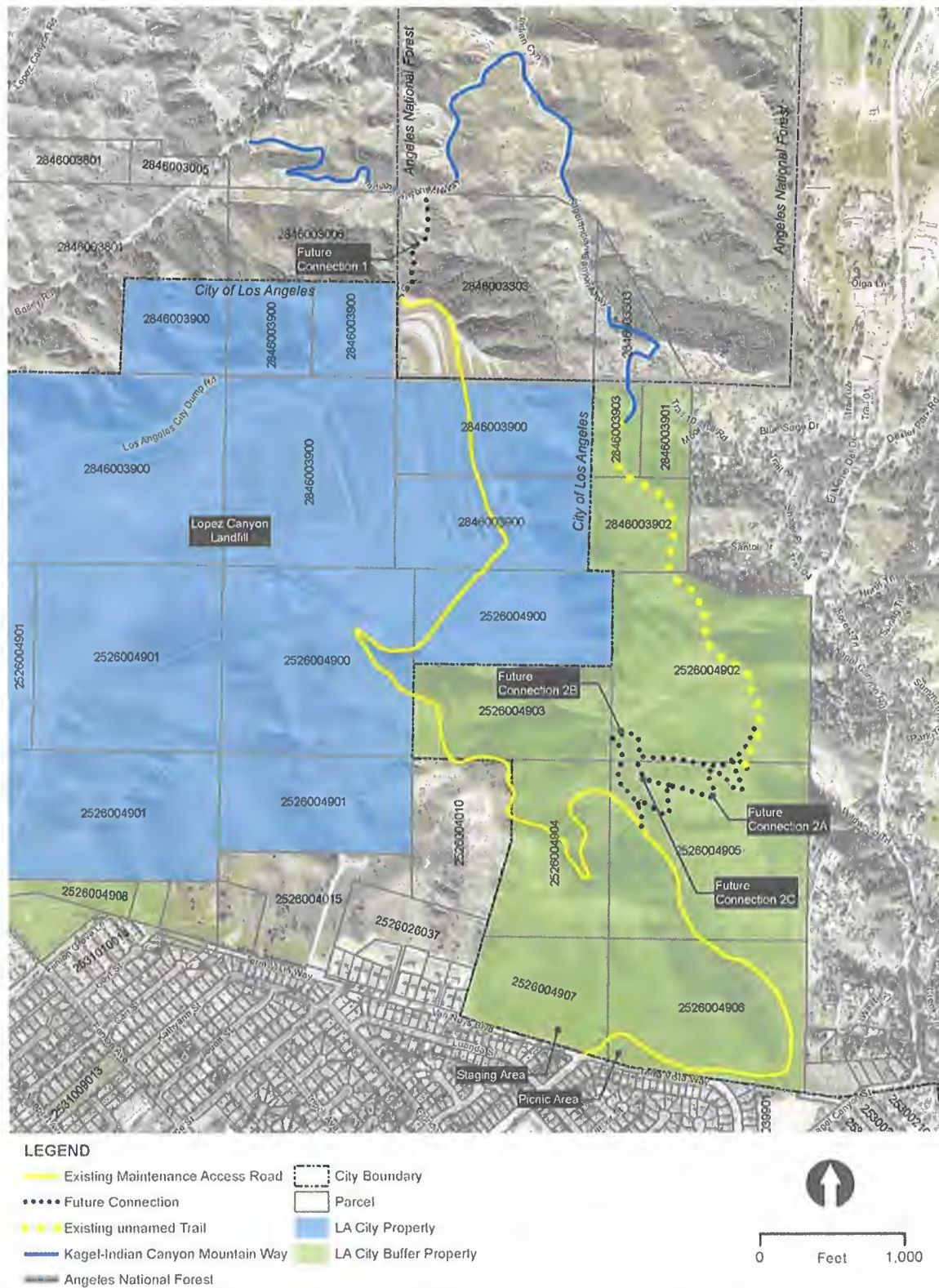
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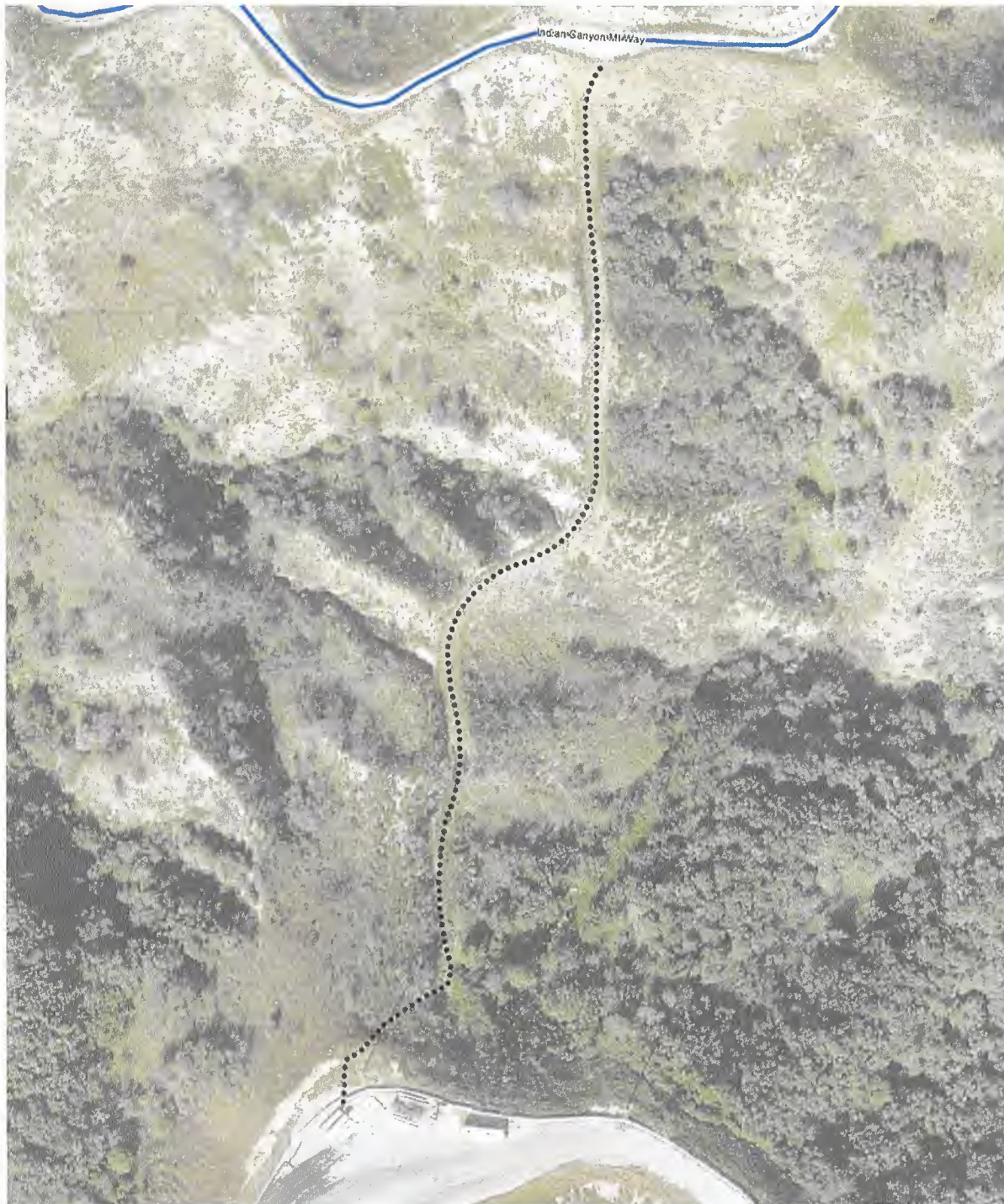
Figure A-2: Local Vicinity and Project Site APNs



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**Figure A-5: Future Trail Connection 1**



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- Kagel-Indian Canyon Mountain Way



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# LeCompte1, 10-20-16

From: **MARK LECOMPTE** <[lecomptefam@msn.com](mailto:lecomptefam@msn.com)>  
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Adriana

Good Morning!

I wanted to thank you for meeting with myself and my group last night after the meeting. It was a pleasure to meet you.

1

I think as you heard by the comments that the concerns of the group from the shooting are all basically the same ideas that I had expressed in my letter.

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None of us are fundamentally opposed to the trail, we just feel the current route that borders our range area needs to be moved to a location that will work better for both parties.

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As I mentioned I will provide you with some ground level photos of the area of concern and send them to you for reference.

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I also want to extend the offer to meet with you and or your team members and help to resolves this in a way that works for everyone.

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If you or your team are interested in a tour of the area from our side so you see first hand how the existing trails and the range facility come together I will be happy to arrange that as well.

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If there is any other information or help we can provide just let me know we will be happy help.

# Woodruff, 10-20-16

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Sent: 10/20/2016 11:36:26 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time

Subj: Lopez Canyon Equestrian Trail public outreach - Emergency Alert

Dear Foothill Trails District stakeholders,

A number of us have been working with the Bureau of Sanitation to create projects which would create recreational uses of the Lopez Landfill which was promised us by the City Council when it closed. The only project to date has been the trail head and trail along the eastern edge of the Landfill and beyond which began in 2011. It has been an uphill battle, but looked to be finally on its way with a draft EIR report in and open for stakeholder comments through the end of October (11 days).

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Public outreach has consisted of very limited notice for a meeting at Lopez Landfill on October 4 and in Pacoima last night. Rather than a meeting specifically created for this information which included a power point and consultants the Pacoima meeting ended up being at the last part of the Pacoima Neighborhood Council meeting which has had no involvement nor input into the project. It was on the agenda for a 5 minute presentation with questions and answers where previous presentations had been given 15 minutes and at a time where the meeting room was 20 minutes beyond their approved time with another group waiting outside.

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Julie T. was the only representative for the Equestrian community and was preceded by more than a half dozen+ angry members of several sportsmans clubs who use the adjacent area of



the upper trail section for shooting practice. FTDNC President Kevin Davis had to force his way to speak to ask why this meeting was not held in the NC area which promoted the project since 2011. Pacoima NC and the Bureau had no answer.

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In my opinion, this was a grievous mistake (?) on part of the Bureau of Sanitation and disrespectful to those folks who have devoted 100's of volunteer hours to make this public use a reality.

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**Given the number and opposition of the apparently numerous members of the shooting clubs there is a *very real* possibility that this project will be dropped unless supporters make their voices heard quickly.**

**Write your responses to the draft EIR or the project to Jimmy Tokeshi at the address below.**

Nancy Woodruff

This notice was sent 10/18.

Dear Resident:

This email is a reminder about the public meeting tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. on the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Lopez Canyon Equestrian Trails and Trail head Project.

The meeting to present the report will be held at:

**Pacoima Community Center**  
**[11243 Glenoaks Blvd., Pacoima, CA 91331](#)**

Thank you.

# Davis, 10-24-16

From: **Daniel Davis** <[daniel.davis.50@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.davis.50@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 10:28 PM  
Subject: Lopez Canyon Trails/Trailhead Project - CF# 15-0314  
To: [Adriana.borrayo@lacity.org](mailto:Adriana.borrayo@lacity.org)

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Dan Davis  
Kagel Canyon Resident  
Sportsmen at Lopez Canyon

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# Gnerlich, 10-24-16

From: **Steve Gnerlich** <[sgnerlich@socal.rr.com](mailto:sgnerlich@socal.rr.com)>  
Date: Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 7:22 PM  
Subject: Lopez Canyon Trails/Trailhead Project - CF# 15-0314  
To: [Adriana.borrayo@lacity.org](mailto:Adriana.borrayo@lacity.org)

Reference the above proposed project by the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation CF# 15-0314.

