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Subject: The County's Response to the Coyote Valley Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Les:

Yesterday, County staff from several departments and my office met to organize and plan our response to the Coyote Valley DEIR. It immediately became apparent to staff that it would be extremely difficult to carefully prepare responses to the numerous sections that pertain to the County, and obtain Board review and input within the sixty day window for public comment that has been set forth.

As you know, the Coyote Valley Specific Plan is the largest, most ambitious planned community in this valley, and it calls for, at full build-out, the development of 25,000 residential units and 50,000 new jobs on 3,400 acres. Accordingly, the DEIR is over a thousand pages, contains 93 *significant* environmental impacts, and proposes five project alternatives.

In the spirit of renewed City-County cooperation, I respectfully request that the Coyote Valley Specific Plan DEIR comment period be extended another thirty days or from June 1 to Friday, June 29, 2007 so that our agency can properly review and comment on this important report.

Sincerely,

Peter Kutras, Jr.  
County Executive

c: Joseph Horwedel, Director of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement