

Alford, Patrick

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Subject: Newport Banning Ranch DEIR

Dear Mr. Patrick Alford,

I have a few questions and concerns regarding the DEIR for Banning Ranch.

The first issue is I do not believe there was enough time given to nearby residents to come up with adequate responses or questions. Most of us work full time and have families and other commitments. I would like to ask for an extension of the deadline.

The first question I have is why did the DEIR not include any and all evidence that the owners of Banning Ranch are illegally clearing it? Were they not just reprimanded by the Coastal Commission for not having permits to clear what appears to be sensitive and endangered habitat? How much wildlife habitat and wildlife would be there if this area was not mowed down (either legally or illegally)? It seems apparent to me that there would be much more wildlife habitat and wildlife if illegal mowing was not taking place.

Why is the fact that this area was used to protect the Orange County coastline from a Japanese invasion not considered important? I think that is very important! This is important from a historical perspective as well as any time in the future America is put into a similar situation.

Thank you for the opportunity to listen to my concerns and ask questions.

Brian Burnett

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