## Comment Form

Upon attending a public meeting of the Pacoima Neighborhood Council (PNC) on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, I learned the details of the proposed "Lopez Canyon Equestrian Trails and Trailhead Project" being considered for approval and construction by the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation. The power point presentation was very informative, and lasted approximately 15 minutes. After viewing the presentation, I have concluded that I am against the project for safety concerns, which I believe have been over looked during the planning process so far. Of particular concern is Phase 3 of the project, where a large portion of the trail parallels an active rifle range. Phase 3 of the trail project will place the users of the trail in danger. Therefore, I am against the project as presented. Thank you, Steve Gnerlich

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# Hutchins, 10-25-16

From: **Ryan Hutchins** <[r.troyh@gmail.com](mailto:r.troyh@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Oct 25, 2016 at 3:28 PM  
Subject: Concerns regarding Lopez canyon trail project  
To: [Adriana.borrayo@lacity.org](mailto:Adriana.borrayo@lacity.org)  
Cc: Gregory Bonanza <[bonanzahvac@gmail.com](mailto:bonanzahvac@gmail.com)>

Adriana,

I am Ryan Hutchins and i am a member of Lopez Canyon gun club and Crescenta Valley Sportsmans Club. I recently heard about the proposed Lopez canyon trail head project - CF # 15-0314.

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I write to you today to express my concern about a proposed trail that will run along an active shooting range.

I grew up loving the out doors and a kegal canyon / Foothill native. For many years i found great joy in hiking and mountain biking and have love for all of our local trails. I tell you this so you don't think my argument is biased. I also believe future development of this landfill could be beneficial in many ways. I will have to throw up a red flag though with a proposed hiking and or equestrian trail. The Proposed trail would run along an active shooting range. I would fear that this trail could jeopardize the safety of people and even horses.

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Our club has been rooted in this ground for over 75 years now. Our club has been home to thousands of people and many families. Not only has it been a safe place to practice the sport of target shooting, but its also been a home training field to many law enforcement agencies, utilities, fire fighters and boy scouts. Our club has also been home to many people that has served in the United States military. We even have resident deer and a few cubby of quail that bed and roost along our hills. Building this trail could potentially have great impacts to all.

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Please take in consideration our concerns. Again, my concern is the proposed location of this trail, but not the trail itself.

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Thank you for reading and God Bless.

Sincerely,

Ryan Hutchins

# Mazula, 10-25-16

From: **Ed Mazula** <[edmaz1@verizon.net](mailto:edmaz1@verizon.net)>  
Date: Tue, Oct 25, 2016 at 8:32 AM  
Subject: Project - CF# 15-0314  
To: [Adriana.borrayo@lacity.org](mailto:Adriana.borrayo@lacity.org)  
Cc: [edmaz1@verizon.net](mailto:edmaz1@verizon.net)

I **STRONGLY OPPOSE** Lopez Canyon Trails/Trailhead Project - CF# 15-0314. The proximity of low flying helicopters to monitoring the dump will scare horses and put riders in danger and being parallel to an active rifle range is not safe. I feel that peoples lives are in danger and I am **OPPOSED** to the project as presented.....Ed Mazula

From: **Laura Toro** <[ltoro3886@gmail.com](mailto:ltoro3886@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Oct 25, 2016 at 9:58 AM  
Subject: Lopez Canyon Trails/Trailhead Project - CF# 15-0314.  
To: [Adriana.borrayo@lacity.org](mailto:Adriana.borrayo@lacity.org)

Good morning Ms. Borrayo:

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I am also actively involved because we have no real representation in the city council here in this are due to our council person relinquishing his post

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Laura Toro  
Sunland Resident for 48 years.  
Small business owner for 25 years.  
I want to keep our community safe.

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Adriana Borrayo  
Environmental Engineering Associate  
City of Los Angeles/Bureau of Sanitation  
Solid Resources Processing and Construction Division  
phone: (213) 847-2300  
fax: (213) 485-2958



# Toro2, 10-25-16

From: **Scott Toro** <[storo3886@gmail.com](mailto:storo3886@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Oct 25, 2016 at 12:34 PM  
Subject: Lopez Canyon Trails/Trailhead Project CF#15-0314  
To: [Adriana.borrayo@lacity.org](mailto:Adriana.borrayo@lacity.org)

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I am also actively involved because we have no real representation in the city council here in this area due to our council person relinquishing his post.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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# Kruger\_10-26-16

Adriana Borrayo  
City of Los Angeles/LA Sanitation  
Solid Resources Processing & Construction Div.  
1149 South Broadway, Suite 500  
Los Angeles, California, 90015

Re: Lopez Canyon Staging Area/Equestrian Trails

Dear Ms. Borrayo,

Firstly I would like to say that it was very disingenuous of the Department of Sanitation to suggest to the community that they would be hosting a meeting at the Pacoima Community Center to obtain/discuss feedback from the community now that the Lopez Canyon Staging Area and Equestrian Trails MND has been released. This was nothing more than another presentation of the project itself, the phases in which the project would be constructed and a brief overview of what features (categorically without details) the MND would entail – presentations that have been given hundreds of times before in hundreds of different venues – why? This meeting was nothing more than a General Meeting of the Pacoima Neighborhood Council that just happened to have Lopez Canyon as a 5 minute item on its very long agenda. I would hope that the Bureau of Sanitation seriously considers extending the comment period deadline and hosting a true community outreach meeting dedicated solely to the Equestrian Staging Area/Trails MND.

Regarding Biological Resources #8: The MND implied that there would be long-term maintenance/removal of invasive weeds however did not clarify who would take on that responsibility nor exactly how this would be done – chemically?

Working hours were noted as being 7am to 9pm. 9pm is rather late considering the proximity of residential homes – you might consider shutting down at 7pm

Regarding the Environmental Checklist: Who, how and how well will staging area and trail solid waste be collected and disposal needs be met? This was not discussed in detail in the MND. The topic was also listed as “Less than Significant Impact” – this should probably be treated as “Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated” with a listing of those mitigations. Waste collection and disposal will not take care of itself.

Under Description of Project/Long-Term Management/Maintenance: Motorcycle and mountain bikes will be prohibited. How will this be enforced. Assurances of this would call for mitigation measures – a description of who/how.

The MND stated that LASAN will be responsible for management/maintenance of the trail network/staging area. Regulations to include:

Dawn to dusk hours year-round



No fires in picnic areas	
No smoking	
No overnight camping	9 cont.
Who and how will these regulations be enforced. Mitigations ensuring enforcement should be detailed in the MND.	
Will LASAN continue management/maintenance of the trail network in the 60 acres currently authorized for use by the landfill when that use permit expires in Dec 2019 or will LASAN drop that responsibility into the lap of the National Forest Service? A recommended condition of Project approval should be to amend the Special Use Permit if required for continued access/maintenance	10 11
Has a trail easement been secured from the Frank Family Trust? If they are unwilling to provide the easement on paper, is there an alternative route Plan B under consideration? Don't assume the trail will always be there and accessible just because it has been used in the past. Without a formal easement they could shut off access to the trail at will.	12 13 14
Re Noise and the legal maximum dbi 50 ft from the source/within 500 ft of a residential zone: The MND admits construction noise will exceed this legal maximum using a "no impact device" whatever that is. The MND claims elevated noise is allowed if it is "technically infeasible" to meet noise standards and the "no impact device" would reduce construction related noise to a level "less than significant" – which is considered to be? The MND emphasizes that this is during the construction phase only – but construction currently is proposed to be until 9pm. There will be complaints! Can equipment be shut down earlier eg 7pm.	15 16
The Operation was listed as "No Impact". It possibly should be listed as "Impact Less than Significant with Mitigation"	17
There will be large-sized vehicular traffic (not quantitatively, but qualitatively)	
There will be solid waste disposal to be dealt with – the MND needs to list mitigations to be imposed to deal with this. A simple who/how.	18

Thank you for your time and consideration,



Elektra Kruger

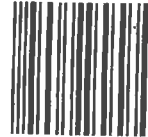
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RETURN RECEIPT  
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From: **Gregory Bonanza** <[grbonanza@yahoo.com](mailto:grbonanza@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Fri, Oct 28, 2016 at 9:46 PM  
Subject: Lopez Equestrian Trails and Staging area public comment  
To: "[adriana.borrayo@lacity.org](mailto:adriana.borrayo@lacity.org)" <[adriana.borrayo@lacity.org](mailto:adriana.borrayo@lacity.org)>

City of Los Angeles/ LA Sanitation Solid Resources Processing and Construction  
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ATT: Adriana Borrayo

1149 South Broadway Suite 500  
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Lopez Canyon Equestrian Trails and Staging Area Project (w.o. seq trails) CF # 15-0314

I **strongly oppose** the trails and staging area project, specifically "future connection 1" which will border an active shooting range. The shooting range on 15018 Bailey Canyon road has been there for 75 years. There are currently signs posted "live fire" along the fire access roads that border our property. If you view the property via Google Earth, there is a pin that says "Canyon Oaks Sportsmen's Club" which is one of the five clubs that own this property. It is plain to see there are multiple ranges on the property so I can not understand the representative from HDR present at the (PNC) meeting on October 20th 2016 could tell me he had no idea there was a shooting range next to the proposed equestrian trail. Creating an equestrian trail in this area would put the public in danger due to the proximity of live fire. The land is already not suited to equestrian trails. It is very steep consisting of some "Badland Terrain" which is very prone to erosion. The land mainly consists of Trigo-Modesto-Sand Andres Families soil which is also very steep, poorly drained soil with medium run off which is not ideal for a trail that is intended for 1,000 pound hooved animals to be using. Another reason the area is undesirable for an equine trail is the fact the LAFD has a training facility that operates on your property. They regularly fly very low over this entire canyon and hover in place for long periods of time. The idea of putting horses into a shared environment with helicopters is idiotic and wreck less. Also this

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area has a large population of Rattlesnakes, I've been frequenting the area for 18 years and during the summer you will see snakes every day. Another reason against public recreation near a shooting range is the potential for a lost or dehydrated hiker to unwittingly stumble upon a shooting range and find themselves in the line of fire. The increased numbers of people in the area will inevitably increase the fire danger in the area, which will threaten my property and it's buildings. Out of concern for the wildlife in the area construction should be delayed. This area has been suffering from severe drought for several years now, so the wildlife is in a very fragile state. The Quail coveys are just now starting to increase in numbers. What were one coveys of 40 to 50 birds have been cut down to less than 10.

I strongly oppose this trail and the public danger it creates. I am especially worried about the effect it will have on a property I love very much and how it would limit our activities. The Indian Land Corporation Property is used by over 500 members, Boy scouts of America, Gene Autry Museum and multiple law enforcement agencies.

Please feel welcome to contact me or come to my clubs meetings.

President Crescenta Valley Sportsmen's club  
Gregory Bonanza  
22517 Burton st  
Canoga Park, CA 91304  
[\(818\) 521-6365](tel:8185216365)

There are 2 meetings per month. On the first Thursday at 7pm it is held at the American Legion Hall in La Crescenta. On the third Monday of the month at 8pm it is held on our property at the end of Bailey Canyon road.

#### Questions

How often will the trails be patrolled by law enforcement of security?

How often will (LSAN) perform trail maintenance and what areas will it be responsible for?

How many people yearly are estimated to use this trail?

Why was the (PNC) meeting not held in Lake View Terrace with the Foothill Tails District Neighborhood Council?



# Boychuk, 10-29-16

From: **Valentin Boychuk** <[ghetovet00@hotmail.com](mailto:ghetovet00@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Sat, Oct 29, 2016 at 3:11 PM  
Subject: I STRONGLY OPPOSE Lopez Canyon Trails/Trailhead Project - CF# 15-0314  
To: "[Adriana.borraro@lacity.org](mailto:Adriana.borraro@lacity.org)" <[Adriana.borraro@lacity.org](mailto:Adriana.borraro@lacity.org)>

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Valentin Boychuk

Sportsmen at Lopez Canyon

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Monaly, 10-29-16

October 5, 2016

Joe Monaly Jr.  
653 E. Camellia Dr.  
Covina, CA 91723

City of Los Angeles/LA Sanitation  
Solid Resources Processing and Construction Division  
Attn: Adriana Borrayo  
1149 South Broadway Suite 500  
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing you concerning the proposal to put equestrian trails in the Lopez Canyon Landfill area. I need to bring to your attention that there is privately owned property in this area which will be negatively affected by the placement of the proposed trails.

