



San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission

Commission Meeting (Videoconferencing only)
October 5, 2020

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Proposed “San Diego County Fire Protection District Reorganization” |

Concurrent Divestiture of Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Service Functions for County Service Area No. 135 and Formation of the San Diego County Fire Protection District along with Conforming Sphere of Influence Actions

(RO20-14 et. al.) (action)

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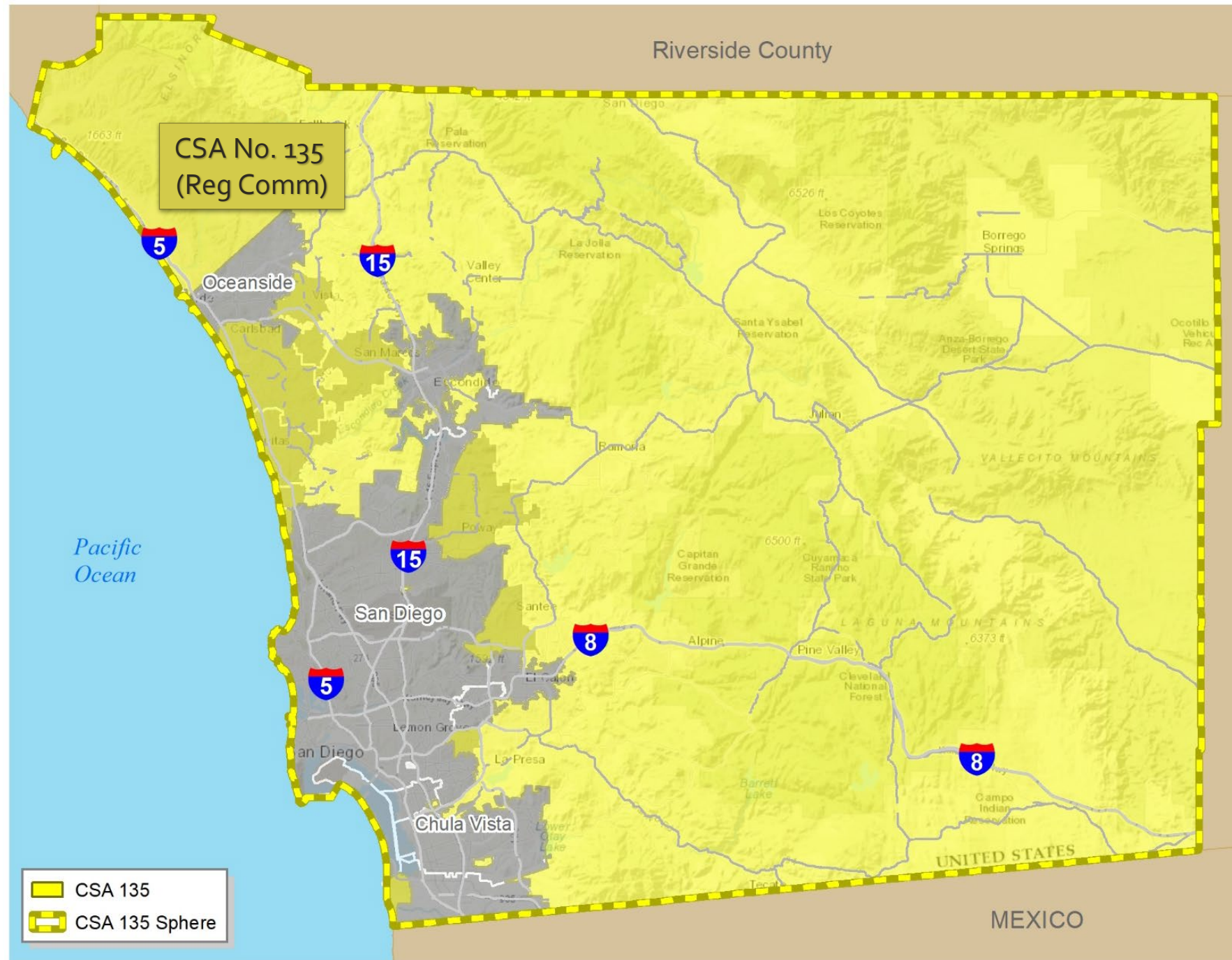
CSA No. 135 (Regional Communications)

Established 1994

County-wide Sphere of Influence

All Unincorporated Territory &
10 Cities:

Carlsbad, Del Mar, Encinitas,
Imperial Beach, Lemon Grove,
Poway, San Marcos, Solana
Beach, and Vista;
Santee annexed in 1996.



