<Template for commenting on DEIRs by Santa Cruz Conservation Committee. For sample letters, see:

<https://www.coastal.ca.gov/wetrev/wetappb.html>

<http://www.scvas.org/page.php?page_id=6528>

[www.no710.com/\_deir-pdf/2-writing-effective-ceqa-comment-letter.pdf](http://www.no710.com/_deir-pdf/2-writing-effective-ceqa-comment-letter.pdf)

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<Organization Name>

<Address>

submitted by email to: <email address>

Subject: <Name> Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) SCH#<EIR number>

Dear <Addressee>:

<Opening comment>

<Possible intro paragraph. See <http://www.scvas.org/pdf/Conservation/Comments_on_Palo_Alto_Parks_Master_Plan.pdf>. Example intro paragraph: We submit the following comments on behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society and the Sierra Club. We have reviewed the proposed plan for Baylands Athletic Center and its expansion into the 10 acres of open space (formally golf course). We appreciate the allocation of an area near the creek to “Native Habitat” and suggest that the native habitat area be expanded to create of a “bird grove” of at least 6 of the 10.5 acres. We believe that these requests reflect the hopes expressed by Palo Alto residents as well as the wishes of the Parks and Recreation Commission.>

The DEIR as written contains valuable information regarding the environmental impacts of the proposed project, but it lacks critical information to assess and mitigate impacts of the project and alternatives. In particular, the Sierra Club requests that you address the following concerns (headings reflect resource areas under Appendix G of the CEQA guidelines as well as Sierra Club conservation and transportation policies):

<Include sections (see <https://www.ucop.edu/ceqa-handbook/chapter_03/3.3.html#3.3.5> for all sections) where comments are made using the following numbered format:>

<Overall headings taken from <http://www.scvas.org/pdf/Conservation/Ridge_Trail_Extension_EIR_Scoping_Comment_Letter.pdf>. >

Overall Comments

1. <Example: Climate Change, Drought, and Increased Likelihood of Wildfire.>
2. <Example: Scenic Easement>
3. <Example: Water Quality Degradation Related To Trespassers>

Federal Agencies <Note: This a CEQA element of each section. Shouldn’t these be combined under appropriate section?>

1. <Comment 1>
2. <Comment 2>
3. <Comment 3>
   1. <Sub-comment a>
   2. <Sub-comment b>

Biological Resources

Hydrology and Water Quality

Land Use and Planning

Transportation/Traffic

Cumulative Impacts

Conclusion

<Reference to subject of DEIR> affects sensitive environmental species and habitats. The DEIR is inadequate in its assessment of the project's impacts in the areas detailed above. The Sierra Club requests that these inadequacies be fully addressed in the final EIR so that alternatives can be properly considered and mitigations accurately evaluated.

Sincerely,

<Chair name>

<Chair name>, Chair Sierra Club, Santa Cruz County Group