I have been a member of a private shooting range for over 10 years located in the area you propose horse trails. This facility has been in place for over 70 years and serves not only the members who joined the club, but is a facility that is used by law enforcement agencies for training and used by the movie/entertainment industry.

The law enforcement agencies that I know use this facility include (not an all-inclusive list):

- Los Angeles Police Department
- Redondo Beach Police Department
- California Department of Motor Vehicles Investigations Unit
- Torrance Police Department
- United States Marshals
- San Fernando Police Department
- Burbank Airport Police Department

I think it is possible for the equestrian project and the private property owners to co-exist, but not based what is currently proposed by the City and HDR Engineering.

At this time, I must voice my opposition to this project on the grounds of safety. There are better ways to accomplish what you want without compromising the safety of the trail users and at the expense of the private property owners in the canyon.

Sincerely,



City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN)  
Lopez Canyon Equestrian Trails and Trailhead Project  
Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)

Shiells, 11-1-16

PUBLIC MEETING  
October 4, 2016 6:30 pm

On the lines provided below, please list your comments on the IS/MND prepared for the Lopez Canyon Equestrian Trails and Trailhead Project. If necessary, please attach additional pages. Once completed, please submit your written comments to: Ms. Adriana Borrayo, City of Los Angeles/LA Sanitation, Solid Resources Processing and Construction Division, 1149 South Broadway Suite 500, Los Angeles, CA 90015, [adriana.borrayo@lacity.org](mailto:adriana.borrayo@lacity.org), (213) 847-2300. Your comments must be postmarked by **November 1, 2016**. (Please print legibly)

I am writing to express my concerns pertaining to the northern portion of the proposed Equestrian Trail Phase 3. It is within about 1000 feet of an active rifle and pistol shooting facility with many ranges, and one range in particular shoots to the east in the direction of the proposed trail. It is highly unlikely that someone would be struck by a direct hit, but it is possible that fragments from ricochets could reach the trail area, and that riders may think they are being shot at if fragments do pass overhead. I am also concerned that horses may be spooked by unexpected loud noise from gunfire that could occur at anytime.

Please note that the shooting range has been in existence for 70+ years and is used by many police departments and security companies, etc. for training.

We do own a horse, but we would not consider riding on the northern portion of the Phase 3 trail knowing the close proximity of the shooting range.

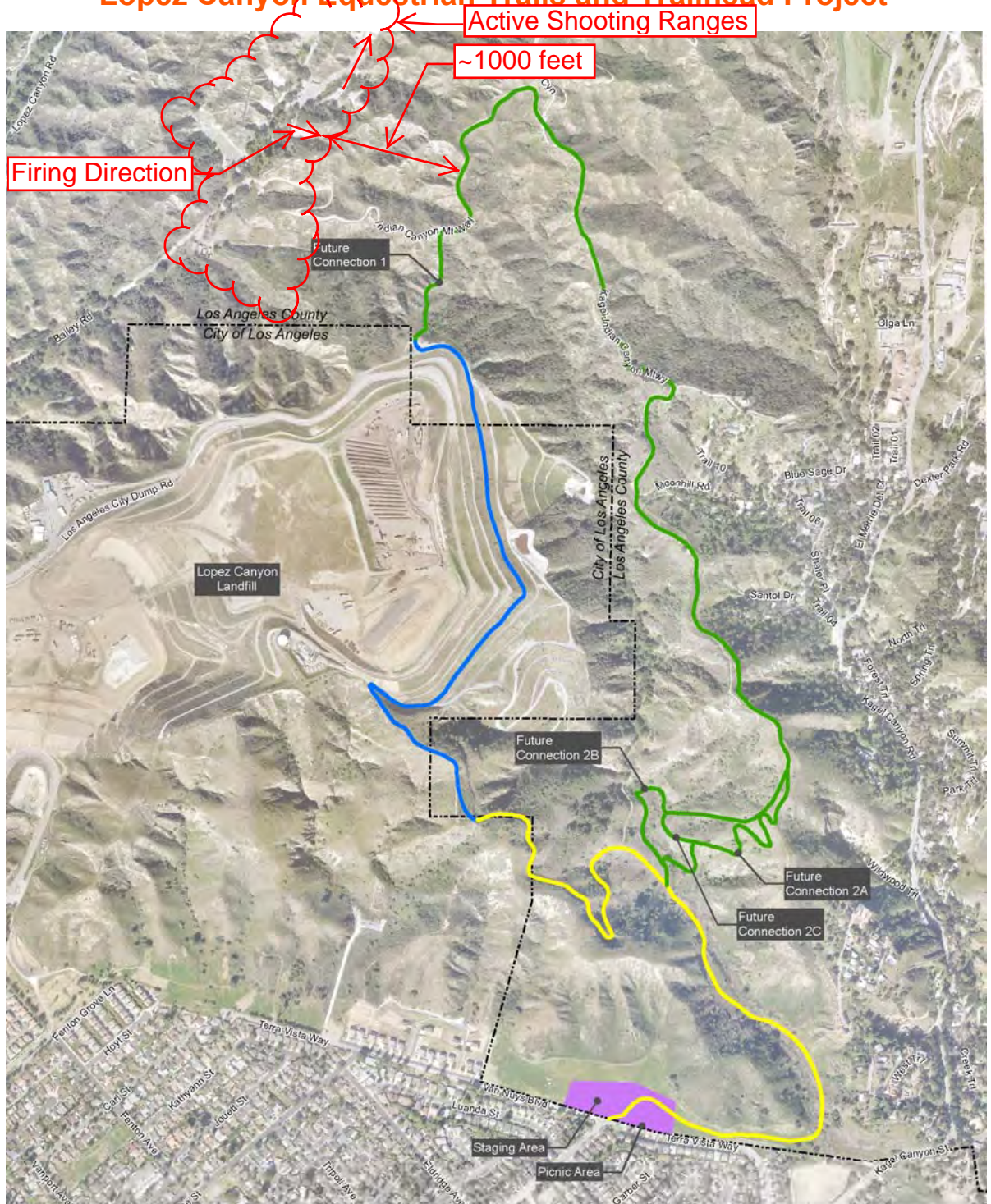
See attached trailhead project map with comments.

Submitted by (please print legibly):




Name: <b>David Shiells</b>	Agency/business/group name (if applicable):
Address: <b>4735 Castle Road</b>	Phone number: <b>818-957-1892</b>
City/state/zip: <b>La Canada, CA 91011</b>	Date: <b>10/31/16</b>



# Lopez Canyon Equestrian Trails and Trailhead Project



### LEGEND

-  Equestrian Trail Phase 1
  City Boundary
-  Equestrian Trail Phase 2
-  Equestrian Trail Phase 3
-  Staging Area/Trailhead



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On Tue, Nov 1, 2016 at 11:42 AM, Katharine Paull <[kpaul1@earthlink.net](mailto:kpaul1@earthlink.net)> wrote:  
Hello Jimmy,

Thank you for creating a new meeting. I was at the meeting at the landfill but felt it unnecessary to attend the one in Pacoima since that was a regular neighborhood council meeting. In fact, to the best of my knowledge, I have not seen Pacoima representation at landfill meetings in the almost 20 years that I have been attending them. Since there seems to be a problem with gun clubs objecting to the equestrian project, it would help if the Bureau could do some research regarding boundaries between the gun clubs and the the landfill before the April 16th meeting.

Sincerely,

Katharine Paull  
Kagel Canyon resident

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# Comment Form

## City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) Lopez Canyon Equestrian Trails and Trailhead Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)

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DEAR MS. BORRAYO,

I HAVE BEEN AN ACTIVE AND PARTICIPATING MEMBER OF C.V.S.C, ONE OF FIVE CLUBS OF THE LOPEZ CANYON RANGE, SINCE 1979. WE ALL ARE INVOLVED WITH LAPD TRAINING PROVIDING OFFICERS AND THE BOY SCOUTS A TRAINING FACILITY FOR PROPER FIREARM USE. THE PROPOSED EQUESTRIAN TRAIL WOULD STAND AS A SAFETY HAZARD TOO CLOSE TO OUR RIFLE RANGE. I BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE NO TRAIL NEAR OUR RANGE. THERE MUST BE A GREAT DEAL OF ALTERNATE AREAS IN ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE RECONSIDER ALTERNATE AREAS.

THANK YOU,

Patrick J. Kennedy MEMBER OF 35 YEARS.  
CRESCENT VALLEY SPORTSMAN CLUB.

Submitted by (please print legibly):

Name: PATRICK J. KENNEDY	Agency/business/group name (if applicable): CRESCENT VALLEY SPORTSMAN CLUB (C.V.S.C)
Address: 1111 N. BUREN VISTA ST.	Phone number: (818) 749-9881
City/state/zip: BURBANK, CA. 91505	Date: 10/30/16

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ONE OF OUR MEMBERS IS MIKE JUDGE, LAPD  
TRAINING OFFICER. HE TRAINS HIS STAFF AT THE  
RANGE. A HORSE TRAIL AS PROPOSED WOULD  
BE A SAFETY HAZARD.

# Chadwick, 11-1-16

October 30, 2016

## LOPEZ CANYON EQUESTRIAN TRAIL AND TRAILHEAD PROJECTED

Dear Ms. Borrayo:

Thank you for your recent participation and briefing at the Pacoima Town Council Meeting. This letter is to express my specific concerns regarding the project.

As was discussed in detail at the town council meeting, parts of the proposed trail, as currently proposed, would be located in proximity to an active shooting area. This shooting area has separate ranges for pistol and rifle shooting and shotgun (skeet and trap). The range is highly active with participation of 400 shooters represented by 5 different clubs. In addition to shooting by club members, the range is a key shooting and training location for the Los Angeles Police Department, other law enforcement agencies, and certain security training groups. The shooting area has been active in this location since 1949.

While the range is carefully managed to be safe, human and/or animal travel in close proximity to an active shooting range can be inherently dangerous. In addition to equestrian activity, trails in close proximity to the range could encourage unauthorized ingress into unsafe areas – such as by dirt bike users.

In addition to the clear and apparent dangers of humans and horses traveling in close proximity to an active shooting range, the wilderness experience of equestrian travel on trails is very seriously compromised if in proximity and within clear earshot of gunfire.

I have no objections to horses, horse trails, or other equestrian activity but believe that as additional equestrian trails are developed – they must be developed in safe and appropriate locations. I strongly suggest that trailhead and trail expansion efforts be reconsidered to make safety and quality of experience clearly the highest priority in developing sites. Close Proximity to the Lopez Canyon shooting ranges would clearly constitute a site that would be neither safe - nor desirable as an equestrian riding venue.

Thank you very much for your consideration of these comments,

Chris Chadwick

(818) 426-7619/[chrischadwick@yahoo.com](mailto:chrischadwick@yahoo.com)

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Please See  
Attached Letter

Submitted by (please print legibly):

Name: CHRIS CHADWICK	Agency/business/group name (if applicable):
Address: 2334 Rockwell St	Phone number: (818) 426-7619
City/state/zip: Los Angeles, CA 90019	Date: 10/30/16



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I toured the Lopez Canyon a few weeks ago while I was impressed with the proposed Equestrian Trails project. One important proposal was not mentioned.

That is nothing is going to be done about the many ravens on the property. One area the property is going to attract native birds.

How would native birds survive with the dozens of ravens on the property.

