



# County of San Diego

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Keene Simonds, Executive Officer  
San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)  
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Dear Mr. Simonds:

This letter addresses the County's position on the Valley Center Community Services District (VCCSD) Resolution to Dissolve Recommended Terms and Conditions, dated June 16, 2020 (Resolution No. 2020-175).

1. County to review and add Star Valley Park development to the community master plan and County's Capital Project Program.

County response:

The development of Star Valley Park will be added to the Valley Center Community Master Plan. The development of Star Valley Park is currently included in the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Capital Improvement Needs Assessment. At this time funding has not been identified.

2. County Department of Parks and Recreation to engage community prior to development of Star Valley Park. Currently, VCCSD allows equestrian activities at Star Valley Park and would recommend the continued use for equestrians in the community.

County response:

Once funded, park project development begins with park design and environmental review. The design process starts with public outreach and conceptual design. Per Board Policy I-44, DPR is required to have a minimum of two public meetings to solicit community input on the design of any new park. Public meetings are advertised by sending mailers to residents, communicating with the local advisory committee and community planning group, and by print and social media. Input will also be gathered



through public surveys consistent with each public meeting. This information is directly used to shape the final concept plan for the park, along with site analysis. Pursuant to public input, DPR will explore equestrian facility options for Star Valley Park.

3. Star Valley Park name remains unchanged.

County response:

DPR will retain the park name "Star Valley Park"

4. Appoint 5-member advisory board initially consisting of VCCSD Board members at time of dissolution.

County response:

The County plans to appoint a five-member park advisory committee. The County will offer existing VCCSD Board members to fill the advisory committee seats. If any board member does not wish to be considered for, or refuses to accept, such appointment, the County has the discretion to appoint individuals other than the existing VCCSD Board members to fill such seat.

5. DPR to consider building a senior center within the District.

County response:

Subject to public input, the County will consider building a community center within CSA No. 138 that includes senior programming among other community programming options. No project funding has been identified at this time.

6. Honor existing leases VCCSD has with:

Valley Center Stampede Rodeo  
Valley Center Pauma Unified School District  
Valley Center Fire Protection District  
Valley Center Vaqueros

County response:

Initially, these agreements will be assigned to the County. Going forward the County will continue these uses through County and DPR policy as specified below.

Valley Center Stampede Rodeo - Park use reservation agreement  
Valley Center Pauma Unified School District - Park use reservation agreement  
Valley Center Fire Protection District - Lease agreement  
Valley Center Vaqueros - Park use reservation agreement

7. Consider retaining existing employees.

County response:

The County will employ, contract, and/or otherwise retain the current VCCSD General Manager to assist in the day-to-day operations of CSA No. 138 and its park and recreation service function with equivalent compensation through the end of 2020-2021. New positions will be created to manage the CSA No. 138 park facilities, and existing employees, including the General Manager, will be considered if they apply.

8. DPR to follow County policy and engage public in the decision to reserve dedicated space at Star Valley Park for privately funded first responder and veteran memorial.

County response:

DPR will follow County policy and engage the public in the decision to reserve dedicated space at Star Valley Park for privately funded first responders and veteran memorial.

Should you have any additional questions or need additional information regarding this letter, please contact Dave Knopp, Chief of Department Operations by emailing [Dave.Knopp@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Dave.Knopp@sdcounty.ca.gov) or calling (858) 966-1371.

Sincerely,

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