

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 21 Jun 2011 10:11:09 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Citizens Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street, Suite 154-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814

To Whom This May Concern,

My name is Terry Leimbach and a resident of Lakeside, CA affectionately called East County. I sit as a Director on the Lakeside Chamber of Commerce. I moved here 20+ years ago to raise my children and ride my horses in a rural area. I found that peace here in Lakeside.

I could not make the meeting unfortunately but, would like to voice my opinion. I can not in any way think of a reason for this merge. First, the East County and Imperial County are not even close to any similarities, second, the interests are not the same and third, the communities have no common interests. We, the East County have fought hard to see that we are heard and have made some great steps towards the preservation of our Western heritage, You cannot merge the desert and farm land with our mountains, trails and scenic parks, you will be diluting all the hard work done here in the East County and I feel damaging two communities working for different ideas.

Please make your decisions toward leaving these two communities separate.

Sincerely,

Terry Leimbach





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### RANCHO SANTA FE ASSOCIATION COMMENTS ON STATE SENATE AND STATE ASSEMBLY REDISTRICTING

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your willingness to serve on the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. Ensuring that the Congressional, State Senate and State Assembly district boundaries are drawn in a logical manner that maintains the integrity of “communities of interest” is a vital and important task for the Citizens of California.

After carefully reviewing the first draft of the State Senate and State Assembly maps for the San Diego region, the Rancho Santa Fe Association respectfully requests that:

- Rancho Santa Fe Covenant and the adjacent unincorporated “communities of interest” in the mid county area should be located in the same Senate and Assembly district, as opposed to being located in two different districts.
- Rancho Santa Fe Covenant and the adjacent unincorporated “communities of interest” be removed from the “CSAND” Senate district and be placed into either the “NESAN” or “SANOC” Senate district.
- Rancho Santa Fe Covenant and the adjacent unincorporated “communities of interest” be removed from the “CRNOSAND” Assembly district and placed into either the “RANCHOBMM” or “NCOASTSAND” Assembly district.

The reasons for our request are described in the following paragraphs.

Rancho Santa Fe is one of several unincorporated communities in the San Dieguito area of San Diego County that share similar interests. (Attachment A) Even though each of the adjacent communities has a distinct identity, they share numerous similarities such as development patterns consisting primarily of rural, low density single-family residential development, provision of essential services, provision of

water and sewer service (or in many cases on-site septic systems), winding two-lane roads, and rolling topography. In fact, because they are so similar, all of these communities are included in the San Dieguito Community Plan, which is one component of the County's General Plan. In light of these similarities, Rancho Santa Fe and the adjacent unincorporated communities in San Dieguito meet the definition of a "community of interest" as described in Section 2(d)(4) of Article XXI of the California Constitution. Thus, the unincorporated communities in the San Dieguito area should not be separated into multiple Senate or Assembly districts.

Both the State Senate and State Assembly maps include Rancho Santa Fe at the very northern end of a long, narrow, irregularly shaped district, running up from the border of Mexico ("CSAND" in the case of the Senate map) or from Imperial Beach ("CRNOSAND" in the case of the Assembly map). Rancho Santa Fe appears to be included almost as an afterthought, attached as a peninsula at the far north of an otherwise southern coastal district that includes the City of San Diego and Coronado, which are approximately 25 to 30 miles to the south.

As can be seen from the maps, the Rancho Santa Fe peninsula is surrounded on three sides by the "NESAN" Senate and "RANCHOBMM" Assembly districts. The fourth or northwest side of the peninsula is adjacent to the "SANOC" Senate and "NORTHCOASTSAND" Assembly districts. Either of these adjacencies creates a stronger, more logical connection than is currently proposed. Moreover, neither the "CSAND" nor the "CRNOSAND" districts meet the Commission's own criteria for a geographically compact district with a fairly regular shape.

Rancho Santa Fe and the adjacent unincorporated communities have very little in common with respect to community character, living standards, transportation facilities, or work opportunities, with the far more urban areas in the City of San Diego, Coronado, National City, Chula Vista and Imperial Beach. Even more surprising is that Rancho Santa Fe would be the only unincorporated area in the "CRNOSAND" Assembly district and with the exception of a small unincorporated area over 40 miles away adjacent to the Mexican border, the only unincorporated area in the "CSAND" Senate district.

Service provision is also an important component when evaluating adjacent communities for planning purposes. Therefore, the Rancho Santa Fe Association recommends that your Commission consider how essential services and water and sewer services are provided to the San Dieguito area. Currently, there are three Special Districts and one County Service Area that provide fire protection, water, sewer, and EMS services. The districts are as follows:

- Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District
- Rancho Santa Fe Community Services District (sewer)
- Santa Fe Irrigation District (water)
- County Service Area 17 (EMS)

As currently proposed, the State Senate and State Assembly districts would divide the service boundaries of these Special Districts in the unincorporated area. In two of the districts and in the County Service Area, the Special District would be split almost in half. (Attachments B-E)

For the reasons described above, the Rancho Santa Fe Association disagrees that the "CSAND" State Senate district and the "CRONOSAND" State Assembly district meet the Commission's desired outcome to "create districts that reflect geographical and common sense boundaries."

So to reiterate, the Rancho Santa Fe Association respectfully requests that:

- Rancho Santa Fe Covenant and the adjacent unincorporated "communities of interest" in the mid county area should be located in the same Senate and Assembly districts.
- Rancho Santa Fe Covenant and the adjacent unincorporated "communities of interest" be removed from the "CSAND" Senate district and be placed into either the "NESAN" or "SANOC" Senate district.
- Rancho Santa Fe Covenant and the adjacent unincorporated "communities of interest" be removed from the "CRNOSAND" Assembly district and placed into either the "RANCHOBMM" or "NCOASTSAND" Assembly district.

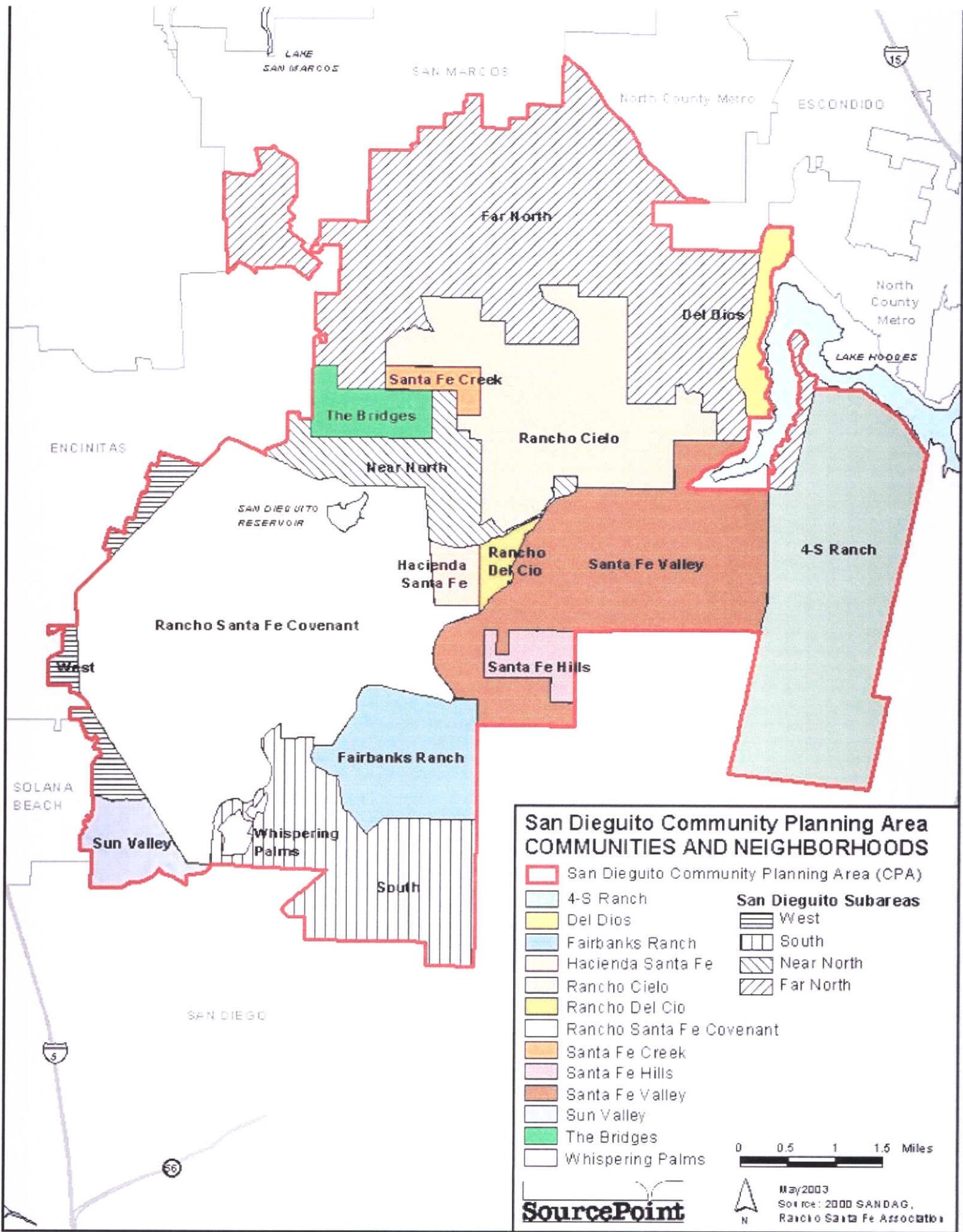
Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Association Manager, Mr. Pete Smith at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,