Ravens are known to eat newborn and juvenile birds. I suggest some type of sound assessment to scare away the ravens.

Submitted by (please print legibly):

Name:	Agency/business/group name (if applicable):
Lloyd Gunn	Sierra Club
Address:	Phone number:
11080 Summit Trl.	818 898 1747
City/state/zip:	Date:
Kagel Cyn 91342	10-31-16

# LeCompte2, 11-2-16

From: **MARK LECOMPTE** <[lecomptefam@msn.com](mailto:lecomptefam@msn.com)>  
Date: Wed, Nov 2, 2016 at 4:33 PM  
Subject: Re: Fw: Proposed Lopez Canyon Equestrian Trail comments  
To: Adriana Borrayo <[adriana.borrayo@lacity.org](mailto:adriana.borrayo@lacity.org)>

Hello Adriana

3 pm on the 16th will work fine, where would you like to meet?

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I was having problems with my email over the weekend, I sent the photos three times and twice I got an error message back but I was hoping you got them the third time.

Sorry for the miscommunication.

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Attached are some of what I sent.

Photo # 1 Is the proposed trail looking north from Indian Canyon Mountain Way toward the land fill, this is the section that crosses in front of the range facility.

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Photo # 2 is taken from the proposed trail about half way between the landfill and Indian Canyon Mountain Way looking west. You can see the range facility at the bottom of the canyon. Unfortunately the valleys between the lower hills allow the direct view of the firing

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line.

Photo # 3 is taken from the range facility looking east. The ridge line in the far center of the photo is the location of the proposed trail. As you can see it is in a direct line of sight from the shooting range area.

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Photo # 4 is Looking down at the range facility as scene from Indian Canyon Mountain Way from inside the ICLC property line. This is why we feel it best to keep people as far away from that leg of Indian Canyon Mountain Way as possible.

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Let me know if you receive these pictures and I will send the balance of them under separate cover.

Thank you

Mark LeCompte

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ICLC

[\(661\) 904-3408](tel:6619043408)











Paull2; 11-15-16

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Thanks for having this meeting - Nov. 16  
I hope the Bureau of Sanitation will  
interfere with organizations that can help  
maintain the trails.

How will the money from Equestrian office be used?

I urge you to move this as quickly  
as possible.

We need A LOT of assistance with  
timings and maintenance. We've been  
meeting for decades and not everyone  
has been used to it.

Don't hesitate to ask local people for help.  
I appreciate your meeting with the group.

Submitted by (please print legibly):

Name: Katherine Paull	Agency/business/group name (if applicable): Kogel Canyon Civic Ass.
Address: 12215 Park Trail	Phone number: (818) 899-7003
City/state/zip: Kogel Canyon, CA 91342	Date: November 15, 2016





Lauber2,  
11-17-16

From: "Donna Lauber" <buffalo2620@gmail.com>  
Date: Nov 17, 2016 10:15 AM  
Subject: Gun range owners concessions  
To: "Daniel Denering" <daniel.denering@lacity.org>  
Cc:

Dear Daniel

The gate and boulders are a beginning towards public safety - but lack security or public safety measures.

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He should be forced to have range master dressed in bright vest very obvious to the public on foot or horseback.

This may be a time sensitive issue regarding complying - but Kagel and everyone else doesn't need another bad commercial "neighbor" endangering our lives on multiple levels. LP

2

We have multiple issues with cemetery,  
(Environmental, criminal, and safety) all due to owners non compliant approach.

3

Please get in writing these agreements over range master and precise LOCATION and HOURS so we have protection to enforce legally.

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Not jamming you up  
but public safety is critical to avoid lawsuits. IF HE REALLY IS CONCERNED ABOUT SAFETY - he will comply without objections.

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MS. DONNA LAUBER

**Daniel Denering** <daniel.denering@lacity.org>  
To: Adriana Borrayo <adriana.borrayo@lacity.org>

Thu, Nov 17, 2016 at 12:23 PM

Comments from equestrian Donna Lauber.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: "Donna Lauber" <buffalo2620@gmail.com>  
Date: Nov 17, 2016 9:35 AM  
Subject: Meeting last night  
To: "Daniel Denering" <daniel.denering@lacity.org>  
Cc:

Hi,

It was great seeing you still in the process of executing the project.

I apologize for the skepticism of certain folks in the audience. They tend to be blind to creating the very blockages they make with their objections. 1

I am one of the most outspoken, in your face, honest people you will meet in life.  
I have to admit I had to completely restrain myself from going off on Mr. Gun club owner when he perpetuated the LIE that there were no incidents since 1955.

Having only lived here 18 years and experienced two directly and heard many of old timers complain - he is just busy covering his legal ass period. I returned searching for bullet remains next day on horseback but it's dangerous to go into brush looking. Snakes nesting, poor footing, ECT.....have medical bills and sheriff's came to our home day Tim may have been shot at by one of their hillbilly sportsmen's club members. I believe they went to his club regarding incident same day too. 2

He does not want to change direction of their shooting targets either. Wish he would. Bullets can fly up to one mile and his targets aimed directly east towards homes! The other gun range complied for public safety. He won't, but I suggest you keep this protest letter for future use by City of LA. should another incident happen - as a record of my objections. Many of old timers have passed away, lost their homes, or moved who witnessed this stupidity. Nancy Waters and I are possibly oldest long time residents due to 2008. 3

Forgive me, but I have little tolerance for this deceptive statement he repeated several times during meeting. Not going to let him get away with this. Someone gets hit, his business will be on the chopping block. 4

I did not challenge him because I do not want anything to disrupt the flow of all your hard work completed and going forward.

Thank you for having the meeting. You were exhausted, probably hungry and dirty, from building things and I do deeply appreciate your every effort to help our community. We have suffered a very long time over having the landfill presence.

Your replacement has passion but everyone needed more assurance he would fight for us to get it through. He seemed very placid to me. Can he handle the system and individuals we would be dealing with? Do they respect and / or fear, listen to him? I do not mean in one ear and out the other either. 5  
We need STRONG project manager.

Donna Trump (lol)!

Ms. Donna Lauber



# Owen; 11/17/16

Adriana Borrayo &lt;adriana.borrayo@lacity.org&gt;

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## Lopez Canyon Equestrian Trails Project

1 message

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Owen, Jan &lt;JOwen@burbankca.gov&gt;

Thu, Nov 17, 2016 at 1:54 PM

To: "adriana.borrayo@lacity.org" &lt;adriana.borrayo@lacity.org&gt;

Hi,

Thank you so much for the public meeting last night. I am so excited about this project and being able to use these trails! Signage will be most important.

I would like to request if there is any way to tie into the trail from the Kagel Cyn side and be done too.

Thank you!!!

*Thankfully,**Jan Owen**BWP Electric Services***818-238-3575**

KKCA, 11-29-16



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1149 South Broadway Suite 500  
Los Angeles, CA. 90015  
Attn: Adriana Borrayo  
[Adriana.borrayo@lacity.org](mailto:Adriana.borrayo@lacity.org)

Re: IS/MND for the Lopez Canyon Landfill Equestrian Trail and Trailhead Project

Dear Ms. Borrayo:

On behalf of the Kagel Canyon Civic Association, we appreciate the opportunity to review the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the equestrian trails and trailhead project proposed to be constructed on and around the former Lopez Canyon Landfill.

The Kagel Canyon Civic Association represents approximately 300 homes in Kagel Canyon. Our canyon is located immediately east of the landfill, and many of our residents can see the landfill property from their homes. We are a rural community, and our residents appreciate and use trails in our area. We have long awaited the proposed project on the old landfill site.

We are fully in support of the project with the mitigated conditions, with one adjustment. While the project is for a trailhead and a trail loop system, the current plans have a timeline for only the trailhead and one portion of the trail. In order to set and manage expectations within both the Bureau of Sanitation and the community, there needs to be a timeline and completion date for all stages of the project.

Hikers and equestrians of both L.A. City and L.A County have been waiting for over ten years for this trail system and trailhead. It will provide us the opportunity to hike in the hills we look at on a daily basis, and guarantee future connectivity to the Rim of the Valley Trail system. We are excited that the Lopez Canyon Landfill is moving forward with this project and we look forward to its timely completion.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly Erin Decker".

Kelly Decker  
President  
Kagel Canyon Civic Association



Sheflin, 11-29-16

From: **Kelli Sheflin** <[kelli105@hotmail.com](mailto:kelli105@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 29, 2016 at 6:48 PM  
Subject: Equestrian Trail  
To: "[adrianna.borrayo@lacity.org](mailto:adrianna.borrayo@lacity.org)" <[adrianna.borrayo@lacity.org](mailto:adrianna.borrayo@lacity.org)>

Dear Ms. Borrayo,

I am curious why the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation is planning to construct and maintain the Lopez Canyon Equestrian Trail. Shouldn't this be more properly done by the Department of Parks and Recreation?

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Sincerely,

Kelli Sheflin

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Adriana Borrayo  
Environmental Engineering Associate  
City of Los Angeles/Bureau of Sanitation  
Solid Resources Processing and Construction Division  
phone: (213) 847-2300  
fax: (213) 485-2958



Brkic, 11-29-16

To:

City of Los Angeles/LA Sanitation

Solid Resources Processing and Construction Division

Attn: Adriana Borrayo

1149 South Broadway Suite 500

Los Angeles, CA 90015

We are submitting a copy of about 100 signatures of immediate residents in opposition of the Lopez Canyon Equestrian Trails and Trailhead Project - Especially the staging area in the vicinity of Terra Vista and Terra Bella streets. We hope you will take into consideration the concerns of the persons who are residents near the proposed project. We (the residents) have had enough of dust and smell from the dump numerous times in the past. We don't need more from any other source. If you want to see original signatures they can become available upon request. In case the amount of signatures is insufficient, we will collect more signatures. These signatures were collected from only a small section of Lake View Terrace. Multiple persons communicated to the residents and collected these signatures. Over 95% of people that were asked for opinions or signatures were unaware of the existence of this project. We hope you reconsider and do not proceed with this project in this residential area. In case you decide to proceed with the project and ignore our opinions, residents plan on protesting this project further. We will also request media outlets to cover and air our concerns regarding the project. We look forward to working together on future projects that benefit the ENTIRE community that we live in and love.