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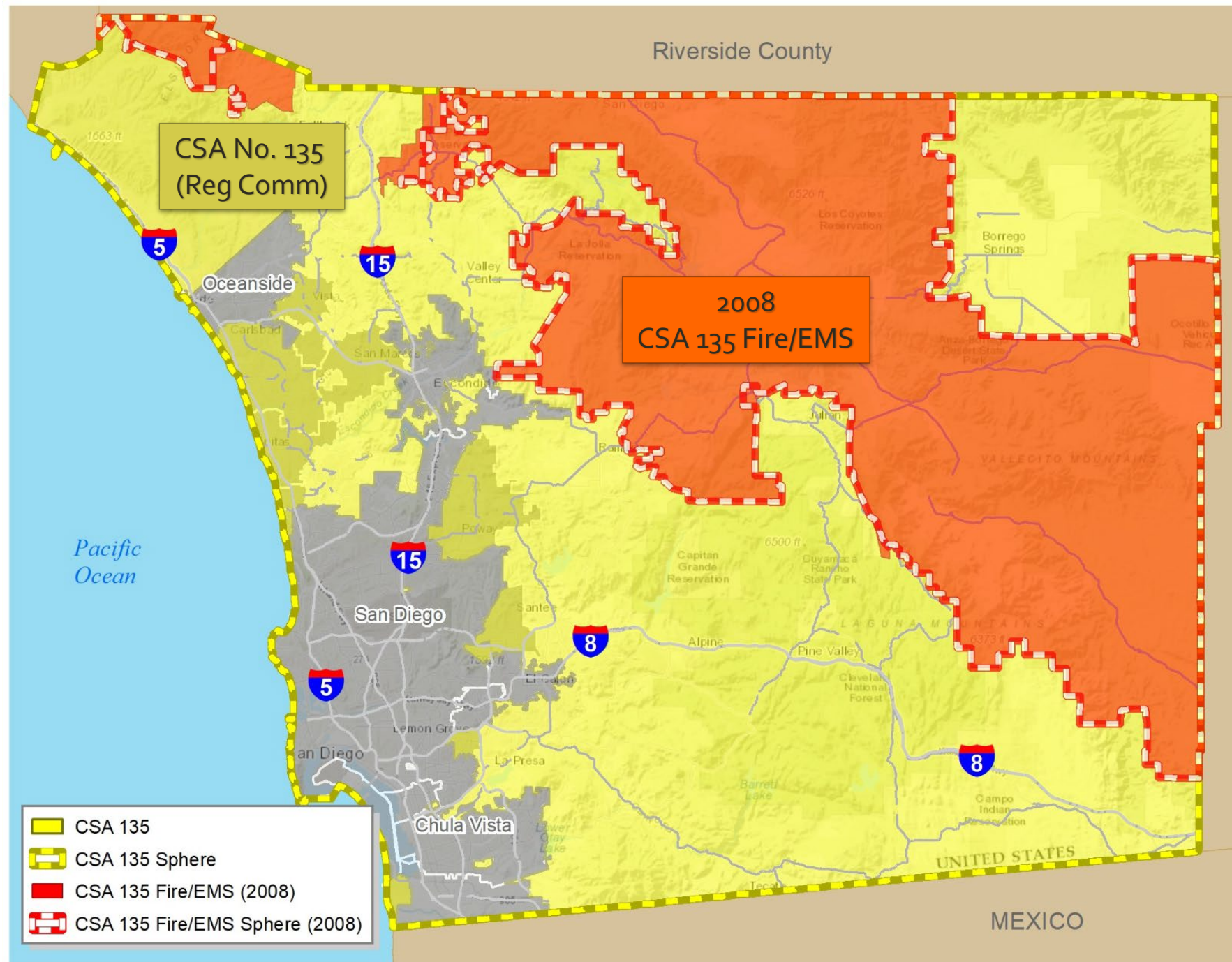
CSA No. 135 (Regional Communications)

