

April 8, 2013

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Re: World Logistic center DEIR

Dear Mr. Terell,

I own property adjacent to the San Jacinto Wildlife Area in the San Jacinto Valley; I visit the San Jacinto Wildlife Area frequently and appreciate the sanctuary it provides to a broad spectrum of wildlife.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) incorrectly designates an area adjacent to the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA) and part of the World Logistic Center project as a “Conservation buffer”. There is no such entity and the area described within this “Conservation buffer” is owned and maintained by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife as part of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. This area was acquired by the Wildlife Conservation Board in 2001 for addition to the San Jacinto Wildlife Area for endangered and threatened species habitat along with conservation efforts for wildlife in the county of Riverside. This was never meant to be or considered anything other than part of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. This designation is factually incorrect and misleading.

The area in question is also included in the Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) developed in 2004 for Riverside County. It was not described as a buffer zone but as MSHCP Conservation habitat.

None of the direct and indirect impacts to the MSHCP and other species on the SJWA are properly analyzed in the DEIR.

The EIR must address these issues, correctly identify the false “CDFW Conservation Buffer” as part of the SJWA and properly analyze an appropriate buffer for the SJWA. Any buffer proposed must be justified by evidence-based research that supports the size of such buffer.

The people of the state of California have over 100 million dollars invested in the SJWA and any threat or compromise of that investment needs to be thoroughly evaluated.

The current DEIR does not meet that criteria and, in its current form, is woefully inadequate in its evaluation of the detrimental effects of this project on the San Jacinto Wildlife Area.

This is only one of many issues that I am concerned about with this project. The amount of increased traffic from cargo trucks, the increased diesel emissions and light pollution created will all have a tremendous detrimental effect on the wildlife area and the adjacent lands that the state partners with in their conservation easement program.

This project may create jobs but will do so at the expense of what little wildlife habitat is left in Southern California and is not in the best interest of the people of the State of California and the county of Riverside. There are alternative locations that would achieve the employment benefits desired without damaging forever a unique wildlife area. I urge you to explore alternative sites for your expansion plans. The San Jacinto Wildlife Area is a unique treasure that needs to be protected and preserved. The development plans proposed would compromise this unique area.

Yours truly,

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