



Dedicated to a continuing rural atmosphere

From The Chair

By Mid Hoppenrath

Sewer is once again a hot topic in Harmony Grove. Many Harmony Grove residents feel a sewer connection to Escondido for the proposed Village would be more practical, economical, and better for the environment and property values than a sewage treatment plant. But no one wants to make it any easier for developments outside the Village to connect to a sewer line. If this happens, developers may increase density instead of building large lot rural homes on septic systems, as zoned by the proposed Village development pattern. The Elfin Forest Harmony Grove Town Council board feels it is best to oppose a city sewer connection unless it can be established that this will not lead to high-density development in our rural valley.

However, the board supports the downsizing of Country Club Drive, Harmony Grove Road, and Elfin Forest Road, and the elimination of SC1375, the extension of Country Club Drive to Del Dios Highway. These changes, along with a new road connection to Citracado, should divert commuter traffic from our local roads and help us in our goal to preserve the rural lifestyle.

As we work our way through the different issues surrounding the diverse parts of our community, let's not forget the spirit embodied in the Elfin Forest Harmony Grove Fire Department's motto, "Neighbor helping neighbor."

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Community Calendar Deadline is Nov. 2nd.
Details are found on page 7 of this issue. Please submit photos, dates for your organization, and most importantly, your advertising to Evelyn Alemanni at alemanni@allea.com. Questions? Call 760 471-7224.

Town Council Meeting – Wednesday, November 2nd @7:30PM
At The Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire Station
Topics: Earthquake and Disaster Preparedness

Elfin Forest Hometown Halloween

By Lori Vitale

Last year the Elfin Forest Hometown Halloween was a huge success. A couple of truckloads of local kids ran up and down driveways to trick-or-treat in their own neighborhood. Everyone had a great time. If you would like to welcome trick-or-treaters (between 5PM – 8PM) or obtain the list of neighbors welcoming trick-or-treaters, please contact Lori Vitale at 760-752-7868 or lori@ricochet.com.

EFCF Extends Fall Grant Deadline

By Betsy Keithly, Secretary EFCF

The Elfin Forest Community Foundation (EFCF) was established in 1995 with the mission to enhance the quality of rural life in the community of Elfin Forest. The Foundation provides funds for project supplies or community events.

The mechanism for getting money for your project is to apply to the Foundation. Describe your project and explain how it will enhance the community. The budget should not exceed \$6,000. Any one or organization in the community is eligible to apply and the more applications that we receive the more opportunity to enhance our community. The next deadline was **October 15th, 2005**, but we have extended it to **November 15th, 2005**.

If you have any questions, call a member of the board, Steve Barker, Mike Vallee, Betsy Keithley, Martha Blane, Virginia McManus, Trey Fairman, Patti Newton, Sue Hill or Frank Twohy and review your proposal with him or her. To obtain an application, go to our website, elfinforestcommunityfoundation.org or contact Betsy Keithley at ekeithley@ucsd.edu. The completed application must be left at the fire station mail slot (not in the USPS mailbox) by November 15th, 2005. The board will meet soon after that to review the applications. Please provide some new ideas and new projects!

Just Moved Here?

If you just moved here, contact Karen Gardner 760-744-9500 to get your free six month subscription to the newsletter and discounts on town council merchandise.

Fortuna Ranch Road OMWD

Pipeline Project

By Karen Ogawa, OMWD Eng. Coordinator

Olivenhain Municipal Water District (OMWD) would like to inform property owners and residents who live in the vicinity of Fortuna Ranch Road that the OMWD is currently planning the construction of a pipeline within the road right-of-way. The project is located along Fortuna Ranch Road from approximately Western Springs Road to just past Akita Lane and along Bumann Road from Rocking Horse Road to approximately 300 feet to the east.

This project will replace a segment of the existing pipeline that was installed in what was, at the time of initial construction, undeveloped rural Encinitas. This aging pipeline has required extensive repairs and the OMWD has decided to relocate the replacement pipeline into Fortuna Ranch Road to avoid additional disruption to current property owners and residents during construction as well as during future routine maintenance and repairs. The existing pipeline will be capped per OMWD specifications and abandoned in place. **Construction is anticipated to begin in January 2006 and be completed by June 2006.**

An informational mailer was sent to all residents within 1000 feet of the project and to those that might frequently use the Fortuna Ranch Road. A public hearing was also on this project was held on September 30, 2005. The OMWD will post informational signs along Fortuna Ranch Road and Bumann Road prior to and for the duration of the project. For more information you may contact the OMWD's Engineering Coordinator Karen Ogawa at 760-632-4642.

Calendar For November

| Date | Time | Event |
|------------------|---------|------------------------------------|
| Weds 11/2 | 7:30 PM | Town Council Meeting |
| Tues 11/1, 11/15 | 7 PM | Fire Training@Firehouse |
| Weds 11/9 | 7 PM | Fire Auxiliary @MaryGarman's House |
| Mon 11/14 | 7 PM | Fire Board@Firehouse |
| Sat 11/26 | 8 AM | Fire Training@Firehouse |
| Sat 11/5, 11/19 | 10 AM | Bookmobile@Firehouse |
| Every Thurs | 6:30 PM | Yoga@Firehouse |

Public Access To Village Trails And The End Of The Quarries In Harmony Grove

By Mid Hoppenrath

I have received copies of two letters from the County Department of Planning and Land Use to New Urban West (NUW), one accepting the village project trails into the county trail system (placing them permanently into the public realm and making linkages to the rest of the community possible), and another stating the county's support for the permanent removal of the quarry area from future mining operations. Upon approval of the proposed Harmony Grove Village project, the remaining quarry area will become "permanent open space easement."

