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To: Michelle Chan  
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SUBJECT: Private GPA Proposal for Changing CSG/CPG Boundaries

Dear Michelle,

The Valley Center Community Planning Group would like to voice a serious concern that we feel impacts all San Diego County Planning and Sponsor Groups. Specifically, the issue is proposing to revise community planning area boundaries based on other than the well-established public processes for updating community plans.

This issue is currently occurring with a specific project using the General Plan Amendment process within the San Dieguito Community Planning Group area. The precedent being set threatens the viability of all Planning and Sponsor Groups to define and implement the community plan developed for the unincorporated areas they represent.

Change to a Planning or Sponsor Group's internal or external boundaries not originated by the affected Planning or Sponsor Group, or by the County itself as part of a general realignment, is an end around on the normal community plan development and amendment process. The Valley Center Community Planning Group strongly believes that revisions of approved Community Plans should require community process and public vote.

We are opposed to circumventing the public process and participation by use of a privately-initiated General Plan Amendment to change an existing, approved Community Plan. Community process and public vote must determine the boundaries of Community Plans.

Regards,

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R-BQ-L-1

R-BQ-L-1 Comment noted. Consistent with the comment, Planning and Sponsor groups have been given an opportunity to evaluate and comment on the proposed change exactly the same as the General Plan amendment addressed under the 2015 circulated Draft EIR. Also, similarly, the San Dieguito Planning Group will continue to provide input on the Project as desired. All of this information is part of the record considered by County staff during their recommendations to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, and considered by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors during their consideration of the Project. Please also see Topical Response: General Plan Amendment and Subarea Boundary Line Adjustment CEQA Analysis regarding the routine nature of boundary adjustments and Response R-H-5 relating to the lack of need for a public vote. Please see Response R-G-36 for a discussion on the ability of a private applicant to initiate and land use plan change.