2008

Activation of Fire Protection
and EMS Functions
942,000 acres

Coterminous Service-Specific
Sphere of Influence

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San Diego County
Fire Authority



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CSA No. 135 (Regional Communications)

2020

San Diego County Fire Authority

Fire Protection
and EMS Functions

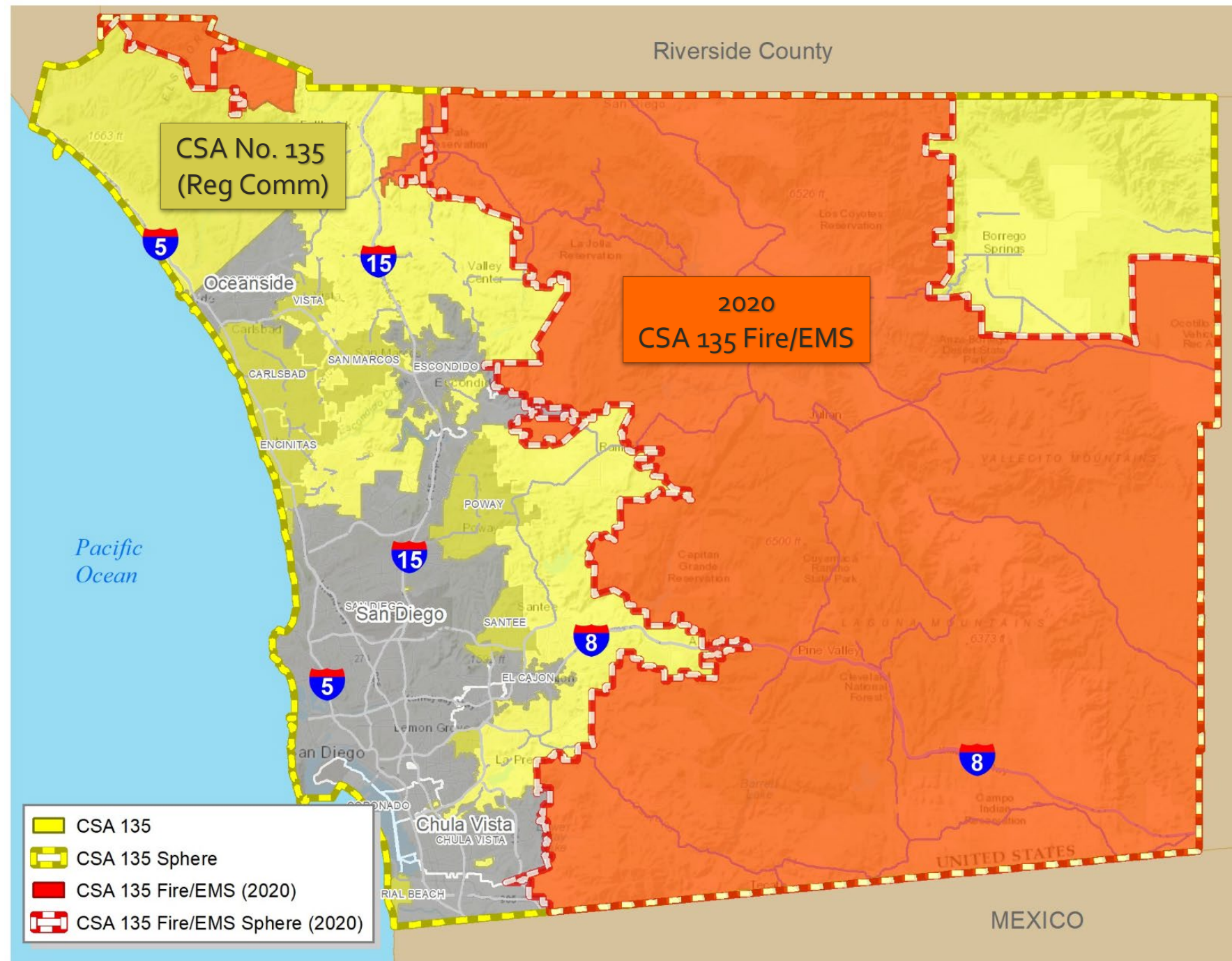
1.6 million total acres

2008-2018

Expanded to include:

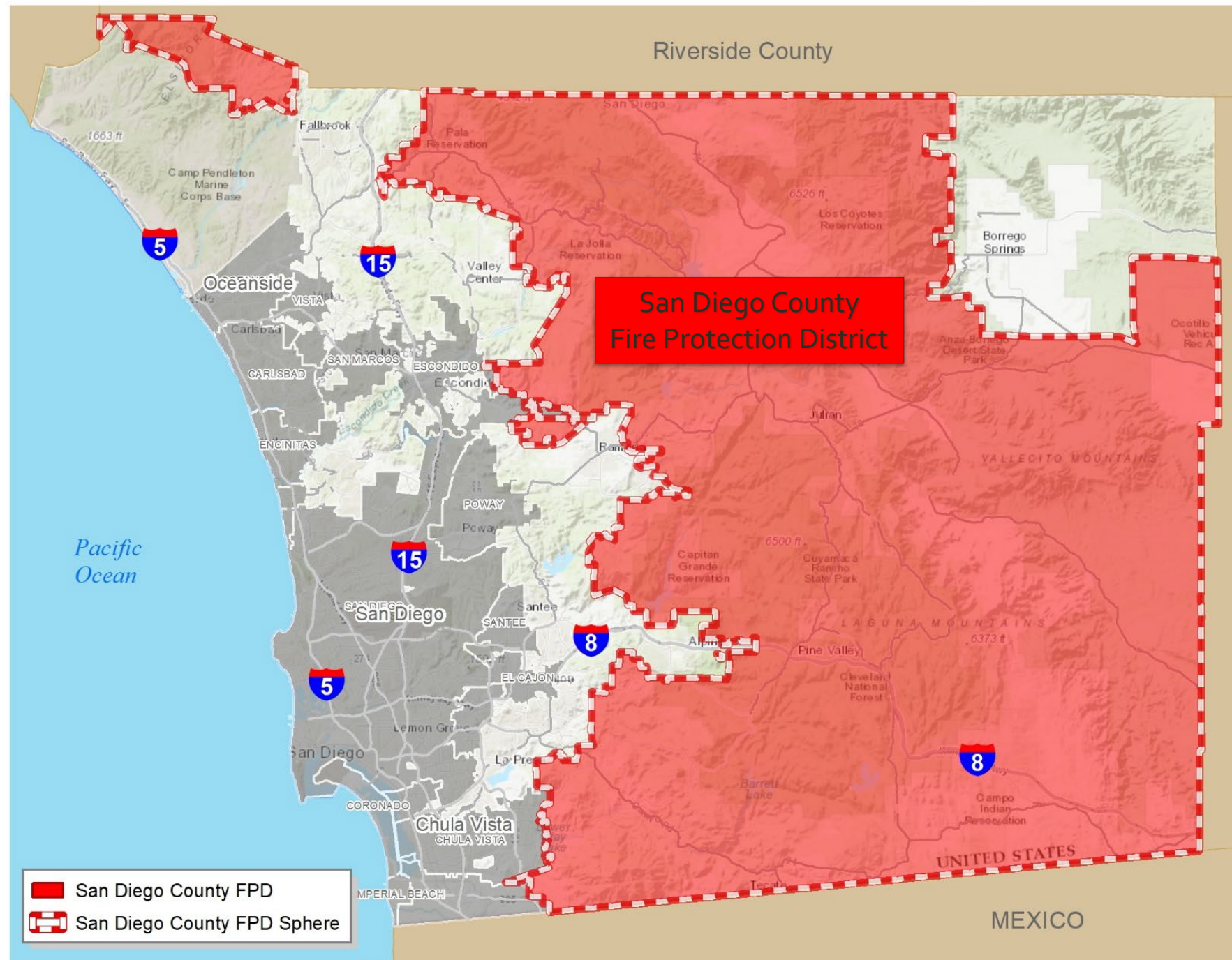
- 5 CSAs (dissolved)
- 3 FPDs (dissolved)
- 3 MWDs (divestitures)