Tom Lang, President  
Rancho Santa Fe Association

Attachments: A – Map of Unincorporated Communities in San Dieguito  
B – Map of Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection Boundary  
C – Map of Rancho Santa Fe Community Services District Boundary  
D – Map of County Service Area 17 Boundary  
E – Map of Santa Fe Irrigation District Boundary



**San Dieguito Community Planning Area  
COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS**

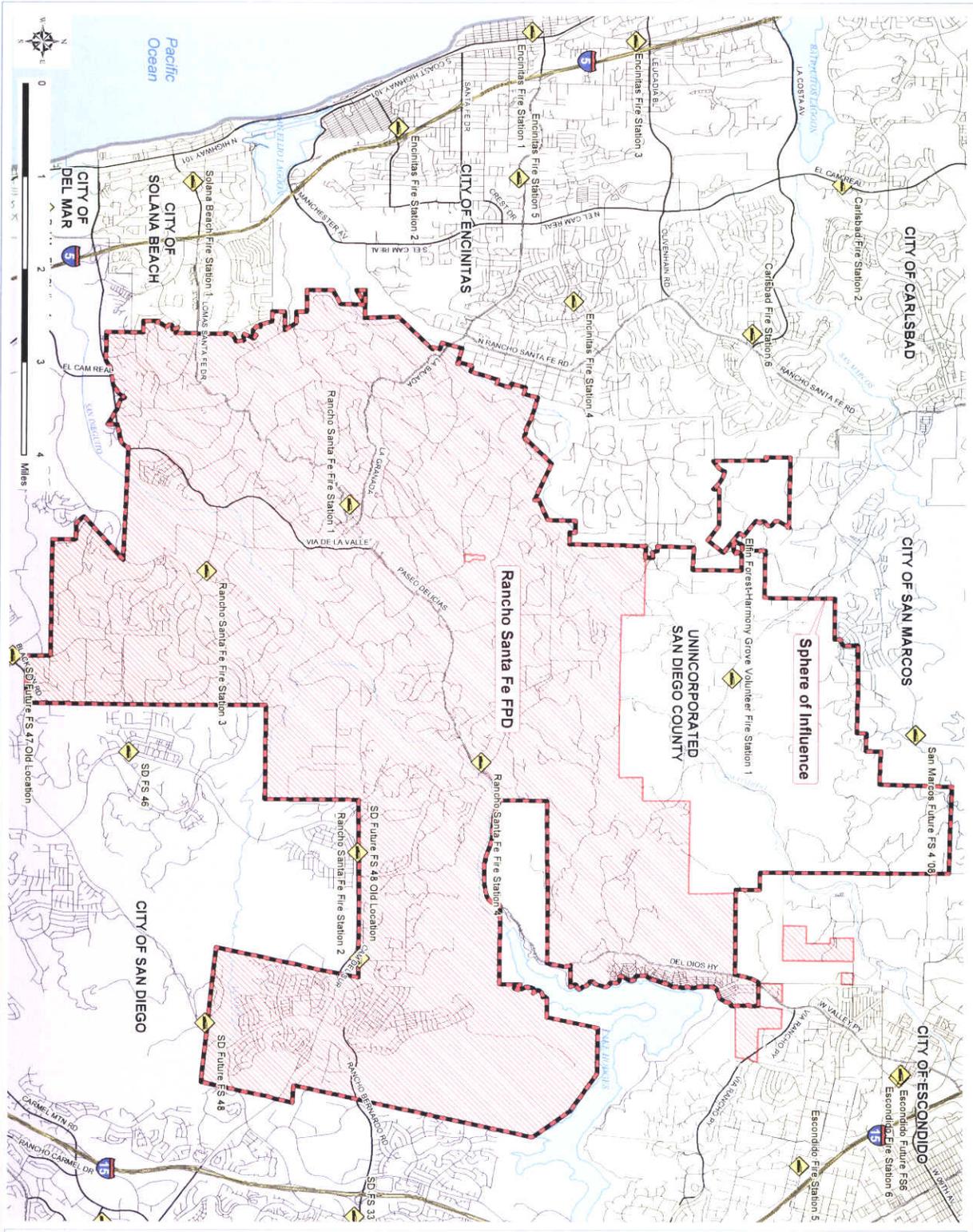
- San Dieguito Community Planning Area (CPA)
  - 4-S Ranch
  - Del Dios
  - Fairbanks Ranch
  - Hacienda Santa Fe
  - Rancho Cielo
  - Rancho Del Cio
  - Rancho Santa Fe Covenant
  - Santa Fe Creek
  - Santa Fe Hills
  - Santa Fe Valley
  - Sun Valley
  - The Bridges
  - Whispering Palms
- San Dieguito Subareas**
- West
  - South
  - Near North
  - Far North

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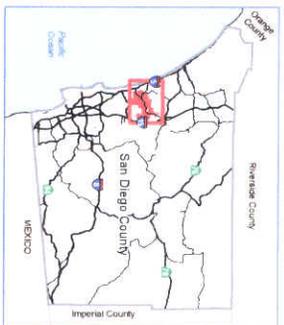
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# Rancho Santa Fe FPD

