I suggest re-alignment of the Appendix G utilities questions to facilitate better organized discussion. As currently written, the questions jump from one utility to another and back. I have sometimes used a re-written set along the following lines:

exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board, or be served by a wastewater treatment facility with inadequate capacity;

have insufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, and require new or expanded entitlements;

require or result in the construction of new water, wastewater treatment, or storm water drainage facilities, or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects;

be served by a landfill with insufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project’s solid-waste disposal needs; or

conflict with federal, state, or local statues and regulations related to solid waste disposal or recycling.

Other thoughts:

“exceed wastewater treatment requirements” is unclear since the wastewater is headed to a treatment plant – does it refer to industrial uses with highly concentrated wastewater?

For projects with groundwater sourced water supply there is considerable overlap between the water supplies question here and groundwater questions in the Hydrology section.

In the Aesthetics section, we often have projects where shading is an issue – perhaps this could be incorporated with the question on light and glare.

In policy document EIRs, I have taken the Land Use section question regarding inconsistency, and included it in other topic areas, to focus on inconsistencies regarding air quality plans, transportation plans, etc.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

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