679,034 acres added



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Proposed San Diego County Fire Protection District - Coterminous Sphere of Influence



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History

Cedar Fire, 280,000 acres, 15 killed, 2800 structures

Paradise Fire, 56,700 acres, 2 killed, 223 structures

Witch Fire, 250,00 acres, 2 killed, 1250 structures.



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History

- March 1993, County establishes Fire Protection Committee, subsidized volunteer organizations through CSAs
- In June 1997, LAFCO staff began studying the issue and issued a report on “Funding Fire Protection Services” in February 1999.
- The County established a committee in February 1999 to study fire service levels and needs come up with recommendations.
- In November 2004, San Diego County voters approved Proposition C
- In November 2008, LAFCO approves a proposal from CSA No. 135 to activate its latent powers

The Proposal

- Supports the mandate of the voters demonstrated by their overwhelming approval of Proposition C in 2004
- In November 2018, San Diego County voters approve an amendment to the Charter establishing the County Fire Authority
- Allows CSA No. 135 to concentrate on its primary mission – supporting the regional 800-Megahertz communication system.
- Allows the County Fire Chief direct access to County leadership in order to advocate for the fire protection and emergency medical needs of the citizens.

The Future

- Represents one more step, albeit a large step, but not the final step.
- Allow existing city and independent fire protection districts in the county an option to annex to the district if the need arises.
- Of the 58 counties in California, over 40 have some form of county fire
- Sets the stage to revisit the Macro (2005) and Micro (2007) reports and look at challenges and opportunities over the next 20 years for further fire service coordination/enhancement.