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Respectfully submitted,

Milutin Brkic

11601 Luanda St.

Lake View Terrace Ca 91342

Cell 818-399-1433

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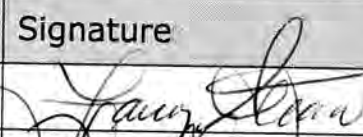

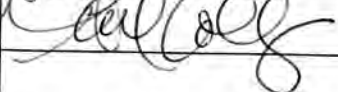
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Name (printed)	Address (printed)	Signature
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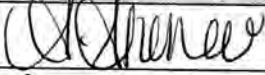
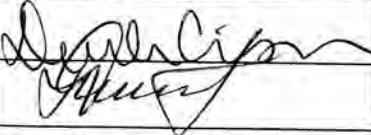
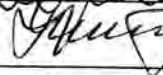
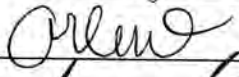
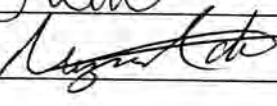
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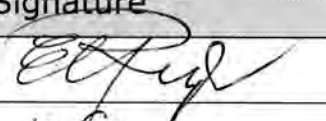
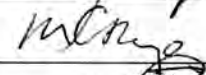
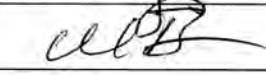
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EDGARDO PEJES	11440 TERRA VISTA WAY	
Marlene Perez	11440 Terra Vista Wy	
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RENEI CABALLES	11623 TERRA BELLA ST. LAKE VIEW TERRACE, CA	Renei Caballes
ROMINA CABALLES	11623 TERRA BELLA ST LVT CA	Romina Caballes
Razmik Hakopian	11627 Terra Bella St.	Razmik Hakopian
Robert Caballes	11623 Terra Bella Lakeview Terrace	Robert Caballes
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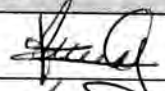
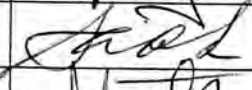


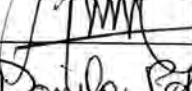
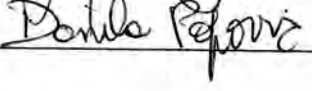
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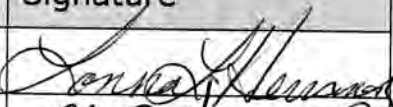
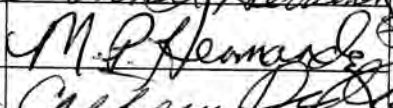
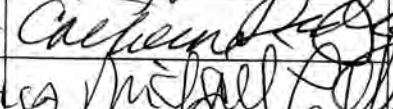
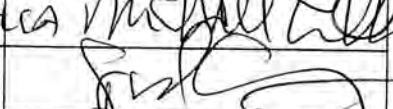
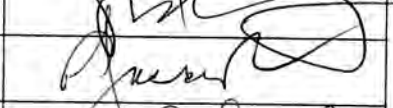
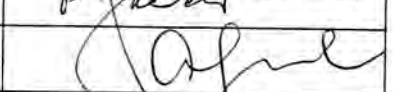
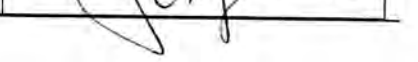
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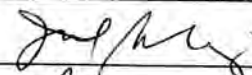
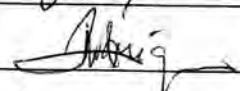
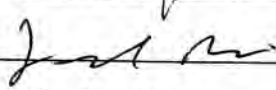
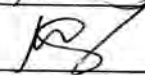
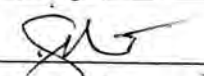
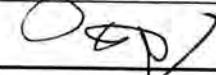
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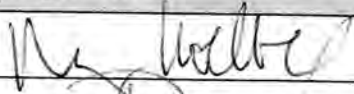






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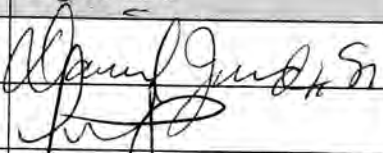
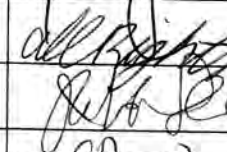
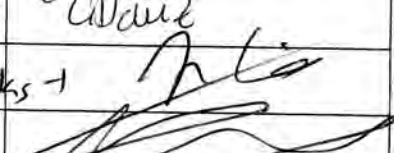

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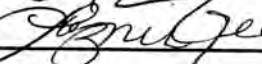
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## **2. RESPONSES TO COMMENTS**

Upon review of the comments received on the Draft IS/MND, LASAN has produced written responses for the comment letters identified in Table 1-1.

### **2.1 PUBLIC AGENCY COMMENTS**

#### **GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH (11/1/16)**

OPR-1 The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) thanks the Office of Planning and Research for confirming filing and receipt of the Notice of Completion of the Draft initial study and mitigated negative declaration (IS/MND). LASAN considered comments received on the Draft IS/MND and prepared a Final IS/MND for approval by LASAN's Committee and the City Council. A Notice of Determination will be filed pending approval of the project by the City Council.

#### **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (10/24/16)**

CALTRANS-1 The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN), thanks you for submitting written comments on the draft initial study and mitigated negative declaration (IS/MND). The comment's characterization of the project is accurate.

CALTRANS-2 LASAN notes the Department's findings that the project would not+ impact state highway facilities including Interstate 210.

CALTRANS-3 LASAN appreciates the Department's support for active transportation projects, such as the proposed project.

CALTRANS-4 LASAN notes the requirements for over-sized transport vehicles on State highways. LASAN expects to use equipment that is stored locally at the landfill for use in trail construction.

CALTRANS-5 LASAN agrees with the need to manage stormwater from the project site both during and following construction of the project. As provided on pages B-28 through B-29, Mitigation Measure BIO-12 is proposed to address stormwater discharges that result from construction and post-construction runoff from the site. This proposed mitigation would be effective in minimizing erosion and sedimentation that could otherwise result from the project.

## **2.2 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### **KAGEAL CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION (8/16/16)**

- KCCA1-1 LASAN notes the Kagel Canyon Civic Association's support for the project.
- KCCA1-2 LASAN notes the Kagel Canyon Civic Association's support for the project's phasing concepts. A draft IS/MND for the project was released to the public on September 22, 2016 for review and comment.
- KCCA1-3 LASAN notes the project's benefits identified in the comment.
- KCCA1-4 LASAN has included the Association on its distribution list for the project's draft CEQA document.

### **LAKE VIEW TERRACE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (9/15/16)**

- LVTIA-1 The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) thanks you for submitting written comments on the draft initial study and mitigated negative declaration (IS/MND). LASAN notes the historical context provided by members of the Lake View Terrace Improvement Association (LVTIA) regarding recreational opportunities contemplated at Lopez Canyon Landfill, following its closure in 1996. The City has zoned these areas for open space uses and the project is consistent with this use.
- LVTIA-2 LASAN appreciates LVTIA's support for the project. LASAN initially made the Draft IS/MND available for public review for a 30-day period beginning on September 30, 2016, and concluding on November 1, 2016. The comment period was extended to December 2, 2016 based on the level of public interest.
- The Draft IS/MND was made available in digital format on the City's website at [www.san.lacity.org](http://www.san.lacity.org). Printed copies of the IS/MND were also made available at the Lake View Terrace Library, Pacoima Branch Library, and Lopez Canyon Landfill.
- Public meetings were held to present information contained in the Draft IS/MND at the Lopez Canyon Landfill, Public Meeting Trailer on October 4, 2016, Pacoima Community Center on October 19, 2016, and Lake View Terrace Recreation Center on November 16, 2016.

### **TIM LAUBER (10/4/16)**

- Lauber1-1 The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) thanks you for submitting written comments on the Draft IS/MND. LASAN notes the commenter's support for the Equestrian Trail and Trailhead Staging Area Project.



Lauber1-2	LASAN understands the need to support recreational opportunities for City residents and appreciates the comment's support for the project.
Lauber1-3	LASAN notes the benefits of local access to the trail network that would be provided to nearby residents by the project.
Lauber1-4	LASAN notes the benefits of the project for existing and future equestrian users.
Lauber1-5	LASAN appreciates the project benefits identified by the comment, including LASAN's approach to phased implementation based on available funding.
Lauber1-6	LASAN notes the commenter's interest in implementing the project now. LASAN appreciates the comment's support for the project.

### **INDIAN CANYON LAND CORPORATION (10/18/16)**

ICLC-1	The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN), thanks you for submitting written comments on the draft initial study and mitigated negative declaration (IS/MND). LASAN appreciates the information provided by the Indian Canyon Land Corporation (ICLC) regarding the operation of a shooting range facility north of the existing landfill. LASAN notes that the shooting range has been in operation since 1949 and currently includes over 600 members.
ICLC-2	LASAN appreciates the additional information provided and notes the shooting range is used by the City's Police Department, other local police departments, and multiple state and federal agencies.
ICLC-3	As depicted in Figure A-2 of the Draft IS/MND, the trail alignment is located on the Angeles National Forest property, approximately 110 feet from the property line at its closest point.
ICLC-4	LASAN confirms the comment's approximate distance between the shooting range and trail alignment for Trail Connection 1, as depicted in Figure A-2 of the Draft IS/MND, at approximately 1,000 feet. The information provided by the ICIC regarding the proximity of the referenced shooting range to the proposed trail alignment at Future Trail Connection 1 is consistent with the information depicted in Figures A-3 and A-5 in the Draft IS/MND.

LASAN would note that an existing trail exists in the vicinity of Future Trail Connection 1 reflecting existing, informal use by multiple user types (e.g. equestrian) on property owned by the U. S. Forest Service and leased to LASAN for the purpose of continuing operation, maintenance, and monitoring activities. As a result, the concerns raised in this comment are representative of an existing condition. LASAN's intent of the Project is to formalize the trail use and implement a supporting long-term maintenance program. Notwithstanding the concerns raised in this comment, LASAN and USFS would appreciate ICLC's support in following all best management practices related to the safe use of fire

arms on it's property to address hazards to off-site properties and existing trail users.

- ICLC-5 LASAN notes the comment's concerns and would include appropriate signage to discourage the type of behavior cited. Please note that this issue is representative of an existing condition and not an impact attributable to the project, nor would this issue be considered an environmental impact pursuant to CEQA. Additionally, following additional dialog with USFS, LASAN has elected to remove Future Connection 1 from the project.
- ICLC-6 LASAN notes that traveling west along the Indian Canyon Mountainway Trail would result in users encroaching onto ICLC's property. As provided in Figure A-3 of the Draft IS/MND, LASAN's proposed trail loop would traverse east at the northern end of Future Connection 1 and away from ICLC's property. As provided in the Final IS/MND, LASAN is no longer pursuing Future Connection 1 as part of the project.
- ICLC-7 LASAN notes the location of an existing gate on the Indian Canyon Mountainway Trail, west of the intersection of Future Trail Connection 1. LASAN acknowledges the comment regarding the existing fire access road.
- ICLC-8 As provided in Response ICLC-4, concerns related to trail users on the Indian Canyon Mountainway Trail are representative of existing conditions. As indicated in Response ICLC-5, LASAN is no longer proposing Future Connection 1 as part of the project.
- ICLC-9 LASAN notes the opinion expressed by the commenter related to the potential for trespassing. Please refer to Responses ICLC-4 and ICLC-5.
- ICLC-10 LASAN notes the comment's concerns related to trespassing. Illegal trespass is not an environmental issue pursuant to CEQA. Please refer to Responses ICLC-4 and ICLC-5.
- ICLC-11 LASAN notes the wildlife management strategy employed by ICLC. Information regarding biological resources observed in the study area is provided on pages B-11 to B-30 of the Draft IS/MND, including potential project-related impacts and proposed mitigation measures. Firearms would be prohibited within the trail system. Illegal trespass and poaching are speculative, and are not germane to the environmental analysis.
- ICLC-12 LASAN notes the commenter's desire for the City to coordinate with Los Angeles County representatives as part of the Project, including the Sheriff's Department. LASAN agrees the commenter's need for interagency coordination and has been in coordination with multiple County departments regarding the proposed project.
- ICLC-13 On November 16, 2016, representatives from LASAN conducted a field reconnaissance with representatives from ICLC of the referenced gun club and shooting range and Future Connection 1 to better understand the operation,

types of ranges (e.g. handgun verses rifle), and line of sight issues. These issues were considered both in the context of safety for maintenance workers at the existing landfill that use the access road, which depicts the southern terminus of Future Connection 1, and the future trail alignment for Phase 3. Following this further research and coordination with USFS, LASAN is no longer proposing Future Connection 1 as part of the project.

These minor changes are reflected in the Section 3, Minor Changes and Edits to the Draft IS/MND, and the Final IS/MND and would not change findings or conclusions as provided in the Draft IS/MND.

- ICLC-14 Please refer to Response ICLC-13. LASAN considered other trail alignments, including a new trail connection as described; however, these alignments were determined to result in substantially greater impacts to protected biological resources and associated mitigation costs.

### **MARK LECOMPTE (10/20/16)**

- LeCompte1-1 LASAN notes the commenter's attendance at the second public meeting held on October 19, 2016 at the Pacoima Community Center.

- LeCompte1-2 LASAN notes the comment's opposition to the trail alignment proposed for Future Trail Connection 1 and presented in Figures A-3 and A-5 of the Draft IS/MND; however, not the overall goal and objective of the project. Please refer to Response ICLC-4.

