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RE: Newport Mesa Unified School District – Comments for the  
Draft Environmental Impact Report – Newport Banning Ranch Project  
State Clearinghouse No. 2009031061

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Dear Mr. Alford:

Newport Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD), respectfully submits comments for the Draft Environmental Impact Report, Newport Banning Ranch Project in the City of Newport Beach dated September 9, 2011.

Comment No. 1 –

The table of contents identifies 4.14-2 as NMUSD School Capacity and Enrollment for 2010-11. The correct table number is 4.14-3. Table 4.14.3 also includes available capacity. There is also Exhibit 4.14-3 that identifies a map of School District Boundaries and Schools.

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Comment No. 2 - Local Funding – 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph last sentence.

The NMUSD pursues the opportunity for facilities funding whenever it is eligible in the State funding program. In June 2010 the District was awarded \$1,431,274 for modernization and new construction at Costa Mesa High School. However, due to the current state budget crisis, funding for the Costa Mesa High School projects has not been released. The total cost of the projects is \$7,456,294.64.

Comment No. 3 - Local Funding – 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph last sentence.

Measure A funds were used by the School District to modernize every K-12 school campus throughout the district for ADA compliance, Fire Life Safety, Utility, Technology Upgrades and Interior/Exterior improvements. Measure A projects were completed in 2007.

Comment No. 4 - Classroom Size – Last sentence.

It is defined as the total number of classrooms with 20 students in classrooms grade Kindergarten through third grade and 33 students in classrooms grades fourth through twelfth.

Comment No. 5 – TABLE 4.14-3 NEWPORT-MESA USD – SCHOOL CAPACITY AND ENROLLMENT FOR 2010-2011.

Below is a corrected copy of Table 4.14-3. There is an estimated capacity surplus of approximately 2,036 seats for grades K-12 District-Wide.

School (Grade Level)	Net School Capacity <sup>a</sup>	Enrollment <sup>b</sup>	Available Capacity
Elementary (K–6)	12,478	11,528	950
Secondary (7–12)	11,361	10,275	1,086
<b>District Total</b>	<b>23,839</b>	<b>21,803</b>	<b>2,036</b>

<sup>a</sup> Zareczny 2010  
<sup>b</sup> Zareczny 2010.  
Note: Ungraded elementary and secondary students are included into calculations.

Comment No. 6 - TABLE 4.14-4 AVAILABLE CAPACITY AT EXISTING NEWPORT-MESA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT – DISTRICT SCHOOLS NEAREST TO THE PROJECT SITE

Below is the corrected Table 4.14-4.

School Name	Net School Capacity <sup>a</sup>	Enrollment <sup>b</sup>	Available Capacity	Distance to the Project Site (mi)
<b>Elementary Schools</b>				
Newport Elementary	445	429	16	2.2
Newport Heights Elementary	584	637	(50)	2.8
Pomona Elementary	485	518	(33)	2.6
Rea Elementary	577	445	132	2.8
Victoria Elementary	365	384	(19)	3.2
Whittier Elementary	804	799	5	2.4
<b>Middle Schools</b>				
Ensign Middle	1,228	1,079	149	2.0
<b>High School</b>				
Newport Harbor High	2,844	2,511	333	2.3
<i>Subtotal Elementary Schools</i>	<i>3,260</i>	<i>3,212</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Subtotal Middle Schools</i>	<i>1,228</i>	<i>1,079</i>	<i>149</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Subtotal High School</i>	<i>2,844</i>	<i>2,511</i>	<i>333</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<b>Total Capacity</b>	<b>7,332</b>	<b>6,802</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Note: The distances were taken from the crossing of West Coast Highway at Industrial Park Way in Newport Beach. a. Zareczny 2010. b. Zareczny 2010 (Ungraded elementary and secondary students are included into calculations). c. Subtotals and totals may not add up due to rounding.				

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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