

Already included in the detailed studies that were prepared for the application submitted last April were potential impacts of the Golf Trail on water and traffic.

The facility will be used solely by golf club members and their guests, reducing the number of trips on area roads. Traffic analysts predict that 50 percent of the Golf Trail use will be by residents living within the Community Preserve, so the majority of trips generated by the Golf Trail will stay entirely within the Preserve.

Because of the community's expressed concerns about potential water quality issues, the drainage and water collection system for the Golf Trail is designed to capture all irrigation and storm water runoff. We will recycle and return this water to the irrigation supply system, ~--

In addition to the recycled storm water, we plan to use reclaimed domestic wastewater and wells as our sources of water, and will be limiting irrigation to a total of only 71 acres of turf area. By using treated domestic wastewater, we can decrease the demand for groundwater supply. In fact, studies indicate that the amount of water we'll be able to recapture and reclaim accounts for almost half of the total water needed for the Golf Trail.

On the subject of water, an article in our last issue of the "Rancho San Carlos Update" focused on water studies for the overall Santa Lucia Preserve. Recent findings from a third-party independent consultant selected by Monterey County have confirmed that:

- (1) the overall hydrologic system of the Ranch contains significantly more available water than required by the proposed project at full build-out, and
- (2) that given sufficient number of wells, the project needs can be met.

Receiving this independent confirmation of our comprehensive water studies is a very significant step in the approval process for the Santa Lucia Preserve.

Studies also show that:

- * The total water consumption by the Santa Lucia Preserve at completion will have an *indiscernible impact* on (1) on- or off-site vegetation or riparian habitat, (2) water supply for the Carmel Valley, or (3) other adjoining watersheds.
- * Off-site surface and subsurface groundwater flows to the Carmel Valley essentially will be unaffected.

In closing, if you have any questions on our proposed Golf Trail, or on any other subject relating to our Combined Development Permit application, please feel free to call us at 626-8200.

Sincerely,

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