Planning and Community Development Department

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Re: Native Sun Construction Preliminary Final PUD Plan DA-37-2021

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**Planning Division**

Planning Division has the following comments:

**Required Buffer and Screen Areas.**

(1) **Buffer Between Non-Residential and Residential Districts Separated by a Non-Arterial Road or Public Alley.**

(a) **Where Required.** A buffer is required along the road-side lot, parcel, or tract line of any non-residential use where the use is separated from a residential zoning district by a non-arterial road or public alley.

(b) **Depth and Planting Standards.** The required buffer shall be a minimum of 15 feet deep. The minimum number of trees in the buffer shall be 1 tree for every 15 feet of the road frontage. A minimum of ⅓ of the trees shall be evergreen trees.

(c) **Opaque Fence or Wall Required.** An opaque fence or wall with a minimum height of 6 feet is required along the inside edge of the required buffer when the area immediately adjacent to the 15 foot buffer is used as a service corridor for loading, maneuvering or storage. If the area is used for parking, the required parking lot screening shall be applicable.

(d) **Minimum Ground Covering Required.** The required buffer area shall require a ground cover at maturity with a minimum of 75% living plant materials. Bark, wood chips, rock, stone, or other natural landscape material shall be used as a non-living ground cover. Areas of a required buffer not covered in approved living ground cover material shall be covered in an approved non-living ground cover.

**Internal Landscaping.** The following internal landscaping is required:

**Requirements for Non-Residential Uses.** The following internal landscaping is required for non-residential uses.

(a) **Minimum Required Internal Landscaped Area.** A minimum of 5% of the lot or parcel shall be landscaped.

(b) **Minimum Number of Trees in Landscaped Area.** A minimum of 1 tree shall be provided for every 500 square feet of required internal landscape area.

(c) **Trees Replaced by Shrubs.** A maximum of ½ of the required trees may be substituted with shrubs adjacent to retail store fronts where the view of wall signs may be obstructed. At least 10 shrubs with a minimum container size of 5 gallons shall be provided for each tree that is replaced.

Kindly reference Chapter 6.2.2. Landscape Requirements of the LDC for more information on landscape and buffer requirements.

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**Engineering Division**

A driveway access permit from the County is required should construction of the site plan occur prior to annexation of Woodcarver Rd.

See the attached redline comment to the drainage report.

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**County Engineer (Public Works)**

Additional comments may be provided by the County Engineer.

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