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Mr. Gary Sugano, Sr. Associate Planner  
Planning & Environmental Services Division  
City of Oxnard  
305 West 3rd Street  
Oxnard, CA 93030

Re: Draft EIR, Riverpark Project SCH #2000051046

Dear Mr. Sugano,

**Affiliated  
Organizations**

Friends of the Santa Clara River submits the following comments on the subject document.

California Native  
Plant Society  
*L.A./Santa Monica  
Mountains Chapter*

Impacts to water quality in the Santa Clara River and potential groundwater contamination are our major concerns relative to the River Park project.

Santa Clarita  
Organization for  
Planning the  
Environment  
(SCOPE)

Because of reduced impacts to groundwater in the mine pits conferred by Water Quality Treatment Alternative No. 1, we recommend its inclusion in the final project design. We note that the selection of this alternative would not alter the amount of development allowed within the Specific Plan Area.

Sierra Club  
*Angeles Chapter  
Los Padres Chapter*

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**Surfrider Foundation**

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Audubon Society  
*Ventura Chapter*

Sincerely,

Ron Bottorff, Chair

Ventura County  
Environmental  
Coalition

Friends of the Santa Clara River (FSCR)

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As described on page 5.0-32 of the Draft EIR, Water Quality Treatment Alternative No. 1 would involve the construction of larger stormwater detention basins. Since the proposed basins are located within 2 to 4 feet of the elevation of historic high groundwater, the basins could not be made deeper and would need to be expanded. In order to hold a 100-year storm, these basins would need to be 80% larger than proposed. In order to maintain the same amount of development on less land, the density of the residential uses on the remaining land would need to increase. This alternative is not considered feasible as the increase in construction and maintenance costs would provide only a very limited benefit to water quality.

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January 4, 2002

Gary Sugano, P.Plnr.  
CITY OF OXNARD  
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Subject: **Agency Comment for the RiverPark DEIR, TT 5352 (PZ 01-5-134)**  
**City of Oxnard, County of Ventura, State of California.**  
**(Gas Co. Atlas # VCO 1495-4, et.al.)**

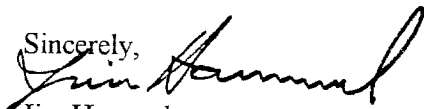
*The S.C. Gas Company anticipates no environmental issues in serving this Project.*

This letter is not to be interpreted as a contractual commitment to serve this proposed project, but only as an information service. Its intent is to notify you that Southern California Gas Company has facilities in the area where this project is proposed. Gas service can be provided **without** significant impact on the environment from existing **medium pressure mains in existing streets.**

Service would be in accordance with our policies and extension rules on file with the California Public Utilities Commission at the time contractual arrangements are made. The availability of natural gas service, as set forth in this letter, is based on present conditions of gas supply and regulatory policies. As a public utility, Southern California Gas Company is under the jurisdiction of the California Public Utilities Commission. We can also be affected by actions of federal regulatory agencies. Should these agencies take any action which affects gas supply or the condition under which service is available, gas service will be provided in accordance with the revised conditions.

When your project has final approval by the city or county engineer, please contact Mr. Dave Conway, New Business Project Manager, at **(805) 385-4823**. It may require up to 90 days to process your application for the installation of gas lines in your project.

Sincerely,



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The Gas Company (TGC)

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This comment from the Gas Company indicating that gas service can be provided without significant impacts agrees with the analysis in the Draft EIR.