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General Plan Update
County of San Diego
Department of Planning and Land Use
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Dear General Plan Project Planners:

After a review of the Draft General Plan Documents we would like to submit the following comments:

Page 2-4 Protecting Our Agriculture – To be correctly representative of the local farm community the statement in the first sentence on this page should be modified to read “...for the production of healthy food and *ornamental crops* for our population...”

Page 2-13 Guiding Principle 8 – Though agriculture is an important contributor to the regional economy, we believe it is incorrect to state that agriculture represents one-fifth of the regional economy.

Page 5-14 COS 6.2 – We believe the use of the term “appropriate” is subjective and the comment that the appropriate size should be one acre is limiting. San Diego County has an abundance of very small farms, many less than one acre. Though these operations are most likely to be operated as part time enterprises, their cumulative contribution is substantial and should not be discouraged or set aside by an arbitrary acreage size.

Page 10-6 Glossary – We ask that the definition of “Agriculture” be expanded to state “...the production of food, fiber, and *ornamentals*...”

Page 10-6 Glossary – It seems odd that that “Agricultural/Urban Interface” goes beyond a pure definition and includes a discussion about conflicts that may exist. This might lead the reader to assume that conflicts at the interface are the norm.

Page 10-12 Glossary – Suggest the addition of a definition for “Conservation Easements.”

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Eric Larson
Executive Director