



LAFCO REPORT COUNTY SERVICE AREA 17 SAN DIEGUITO EMS DISTRICT

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*A staff report to the CSA-17 Advisory
Committee*



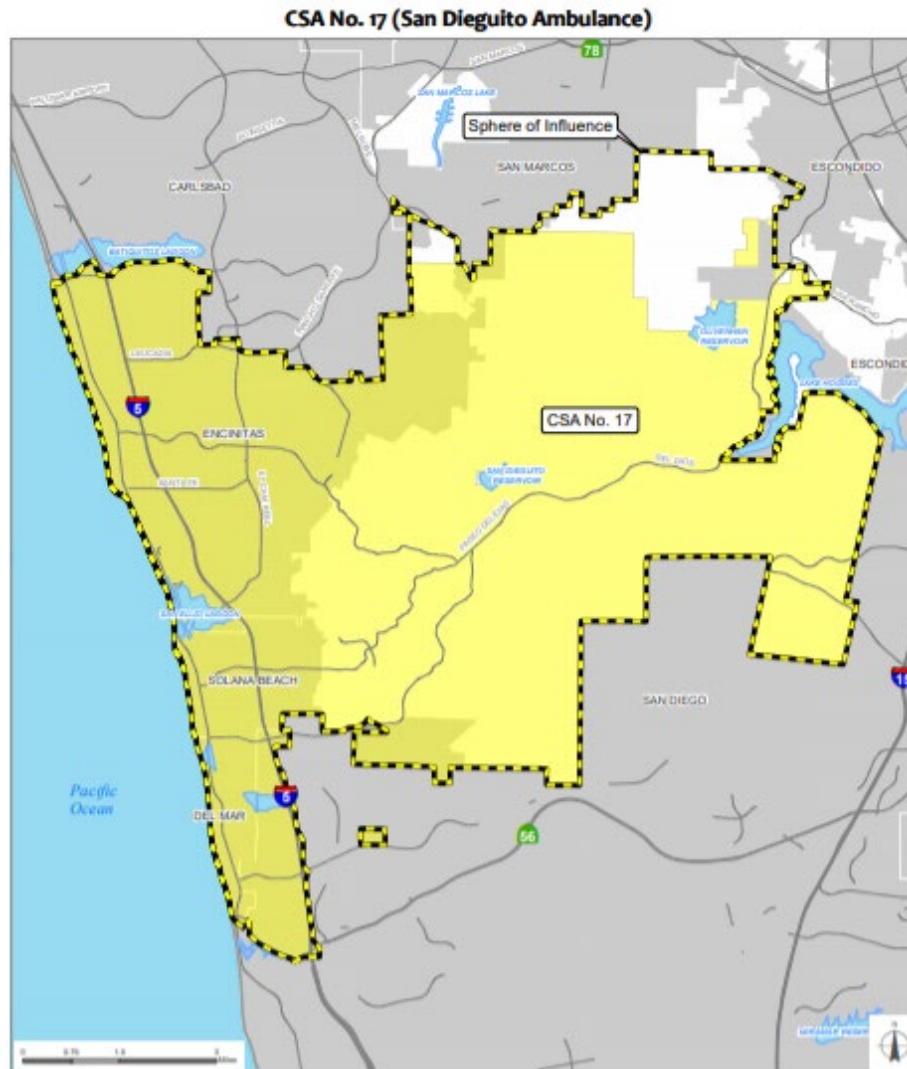


- CSA 17 was formed by the Board of Supervisors in 1968 to fund emergency ambulances and other equipment for local fire agencies to transport patients in lieu of waiting for a private ambulance to respond.
- In 1998 the service was reaffirmed by greater than 2/3 of the voters establishing the Benefit Fee.
- The current Benefit Fee is \$32.28 per Residential Unit in the CSA. It includes an annual escalator based on CPI.



- The Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) established a Sphere of Influence, updated in 2007, which includes the existing EMS District area and the Harmony Grove Area.
- A sphere of influence identifies (among other things) the area to be served and outlines the perceived logical expansion of service in the area.

CSA 17 BOUNDARIES WITH SPHERE OF INFLUENCE



➤ ANNEXATION OF HARMONY GROVE



- A concurrent and coterminous annexation of the boundaries with Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District was proposed during the fire district expansion.
- The proposal was opposed by the community on principle as the County chose not to require a property tax exchange with the annexation.
- Additionally, the Harmony Grove community signaled an overall satisfaction with the current level of response and associated tax burden. This caused the requirement of a concurrent CSA 17/Fire District to be dropped by LAFCO.



- In 2018, County Staff brought forth a proposal to include the Harmony Grove area with the Inland North - Ambulance Service Area of what would later be called the Unified Service Area.
- The goal of the Unified Service Area was to bring all undesignated areas of the county into an EMS service area.
- This proposal was blocked by the community who did not want to be covered in this ambulance operating area.



- In 2019, the Harmony Grove Area was identified in the County EMS Plan as the 29th Ambulance Operating Area.
- The area has been deemed by the LEMSA to be *competitive* and *non-exclusive*.
- This is now the only area in the County that has no set response time for service.
- Ambulance service in this area is provided by the closest available ambulance service as determined by North Comm.

QUESTIONS?