- LeCompte1-3 LASAN notes the photographs provided. They are included in the administrative record for the project.

- LeCompte1-4 LASAN appreciates the commenter's willingness to better inform representatives from LASAN of the concerns raised as part of the trail's current alignment. As provided in Response ICLC-5, LASAN is no longer proposing Future Connection 1 in conjunction with the project.

- LeCompte1-5 LASAN appreciates the commenter's willingness to provide access to the property owned by the Indian Canyon Land Corporation (ICLC). Representatives from LASAN visited the ICLC property on November 16, 2016.

- LeCompte1-6 Comment noted.

### **NANCY WOODRUFF (10/20/16)**

- Woodruff-1 The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) thanks you for submitting written comments on the draft initial study and mitigated negative declaration (IS/MND). LASAN notes the comment's historic perspective regarding future recreational opportunities contemplated at Lopez Landfill. LASAN issued a Draft IS/MND on September 30, 2016; an environmental impact report (EIR) was determined to be not required based on the conclusions of the initial study.

- Woodruff-2 LASAN notes the comment's regarding the meeting and presentation at the Pacoima Community Meeting on November 18, 2016. Several public meetings were ultimately held for the project during the Draft IS/MND public review period. Additionally, the Draft IS/MND was made available for public review and comment in accordance with CEQA. Specifically, in response to the community interest associated with the project, the Draft IS/MND comment period was extended by 30 days, and a third public meeting was held on November 16, 2016 at the Lake View Terrace Community Center, which provided ample additional opportunities for public input.
- The Draft IS/MND was made available in digital format on the City's website at [www.san.lacity.org](http://www.san.lacity.org). Printed copies of the IS/MND were also made available at the Lake View Terrace Library, Pacoima Branch Library, and Lopez Canyon Landfill.
- Woodruff-3 Comment noted; please refer to Response Woodruff-2.
- Woodruff-4 LASAN notes the comment's opinion; please refer to Response Woodruff-2.

**DANIEL DAVIS (10/24/16)**

- Davis-1 LASAN notes the opinion expressed by the comment and general opposition to the project. This comment does not raise any issue relating to the information and findings as presented in the Draft IS/MND.
- Davis-2 LASAN has received multiple comments from members of the public identifying similar concerns to those raised in the comment. LASAN understands the comment's concerns regarding the proximity of Future Trail Connection 1 to the Indian Canyon Land Corporation's (ICLC) Gun Club and Shooting Range, which is used by both members of the public and law enforcement.
- LASAN would note that an existing trail exists in the vicinity of Future Trail Connection 1 (which would occur in Phase 3 of the original project), reflecting existing, informal use by multiple user types (e.g. equestrian) on property owned by the U. S. Forest Service and leased to LASAN. Based on the concerns raised by the public and USFS, Future Connection 1 is no longer proposed as part of the project.

**STEVE GNERLICH (10/24/16)**

- Gnerlich-1 LASAN notes the commenter's attendance at the second public meeting held on October 19, 2016 at the Pacoima Community Center.
- Gnerlich-2 LASAN notes the comment's opposition to the trail alignment proposed for Future Trail Connection 1 and use of the Indian Canyon Mountainway Trail presented in Figures A-3 and A-5 of the Draft IS/MND.
- Gnerlich-3 LASAN has received multiple comments from members of the public identifying similar concerns to those raised in the comment. LASAN understands the comment's concerns regarding the proximity of Future Trail Connection 1 to the



Indian Canyon Land Corporation's (ICLC) Shooting Range, which is used by both members of the public and law enforcement.

LASAN would note that an existing trail exists in the vicinity of Future Trail Connection 1 reflecting existing, informal use by multiple user types (e.g. equestrian) on property owned by the U. S. Forest Service and leased to LASAN. Based on the concerns raised by the public and USFS, Future Connection 1 is no longer proposed as part of the project.

**RYAN HUTCHINS (10/25/16)**

Hutchins-1 LASAN notes the comments regarding notification of the proposed project and concerns related to the proximity of the adjacent shooting range and presence of helicopters.

Hutchins-2 LASAN notes the comments regarding the historical use of the local trail network.

Hutchins-3 LASAN notes the opinion expressed by the comment and general opposition to the project as proposed for Future Trail Connection 1 (Phase 3 of the original project). As depicted in Figure A-2 of the Draft IS/MND, the trail alignment is located on the Angeles National Forest property, approximately 110 feet from the property line at its closest point. Based on a combination of input from the public and USFS, LASAN is no longer proposing Future Connection 1 as part of the project.

Hutchins-4 LASAN acknowledges your comments.

**ED MAZULA (10/25/16)**

Mazula-1 LASAN notes the opinion expressed by the comment and general opposition to the project. This comment does not raise any issue relating to the information and findings as presented in the Draft IS/MND.

**LAURA TORO (10/25/16)**

Toro1-1 LASAN notes the opinion expressed by the comment and general opposition to the project. This comment does not raise any issue relating to the information and findings as presented in the Draft IS/MND.

Toro1-2 LASAN has received multiple comments from members of the public identifying similar concerns to those raised in the comment. LASAN understands the comment's concerns regarding the proximity of Future Trail Connection 1 to the Indian Canyon Land Corporation's (ICLC) Shooting Range, which is used by both members of the public and law enforcement.

LASAN would note that an existing trail exists in the vicinity of Future Trail Connection 1 reflecting existing, informal use by multiple user types (e.g.

equestrian) on property owned by the U. S. Forest Service and leased to LASAN. Based on concerns raised by the public and USFS, LASAN is no longer proposing Future Connection 1 as part of the project.

Toro1-3 LASAN understands that there was a vacancy on the City Council for Council District 7. This vacancy was recently filled by Monica Rodriguez.

**SCOTT TORO (10/25/16)**

Toro2-1 LASAN notes the opinion expressed by the comment and general opposition to the project. This comment does not raise any issue relating to the information and findings as presented in the Draft IS/MND.

Toro2-2 Please refer to Response Toro1-2.

Toro2-3 Please refer to Response Toro1-3.

**ELEKTRA KRUGER (10/21/16)**

Kruger-1 The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) thanks you for submitting written comments on the Draft IS/MND. LASAN notes the comment's concerns regarding the meeting and presentation at the Pacoima Community Meeting on November 18, 2016. Please refer to response Woodruff-2.

Kruger-2 Comment noted; please refer Response Kruger-1.

Kruger-3 Comment noted; please refer Response Kruger-1.

Kruger-4 In response to the community input on the project and various stakeholders, LASAN extended the public comment period by 30 calendar days, from November 2, 2016 to December 2, 2016.

Kruger-5 LASAN appreciates the comment's interest in the maintenance of invasive weeds as part of the project's construction. LASAN expects to use a combination of invasive weed control measures depending on the specific species involved. Chemical treatments may be incorporated, where appropriate. All applications would be performed in accordance with manufacturer recommendations and LASAN best management practices.

Kruger-6 LASAN understands the comment's concerns regarding operating hours and the desire to have the trail facilities close at 7 p.m. Operation during daylight hours is fairly typical for recreational uses and would restrict use as necessary during the winter months when daylight ends at 5 p.m. and earlier. No environmental impact to residents associated with the trail project has been identified.

Kruger-7 LASAN appreciates the comment's concern regarding solid waste generation from the Project. In general, LASAN does not expect that the project would generate substantial amounts of solid waste (see page B-62 of the Draft

IS/MND). Additionally, LASAN as the principal implementing agency of the City's Solid Waste Integrated Resources Plan would provide for the proper manage of solid waste including the provision of receptacles for both recyclable and non-recycle materials. Based on these circumstances, no significant impact to landfill capacity or conflict with solid waste disposal regulations would result and no mitigation is required.

Kruger-8 As provided on page A-10 of the Draft IS/NMD, LASAN would be the management entity for the trail loop. However, following several revisions to the project, including removal Future Trail Connection 1, all proposed trail segments would be constructed and maintained in land owned by LASAN. LASAN will be responsible for enforcing the trail use restrictions with support from other entities, including the Los Angeles County Sheriff.

Kruger-9 LASAN appreciates the questions regarding long-term operations and enforcement. LASAN owns the property where the trailhead staging area is proposed, and maintains access through the property under existing conditions. With the project, LASAN will have personnel on-site daily to enforce the proposed regulations. All the proposed regulations will be clearly posted on new signage and enforced by LASAN with support from the City's Police Department and County Sheriff. No mitigation is warranted based on these operating parameters.

Kruger-10 LASAN is coordinating with the USFS regarding the future operating and maintenance of Future Trail Connection 1, which would traverse a 60-acre parcel currently leased by LASAN. As provided in the Draft IS/MND, LASAN will require USFS's approval from Future Trail Connection 1. Based on a combination of public comment and additional coordination with USFS, LASAN has removed Future Connection 1 from the project.

Kruger-11 As noted in Response Kruger-10, LASAN is no longer proposing Future Trail Connection 1.

Kruger-12 At this time, a trail easement for the Frank Family Trust has not been secured by LASAN. This easement requirement is identified on page A-14 of the IS/MND.

Kruger-13 LASAN appreciates the comment's insight regarding the need to secure an easement for the project and need to consider project alternatives, including avoidance of the Frank Family Trust. If required, the trail could be realigned to stay on LASAN's property; however, greater grading and habitat removal would likely be required. These potential impacts would be addressed through the mitigation measures proposed as part of the Draft IS/MND.

Kruger-14 Comment noted; please refer to Response Kruger-13.

Kruger-15 LASAN acknowledges the comments related to noise, including during construction of the project. As provided on page B-53 of the Draft IS/MND, LASAN determined that the nearest sensitive receptor to project construction is

80 feet in distance and short-term calculated noise levels at this location is 84 dBA. As presented in the Draft IS/MND, this impact is considered significant prior to implementation of proposed mitigation. LASAN has proposed Mitigation Measure N-1, as presented in the Draft MND, to minimize construction related noise such that the impact would be less than significant.

Kruger-16 LASAN acknowledges the comment's related to construction noise and work hours. Mitigation Measure N-1 reflects the same limitations on construction hours that are currently allowed by City ordinance. However, Mitigation Measures N-1 has been revised to specifically restrict construction after 7:00 p.m. (as opposed to 9:00 p.m. which is currently allowed by City ordinance).

Kruger-17 Based on the proposed use and low trip generation, operational noise is not expected; therefore, this issue is identified as less than significant (see page B-54 of the Draft IS/MND).

Kruger-18 LASAN expects minimal to no operational impacts from the proposed project as documented in the Draft IS/MND. Please refer to Response Kruger-7.

#### **GREGORY BONANZA (10/28/16)**

Bonanza-1 The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) thanks you for submitting written comments on the Draft IS/MND. LASAN notes the opinion expressed by the comment and general opposition to the project. This comment does not raise any issue relating to the information and findings as presented in the Draft IS/MND.

Bonanza-2 LASAN has received multiple comments from members of the public identifying similar concerns to those raised in the comment. LASAN understands the comment's concerns regarding the proximity of Future Trail Connection 1 to the Indian Canyon Land Corporation's (ICLC) Gun Club and Shooting Range, which is used by both members of the public and law enforcement.

Bonanza-3 The shooting range is identified on topographic maps produced by the U. S. Geological Survey for the San Fernando USGS 7.5' Quadrangle (see Figure 3-1 of Appendix C). This comment does not raise any issue relating to the information and findings as presented in the Draft IS/MND.

LASAN acknowledges the comments opinion and would note that an existing trail exists in the vicinity of Future Trail Connection 1 reflecting existing, informal use by multiple user types (e.g. equestrian) on property owned by the U. S. Forest Service. Based on comments received by the public and additional coordination with USFS, Future Connection 1 is no longer proposed as part of the project.