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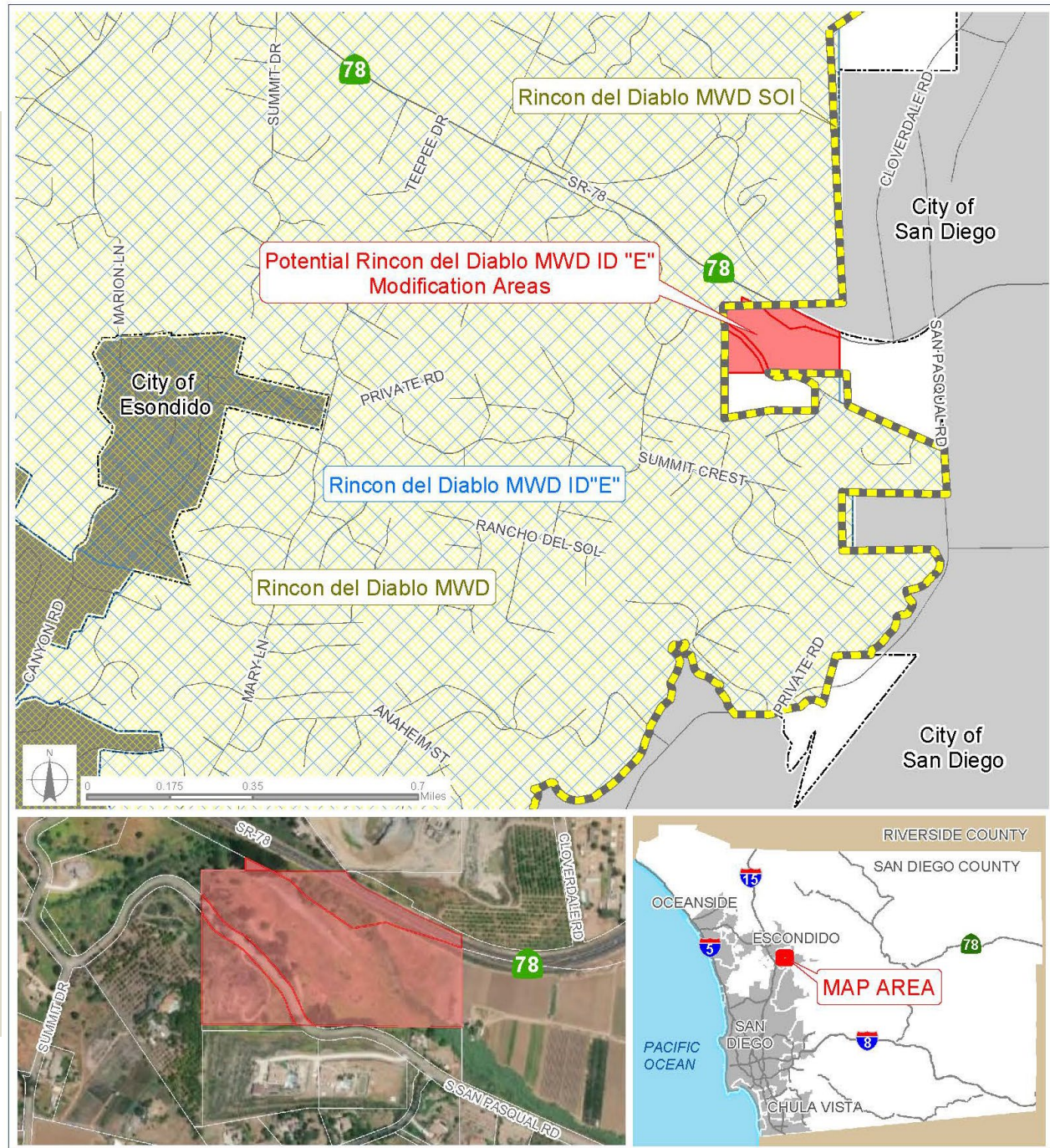
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Proposed “SVBF Temple Reorganization”

Concurrent Annexations to Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District, San Diego County Water Authority, and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California with Conforming Sphere of Influence Actions (RO20-16 et. al.)



Agenda Item No. 6c

Proposed Update Agricultural and Open Space Lands Policy

receive presentation

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open hearing

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consider recommendation

AGRICULTURAL AND OPEN SPACE LANDS POLICY

Policy Last Updated in 1998

First Update Attempt in March 2019 Missed Mark

Second Update Attempt Before Commission

... presented for discussion/feedback in August 2020

... returns entirely intact following public review and comment period

... incorporates stakeholder outreach (Farm Bureau, Wildlife Coalition, etc.)

... confirmed consistency with County Ag Promotion Program

... intent to modernize policy and better balance protection and growth

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AGRICULTURAL AND OPEN SPACE LANDS POLICY

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Headlining Amendments:

- ... distinguish between agricultural and open space lands
- ... address wildlife and local habitat planning in OS considerations
- ... encourage open space as municipal greenbelt
- ... expand focus to consider all agricultural lands (not just prime)
- ... distinguish between inside-ground v. above-ground ag uses
- ... no harm provision for new ag ventures that do not work
- ... extending municipal services to support ag uses

Agenda Item No. 7a

Scheduled Update on Fallbrook PUD & Rainbow MWD Reorganization Proposals

receive presentation

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discuss

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provide feedback as appropriate

UPDATE ON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Advisory Committee Created in June 2020

10-Member Composition Tasked to Advise LAFCO Staff

Recent Committee Activities:

- ... last meeting held on August 3rd and live-streamed
- ... agreement on consultant topics
- ... agreement on selection process (striking system)

Current and Pending Activities:

- ... subject agencies are vetting/selecting consultants
- ... reviewing agency comments submitted (voluminous)
- ... anticipate next Committee meeting on Nov 2nd

Next Meeting on November 2, 2020



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