- LEGEND**
- Rancho Santa Fe FPD
  - Sphere of Influence (SOI)
  - Fire Stations

SOI Adopted: 7 / 1 / 87  
 SOI Affirmed: 5 / 7 / 07  
 SOI Affirmed: 8 / 6 / 07

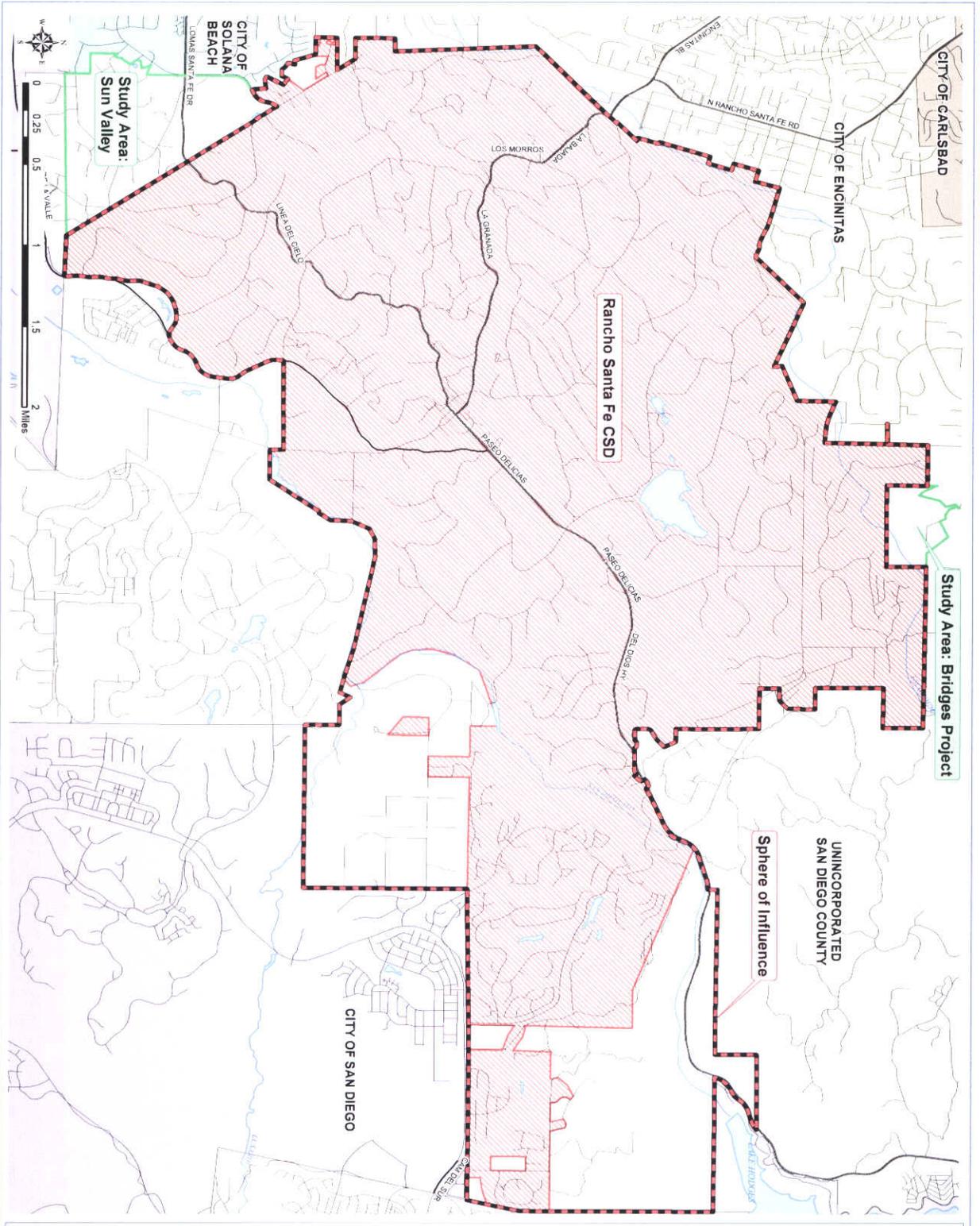


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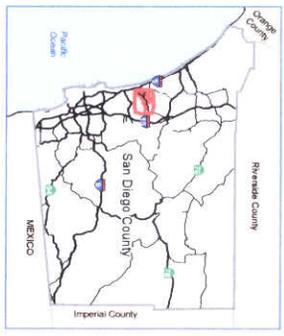
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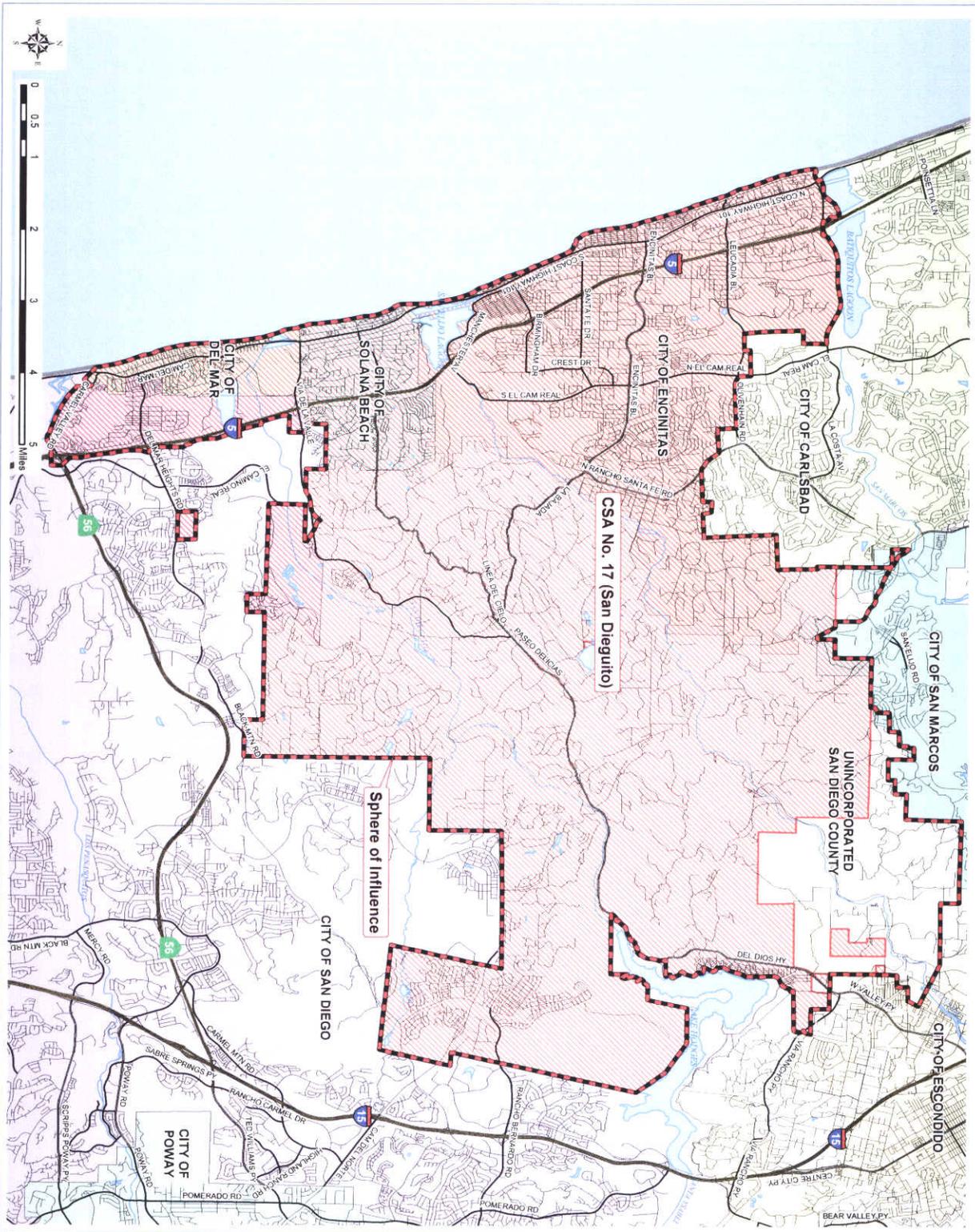
# Rancho Santa Fe Community Services District

- LEGEND**
- Rancho Santa Fe CSD
  - Sphere of Influence (SOI)
  - Special Study Area

SOI Adopted: 11 / 7 / 83  
 SOI Updated: 5 / 2 / 05  
 SOI Affirmed: 8 / 6 / 07



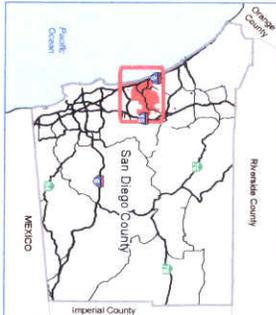
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# County Service Area No. 17 (San Diego)