Bonanza-4 LASAN is aware that local soils are highly erodible. As provided on pages B-35 to B-36, the project would be subject to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), General Construction Permit, adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board. This permit requires permit holders to prepare



and submit a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP). The preparation of and compliance with the SWPPP would address concerns related to erosion.

- Bonanza-5 LASAN acknowledges comment's opinion regarding hazards related to helicopters; please refer to Bonanza-3. This comment does not raise any issue relating to the information and findings as presented in the Draft IS/MND.
- Bonanza-6 Concerns identified in the comment related to rattlesnakes and hikers are speculative, and are not germane to the environmental analysis.
- Bonanza-7 LASAN acknowledges the comment's opinion. This comment does not raise any issue relating to the information and findings as presented in the Draft IS/MND.
- Bonanza-6 LASAN notes the biological resources observed in the area and concerns related to the project. Issues related to biological resources are addressed on pages B-11 through B-30 of the Draft IS/MND. Please refer to Response Bonanza-4 regarding the presence of an existing trail.
- Bonanza-8 LASAN understands the extreme fire risk in the area as described on pages B-40 to B-41 of the Draft IS/MND. Mitigation Measure HAZ-1 is proposed to address concerns related to wildfire as identified in the comment.
- Bonanza-10 Comment noted; please refer to Response Bonanza-8.
- Bonanza-11 LASAN notes the opinion expressed by the comment and general opposition to the project as proposed for Future Connection 1. As depicted in Figure A-2 of the Draft IS/MND, the trail alignment is located on the Angeles National Forest property, approximately 110 feet from the property line at its closest point. Based on a combination of public comment and additional coordination with USFS, LASAN has removed Future Connection 1 from the project.
- Bonanza-9 LASAN notes the user groups of the adjacent shooting range.
- Bonanza-10 LASAN appreciates the commenter's interest in discussing their concerns. LASAN has met with representatives from ICLC and actively addressing this concern as part of the project's final design. Based on a combination of public comment and additional coordination with USFS, LASAN has removed Future Connection 1 from the project.
- Bonanza-11 LASAN would monitor trail use on a daily basis, minimum, and would be supported by the City's Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff on an as needed basis.
- LASAN would be responsible for long-term trail maintenance, which would be performed on an as-needed basis to maintain safe trail conditions.
- Bonanza-12 LASAN estimates 10 or less visitors during weekdays and up to 30 daily users during the weekends (see page B-9 of the Draft IS/MND).

- Bonanza-13 LASAN scheduled a public meeting at the Pacoima Community Center to inform the community of the project. In addition to potential users from Lake View Terrace, LASAN expects that potential users may reside in the community of Pacoima due to its proximity to the project. LASAN held a third public meeting at the Lake View Terrace Community Center on November 16, 2016.

**VALENTIN BOYCHUK (10/29/16)**

- Boychuk-1 The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) thanks you for submitting written comments on the Draft IS/MND. LASAN notes the opinion expressed by the comment and general opposition to the project. This comment does not raise any issue relating to the information and findings as presented in the Draft IS/MND.

LASAN has received multiple comments from members of the public identifying similar concerns to those raised in the comment. LASAN has coordinated further with the USFS and decided to remove Future Trail Connection 1 from the project.

**JOE MONALY (10/29/16)**

- Monaly-1 The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) thanks you for submitting written comments on the Draft IS/MND. LASAN appreciates the information provided by the commenter regarding the duration of the gun club and shooting range's operation. LASAN notes that the shooting range has been in operation for 70 years and is currently used for multiple law enforcement agencies.
- Monaly-2 LASAN notes the federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies that use the adjacent gun club and shooting range.
- Monaly-3 LASAN notes the opinion expressed by the comment and general opposition to the project. LASAN has received multiple comments from members of the public identifying similar concerns to those raised in the comment. Based on a combination of public comment and additional coordination with the USFS, LASAN has removed Future Trail Connection 1 from the project.

**DAVID SHIELLS (11/1/16)**

- Shiells-1 The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) thanks you for submitting written comments. LASAN notes the types of shooting ranges and activities that occur at the gun club and shooting range and their respective orientations.
- Shiells-2 LASAN notes the concern expressed by the comment. LASAN would note that an existing trail exists in the vicinity of Future Trail Connection 1 reflects existing, informal use by multiple user types (e.g. equestrian) on property owned by the USFS and leased to LASAN. Based on comments received by the public and USFS, LASAN has removed Trail Connection 1 from the project.

- Shiells-3      Comment noted; please refer to Response Shiells-2.
- Shiells-4      LASAN notes the duration of the gun clubs operation and the user types currently operating at the gun club and shooting range.
- Shiells-5      Comment noted.
- Shiells-6      LASAN appreciates the additional mapping information provided by the commenter. These locations appear further north of Future Trail Connection 1 and in the vicinity of the existing Indian Canyon Mountainway Trail on U. S. Forest Service property.

**KATHERINE PAULL (11/1/16)**

- Paull1-1      The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) thanks you for submitting written comments on the Draft IS/MND. LASAN notes the commenter's attendance at the first public meeting held at the Lopez Canyon Landfill on October 4, 2016 during the initial 30-day comment period.
- Paull1-2      LASAN appreciates the comment's suggestion. In addition to information received during the comment period, representatives from LASAN completed a field reconnaissance of the shooting range and portions of the Indian Canyon Mountainway Trail, west of the Future Trail Connection 1.

**PATRICK KENNEDY (11/1/16)**

- Kennedy-1      The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) thanks you for submitting written comments on the Draft IS/MND. LASAN notes the use of the gun club and shooting range by both law enforcement agencies and the boy scouts.
- Kennedy-2      LASAN notes the opinion expressed by the comment and general opposition to the alignment for Future Connection 1. Other alignments further east were considered but not carried forward due to the need for more extensive grading and greater impacts to coastal sage scrub habitat. LASAN would note that an existing trail exists in the vicinity of Future Trail Connection 1 reflects existing, informal use by multiple user types (e.g. equestrian) on property owned by the U. S. Forest Service. Following additional review and consideration of the comments received, LASAN has decided to remove Future Connection 1 from the project.
- Kennedy-3      Please refer to Response Kennedy-2. As provided, LASAN considers the issues identified by the comment to be an existing condition. The project would improve trail safety.

**CHRIS CHADWICK (11/1/16)**

- Chadwick-1 The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) thanks you for submitting written comments on the Draft IS/MND. LASAN appreciates the information provided by the commenter regarding the duration of the gun club and shooting range's operation. LASAN notes the use of the shooting range by both law enforcement agencies and the boy scouts.
- Chadwick-2 LASAN notes the opinion expressed by the comment and general opposition to the alignment for Future Trail Connection 1. LASAN would note that an existing trail exists in the vicinity of Future Trail Connection 1 reflects existing, informal use by multiple user types (e.g. equestrian) on property owned by the U. S. Forest Service. LASAN is not aware of any reported incidents to date. Following additional consideration of the comments received and coordination with USFS, LASAN has decided to remove Future Connection 1 from the project.
- Chadwick-3 Please refer to Response Chadwick-2. As provided, LASAN considers the issues identified by the comment to be an existing condition. The project would improve trail safety.

**LLOYD GUNN (11/1/16)**

- Gunn-1 The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) thanks you for submitting written comments on the Draft IS/MND. LASAN appreciates the information provided by the commenter regarding observations and concerns related to raven activity at the existing landfill. This issue is representative of an existing condition.
- Gunn-2 LASAN appreciates the concerns raised by the comment related to the need for effective management of ravens and protection of endangered birds. LASAN has proposed a mitigation program that would be effective in minimizing any hazards related to ravens during construction and long term management of the proposed trail. See Mitigation Measures BIO-1 through BIO-11 on pages B-20 through B-25 of the Draft IS/MND.

**MARK LECOMPTE (11/2/16)**

- LeCompte2-1 The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) thanks you for submitting written comments on the Draft IS/MND. Representatives from LASAN met with the commenter at the gun club and shooting range on November 16, 2016 to better understand issues raised in the comments received by the Indian Canyon Land Corporation and other members of the public.
- LeCompte2-2 LASAN notes the photographs of the various view vantages provided. These photographs were received by LASAN and further investigated during LASAN's site reconnaissance on November 16, 2016.

LeCompte2-3 LASAN notes the view vantages provided in Photo #1 and the existing, informal trail alignment.

LeCompte2-4 LASAN notes the view vantages provided in Photo #2 at the approximate mid-point of Future Trail Connection 1 and view of the shooting range. LASAN understands the commenter's desire to limit direct views of the facility.

LeCompte2-5 LASAN notes the vantages provided in Photo #3 and line of sight with the ridgeline that demarcates the U. S. Forest Service property boundary. This property is currently leased by LASAN under a Special Use Permit as described in the Draft IS/MND.

LeCompte2-6 LASAN notes the view vantages provided of the pistol ranges from the western portions of the Indian Canyon Mountainway trail.

### **KATHERINE PAULL (11/16/16)**

Paull2-1 The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) thanks you for submitting written comments on the Draft IS/MND. LASAN notes the commenter's attendance at the public meeting on November 16, 2016.

Paull2-2 LASAN anticipates allocating a majority of the funding reserved for the project for use in construction.

Paull2-3 LASAN notes the comment's desire to expedite approval of the project.

Paull2-4 LASAN appreciates the commenter's patience and understands that multiple user groups are interested in the project.

Paull2-5 LASAN notes the commenter's offer for ideas on approaches to discussing the project with the gun club. These comments do not raise any concerns with the content or determinations in the Draft IS/MND.

### **DONNA LAUBER (11/17/16)**

Lauber2-1 The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) thanks you for submitting written comments on the Draft IS/MND. LASAN notes the comments requesting additional safety measures at the adjacent gun club and shooting range.

Lauber2-2 LASAN notes the comment's safety concerns. LASAN is no longer proposing Future Connection 1 as part of the project.

Lauber2-3 Comment noted.

Lauber2-4 LASAN notes the comment's request for an agreement with the adjacent gun club and shooting range so that both uses are able to co-exist and operate safely. LASAN expects that the adjacent gun club and shooting range will continue to operate in a safe manner and maximize opportunities to avoid any



off-site discharge onto adjacent properties. LASAN is no longer proposing Future Connection 1 in conjunction with the project.

Lauber2-5      Comment noted, please refer to Response Lauber2-4.

**DONNA LAUBER (11/17/16)**

Lauber3-1      The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) thanks you for submitting written comments on the Draft IS/MND. LASAN appreciates the comment regarding progression of the project.

Lauber3-2      LASAN notes the alleged incident(s) reported by the commenter. Please note that use of the existing trail in the vicinity of Future Trail Connection 1 is not within the jurisdiction of LASAN, and is subject to the approval and oversight of the U. S. Forest Service. LASAN's special use permit does authorize trail use. LASAN would encourage the commenter to discontinue use of the existing trail since Future Connection 1 has been removed from the project.

Lauber3-3      LASAN notes the comment's concerns related to the adjacent gun club and shooting range and shares the commenter's concerns related to off-site discharges onto adjacent properties. Please refer to Response Lauber3-2.

Lauber3-4      Comment noted; LASAN appreciates the commenter's support for the project.

Lauber3-5      Comment noted.

**JAN OWEN (11/17/16)**

Owen-1          The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) thanks you for submitting written comments on the Draft IS/MND. LASAN appreciates the comment's support for the project.

Owen-2          LASAN notes the commenter's desire for an additional connection to Kagel Canyon. At this time, LASAN does not plan to expand the trail network beyond that considered in the Final IS/MND.

**KAGEL CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION-2 (11/29/16)**

KKCA2-1        The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) thanks you for submitting written comments on the Draft IS/MND. LASAN understands that the Association represents approximately 300 homes in Kagel Canyon and is supportive of the project.

KKCA2-2        LASAN appreciates the comment's request for additional information on the timing of project implementation. As provided on page A-13 of the draft IS/MND, construction of phase 1 would start in early 2017 and last for approximately six months. Following additional input from USFS and as reflected in the Final

IS/MND, the project will be constructed in a single phase and will exclude trail segments that deviate from LASAN-owned property..

KKCA2-3 LASAN notes the duration of time that the Association has been waiting for the project.

**KELLI SHEFLIN (11/29/16)**

Sheflin-1 The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) thanks you for submitting written comments on the Draft IS/MND. The Equestrian Trails and Trailhead Staging Area Project is located on lands currently owned by the City and administered by LASAN. As part of the project's development, LASAN is coordinating with both the City and County Departments of Parks and Recreation to maintain consistency with local trail standards.

**MILUTIN BRKIC (11/29/16)**

Brkic-1 The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) thanks you for submitting written comments on the Draft IS/MND. LASAN notes the commenter's opposition to the project and the inclusion of a petition from adjacent property owners also in opposition to the project.

Brkic-2 LASAN notes the nuisance conditions observed by the commenter are attributed to the landfill's operation, including dust. Air quality emissions resulting from construction and operation of the project were quantified as provided on pages B-9 through B-10 of the Draft IS/MND. As provided, the emission estimates for particulate matter, 10 and 2.5 microns, for both construction and operation would be less than significant. Additionally, as provided on page A-13, all construction would be performed in compliance with a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP), which would address dust generation during construction. Once constructed, the trailhead staging area would be graded and covered with a permeable layer of asphalt grindings, which would limit dust (see page A-8 of the IS/MND).

Brkic-3 Although all CEQA noticing requirements were fulfilled, LASAN understands that several of the signatories were not aware of the project. For this reason, LASAN extended the comment period 30 additional days (through December 2, 2016) and a third public meeting was held on November 16, 2016 at the Lake View Terrace Community Center.

Brkic-4 LASAN acknowledges the comment's request to not proceed with the project. This comment does not raise any issue relating to the information and findings as presented in the Draft IS/MND.

Brkic-5 LASAN appreciates the commenter's willingness to work with LASAN on future projects that benefit the entire community. LASAN remains committed to implementing the proposed project, as it would provide uniform recreational benefits to all members of the community.

- Brkic-6 LASAN has proposed Mitigation Measure TR-1 as part of the Draft IS/MND to address concerns identified in the comment related to project ingress/egress. This would include addressing vehicle loadings and pavement thickness.
- Brkic-7 Table B-9 of the draft IS/MND provides the General Plan land uses designations and zoning for the properties traversed by the project. As provided on page B-45 through B-49 of the Draft IS/MND, the proposed use would be consistent with these designations.
- Brkic-8 LASAN has proposed Mitigation Measure N-1 to address construction-related noise (see pages B-53 to B-54). Compliance with the proposed mitigation would minimize noise impacts to a less than significant level during construction. Once operational, negligible increases in noise would result due to the proposed use (e.g. trail recreation) combined with the infrequent and low number of daily vehicle trips generated by the project.
- Brkic-9 Please refer to Response Brkic-2.
- Brkic-10 As provided on page A-10 of the draft IS/MND, staff with LASAN will be responsible for the daily management of the project. Security fencing would be installed where appropriate.
- Brkic-11 As provided in Response Brkic-10, LASAN staff would be responsible for the daily management of the project, including refuse pick up, transport, and disposal. Further, given the distributed nature of equestrian uses throughout the trail network, LASAN does not expect a significant accumulation of manure and urine in a single location, including the staging area.

### 3. MINOR CHANGES AND UPDATES TO THE DRAFT IS/MND

Since the release of the Draft IS/MND, minor updates to the description of the Project, the evaluation of environmental effects, and mitigation measures presented in the Draft IS/MND have been made as a part of LASAN's ongoing coordination with agencies with jurisdiction over the Project. The changes described here do not change the conclusions presented in the Draft IS/MND. These changes are intended to clarify and update the description of the Project and to ensure that the Project is carried out in a manner consistent with the laws and policies governing the project area and the resources present.

Where changes to the text of the Draft IS/MND have been made, the modifications are shown in the response. Text additions are shown in double-underline and text deletions are shown in ~~strikethrough~~. Text changes are referenced by the page number, paragraph on that page, and the major heading under which the text falls. If a figure was revised, the figure number was changed to include "Revised" (i.e., Revised Figure A-3), and a description of the revision is included in this appendix.

Each section below identifies the minor changes and edits to each chapter of the Draft IS/MND. If no changes or edits are proposed, this fact is noted.

#### MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The following changes to draft MND are reflected in the Final IS/MND.

- The Draft IS/MND is revised to reflect the removal of certain trail segments from the final project.

The proposed project consists of an equestrian trail loop and trailhead staging area near the community of Sylmar in the northern San Fernando Valley. LASAN is proposing to operate the trail loop system within the Lopez Canyon Landfill, which ceased refuse disposal in 1996 and formally closed in 2012, and City owned "buffer" lands. The proposed trail loop as evaluated in the public review draft Initial Study/Mitigated Declaration (IS/MND) would extend up to five miles and would traverse three jurisdictions: (1) City of Los Angeles, (2) County of Los Angeles, and (3) U.S. National Forest. The trail loop would be constructed in up to three phases contingent on available funding. The trailhead staging area would be constructed in conjunction with Phase 1.

LASAN released a draft IS/MND in September 2016. Following an extended public comment period and coordination with the U. S. Forest Service, LASAN has decided to reduce the limits of the original project to include only eastern portions of Phase 1 and 3 on lands owned by LASAN. The final project will exclude portions of Phase 1 west of the Frank Family Trust, Phase 2, Future Connection 1, and Phase 3 trail segments within U. S. Forest Service lands.

#### INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST

The following changes to the Initial Study Checklist are reflected in the Final IS/MND.

- The second paragraph on Page 1 of the Initial Study Checklist is revised as follows.

The proposed trail loop as evaluated in the public review draft Initial Study/Mitigated Declaration (IS/MND) would extend approximately five miles and would traverse three jurisdictions: (1) City of Los Angeles, (2) County of Los Angeles, and (3) U.S. National Forest.

Forward: LASAN released a draft IS/MND in September 2016. Following an extended public comment period and coordination with the U. S. Forest Service, LASAN has decided to reduce the limits of the original project to include only eastern portions of Phase 1 and 3 on lands owned by LASAN. The final project will exclude portions of Phase 1 west of the Frank Family Trust, Phase 2, Future Connection 1, and Phase 3 trail segments within U. S. Forest Service lands.

## ATTACHMENT A: PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The following changes to Attachment A: Project Description are reflected in the Final IS/MND.

- The last two paragraphs of Page A-4 of the Draft Initial Study are revised to reflect the following:

An existing trail network currently traverses the eastern and southeastern portions of the Lopez Canyon Landfill “buffer” lands and extends north into the Angeles National Forest. Existing trail networks along both ridgelines provide informal access to the National Forest. These existing trails include informal trails and unpaved maintenance access roads used to support LASAN’s post-closure operations, including ongoing monitoring of the landfill’s groundwater monitoring wells. Figure A-2 illustrates the existing maintenance access roadway currently used and maintained by LASAN. This functionality would be carried forward as part of the project.

Portions of the “buffer” lands within unincorporated County jurisdiction, includes portions of the existing maintenance access road, trailhead staging area, and ~~an~~ existing unnamed trails. The existing unnamed trails ~~provides an~~ existing connections to the Kagel-Indian Canyon Mountainway. An existing, unnamed trail also provides informal access between the Lopez Canyon Landfill access road and the Indian Canyon Mountainway.

- The first paragraph on page A-5 of the Draft Initial Study is revised as follows:

The majority of the project area is situated in the Lakeview Terrace area of the City of Los Angeles. Surrounding land uses include open space/national forest on the north, undeveloped land and residential (Kagel Canyon residential community) on the east, Terra Vista Way and residential (Lake View Terrace residential community) on the south, and the Lopez Canyon Landfill on the west. A gun club and shooting range operated by the Indian Canyon Land Corporation is located to the northwest of trail network and used by multiple law enforcement agencies, including the City’s Police and County Sheriff Departments.



- The second paragraph on page A-11 of the Draft Initial Study is revised as follows:

The proposed alignment for Future Connection 1 is illustrated in Figure A-5. As shown, the trail alignment would be constructed along the eastern edge of a shallow ridgeline that connects the northern segment of Phase 2 with the ~~Kegal~~ Indian Canyon Mountainway to the north. The trail alignment would be constructed so as to minimize the removal of native vegetation, including coastal sage scrub. Guardrails, berms, and fencing would also be installed, where appropriate, to maintain user safety.

- The first paragraph on page A-15 of the Draft Initial Study is revised as follows:

LASAN is currently authorized to use/occupy approximately 60 acres or .09 square miles of National Forest System lands in the Angeles National Forest per a Special Use Permit (Authorization ID: LAR106601A). This permit, which expires on December 31, 2019, authorizes LASAN to continue their operation, maintenance and monitoring activities associated with the closed Lopez Canyon Landfill using existing foot trails and National Forest System roads. Of the 60-acre permit area, only seven acres was used as a disposal area during the landfill's operational years. As part of the proposed project, LASAN will work with the U.S. Forest Service to support the update or amendment of their existing use permit to facilitate the approval of a new forest road and trail easement and future implementation of Future Connection 1 and long-term maintenance.

- The first bullet on page A-16 is revised as follows:

- U.S. Forest Service – Special Use Permit (amended, if required); Approval of a Forest Road and Trail Easement

## ATTACHMENT B: EXPLANATION OF CHECKLIST DETERMINATIONS

The following changes to Attachment B: Explanation of Checklist Determinations are reflected in the Final IS/MND.

- The third paragraph on page B-49 of the Draft Initial Study is revised as follows:

APN 2846-003-303 is zoned A2-2. Pursuant to Section 22.24.120(B)(b) of the County's Zoning Code, "Riding and hiking trails, but excluding trails for motor vehicles" are permitted uses under the A2-2 zone. The proposed trail would be dedicated for equestrian users and hikers. Vehicular use on the proposed trail would be prohibited. Future Trail Connection 1 would be aligned to avoid any direct line of sight with the adjacent gun club and shooting range. As such, the proposed project would be a permitted use under the A2-2 zoning designation and no conflict would occur.

- The first sentence of the fifth paragraph on page B-49 of the Draft Initial Study is revised as follows:

As part of the project, LASAN will work with the U.S. Forest Service to amend their existing use permit, if required, and obtain a forest road and trail easement to facilitate the inclusion of Future Connection 1 into the overall Forest Plan of Work.

- Mitigation Measure N-1 on page B-53 of the Draft Initial Study is revised as follows:

- N-1 Construction Noise Mitigation. Prior to any grading activity, the project operator will require all construction contractor/subcontractor employees to attend the WEAP training prior to initiating their activities. All contract and subcontract employees will be required to implement the following noise attenuation measures during all phases of construction:
- a) Noise levels of any Project use or activity will be maintained at or below adopted County noise standards (Section 41.40 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code). The use of noise-producing signals, including horns, whistles, alarms, and bells, will be for safety warning purposes only.
  - b) No person shall, between the hours of ~~9~~7:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. of the following day, perform any construction or repair work of any kind upon, or any excavating for, any building or structure, where any of the foregoing entails the use of any power driven drill, riveting machine excavator or any other machine, tool, device or equipment which makes loud noises to the disturbance of persons occupying sleeping quarters in any dwelling hotel or apartment or other place of residence. In addition, the operation, repair or servicing of construction equipment and the job-site delivering of construction materials in such areas shall be prohibited during the hours herein specified.
  - c) Construction equipment will be muffled per manufacturer's specifications.
  - d) All stationary construction equipment will be placed in a manner so that emitted noise is directed away or blocked from sensitive receptors nearest the Project site.