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- CSA No. 17 (San Diego)
  - Sphere of Influence (SOI)

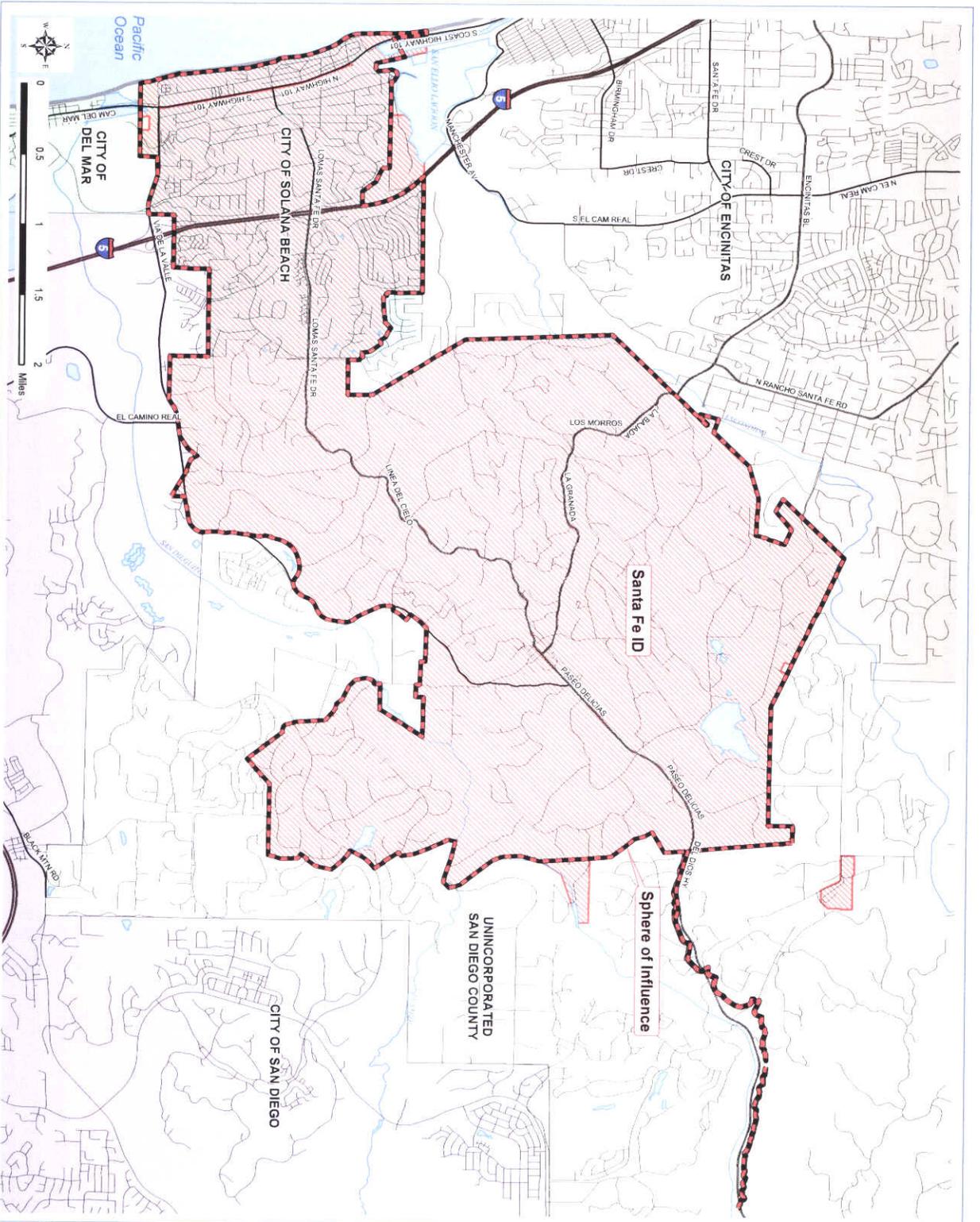
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 SOI Affirmed: 8 / 6 / 07



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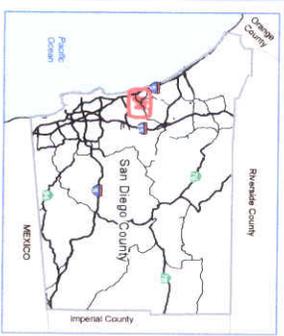
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# Santa Fe Irrigation District

- LEGEND**
- Santa Fe ID
  - Sphere of Influence (SOI)

*SOI Adopted: 6 / 4 / 84*  
*SOI Affirmed: 8 / 6 / 07*



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**Subject:** Public Comment: 1 - San Diego

**From:** Alfonso Valenzuela <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 21 Jun 2011 21:55:12 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Alfonso Valenzuela <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep San Diego and Imperial County Separate.

Message Body:

June 20, 2011

Dear Commissioners,

As a San Diego County resident and voter, I am opposed to the inclusion of Imperial County into our Congressional, State Senate, and State Assembly districts.

Having spent much of my childhood living in Imperial County and still having close ties to that community through my family and friends, I am concerned about the disservice we will do to those communities if our large cities and County is included in their districts. When I moved to San Diego it was for two reasons, my enlistment in the United States Marine Corps and to get away from the rural desert. San Diego and Imperial County share nothing in common and it is my understanding that this commission was created to ensure that we do not continue to draw districts which are not communities of interest.

On the other hand, Imperial County shares many common interests with the Coachella Valley and the cities of Indio, La Quinta, Blythe, Mecca, and Thermal. Both those Valleys have agricultural economies, similar ethnic populations, and face many similar issues. Policymakers and elected officials who represent those communities should not be forced to choose between San Diego's interests and Imperial Valley's interests.

In the end, equal representation should be the priority of this Commission and I firmly believe that this can only be achieved if San Diego County is kept independent from Imperial County. The current district draft maps you have proposed will disenfranchise the desert communities east of San Diego County and this is not just for those who live and work there.

Respectfully,  
Alfonso Valenzuela

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**Subject:** Thank You

**From:** Jim Varnadore <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 21 Jun 2011 09:50:06 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
City Heights CA 92165

June 21, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

130 K Street, Suite 101

Sacramento, CA 95814

Ladies and gentlemen,

We appreciated the Commission's coming to the San Diego area to take testimony about its draft redistricting maps. I spoke last evening about a minor adjustment I hope you'll make to those draft maps that involve my community, City Heights.

In short, I pointed out that one neighborhood, called "Corridor", isn't kept together with the other fifteen neighborhoods of City Heights. As we are one community (and a community-of-interest at that), it would be better to keep City Heights together in maps drawn for Assembly, Senate, and Congressional districts. I hope you agree.

Jim Varnadore

City Heights

**Subject:** Public Comment: 1 - San Diego

**From:** Janet Ahrens <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 21 Jun 2011 15:17:13 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Janet Ahrens <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Assembly redistricting

Message Body:

Good job! This makes sense for North San Diego County.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 1 - San Diego

**From:** Harry Lam <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 21 Jun 2011 17:41:46 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Harry Lam <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Golden Hill in San Diego

Message Body:

Hello,

I am a resident of the Greater Golden Hill community (which consists of Golden Hill as well as South Park) in San Diego, and I was dismayed to see that our community was split in several of the draft maps that were released.

Our community makes up the area that is directly north of SR-94, east of I-5, and west of I-15.

The Congressional District map as well as the State Assembly map splits our community in two -- grouping half of us with South San Diego and the other half with Central San Diego.

The southern boundary for both of these maps should be moved to SR-94, as our community as a whole has much more in common with the other neighborhoods surrounding Balboa Park like North Park, Hillcrest, Mission Hills, Banker's Hill, and University Heights.

For the most part, your maps as a whole on California are a great improvement over the previous iteration of redistricting, as many of the previously gerrymandered districts have been re-drawn to reflect distinct communities, rather than political boundaries.

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