I would like to thank Maryanne Vancio, the County Trails Program Coordinator, for her tireless efforts to establish the trails system and recommendation for county acceptance of the NUW trails and Nancy Reed of the San Dieguito Planning Group for her efforts on behalf of our community to petition the county for dedication of the NUW trails. I would also like to thank NUW for helping us reach two more, very important community goals.

America In Bloom Evaluation Available On Line

By Evelyn Alemanni

For those who are interested, the evaluation written by our judges is available online at www.efhgtc.org/aib-eval.htm. As I reported in the October issue, the judges made some significant errors in their evaluation. If you'd like to drop them a line to give them a better understanding, their contact information is included on the web site.

West Nile Virus Mosquito Dunk

By Patti Newton

After my recent release of an Elf Alert on West Nile Virus, several people wanted to know more about what they could do to prevent mosquitoes from breeding. A product the county recommends is called "Mosquito Dunk." An Elfin Forest resident has used it and is very satisfied with the results. For more information go to:

www.summitchemical.com/mos_ctrl/dunks.htm

No Gardens, No Festival

By Evelyn Alemanni

Since its inception in 2003, the Elfin Forest Garden Festival has raised a significant amount of money for the community. In fact, it might just be our biggest source of funds for beautifying the community without resorting to suing developers. For 2006, we have lots of volunteers, but no one has offered to open their garden, so the event is going on hiatus for a year to let our gardens and gardeners rest up. We need your help to make it happen in 2007. Let me know... alemanni@allea.com or 760-471-7224.

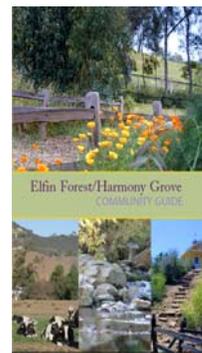
West Nile Virus In California

By Patti Newton

RECORD SEASON ... What so far has been a mild season here is a record-setter for the rest of California, which just recorded its 801st case of human infection from the West Nile Virus. California leads the nation in number of infections; the next closest states are South Dakota (208) and Illinois (172). One reason for this runaway honor, as we are aware here in San Diego County, is our mild climate that allows mosquitoes to breed almost year-round. Fortunately, a strategy of proper precautions teamed with aggressive treatment of potential breeding sites is keeping the virus at bay in this county.

Community Guides Are Here

By Evelyn Alemanni



Our new community guide is available at all town council meetings. This beautiful, keepsake edition has nearly 200 color photos showing our community's past and present. They make wonderful gifts and an indispensable marketing tool for realtors. It provides resources for rural living, a history of our community, and much, much more. The price is \$25 or five for \$100.

Town Council Website

The town council's website is continually updated. Check it out at: efhgtc.org. Note: the town council is not affiliated with elfinforest.net and elfinforest.com.

What's Happening At The Fire Department – November 2005

By Captain Dawn Pettijohn



Sorry for missing the newsletter deadline last month. Nona Barker and I went on a Hurricane Katrina disaster assistance mission for FEMA. Some 8000 firefighters from across the nation were

deployed. Orders varied, anything from assisting in evacuation shelters to assisting returning evacuees. We went to Mississippi, Walthal and Jefferson-Davies counties, seeking persons in need of federal assistance. The need was great and damage overwhelming. Even two weeks after the hurricane we were still sporadically finding people in need of food and shelter.

PFF Michelle Roberts deployed for Katrina with her Air National Guard unit. Stationed in New Orleans at Louis Armstrong Airport, their assignment was to receive and assist victims rescued from the city. After being provided triage and medical assistance, victims were then routed to evacuation shelters across the U.S. PFF Henry Vanzinni just returned from deployment to Texas for Hurricane Rita with a unit of eleven Americare ambulances. They provided assistance to many victims and relieved exhausted local responders. Our hearts go out to the millions of people who were affected. We sincerely thank the members of the Fire Department and the community for their support in our endeavors.

Training this month will focus primarily on performance standards. These specific skills are required to ensure proficiency. The list is long and we try to incorporate most of them in our regular training activities. We now concentrate on making sure all are completed prior to year end.

Grant opportunities continue. We have applied for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant under the Volunteer Recruitment and Retention category. This intent of the grant is to provide our volunteer firefighters a Wellness and Fitness program and ensure their safety by providing complete annual medical exams and physical fitness training.

Two other grants have been submitted to the San Diego Foundation. One for a projector to assist with Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and

Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) training classes, and one for our biggest wish...a new BLS transport ambulance.

We know it's late in the season and there haven't been a lot of large fires but don't let your guard down. Late season fires are always a possibility and can be highly destructive. The mid-October Border50 fire in the East County is a prime example of how quickly conditions can deteriorate. For your safety and ours maintain a defensible space around your home and keep your escape routes clear.

Palomar Energy Plant Update By Palomar Energy Community Relations

The Palomar Energy plant construction is proceeding on schedule. By summer 2006, the 550-megawatt Palomar Energy plant is expected to be on-line to help provide much needed power for as many as 550,000 California and North Inland area electricity customers. It will produce 45 percent more energy using the same amount of natural gas fuel as most existing natural gas-fueled power plants and will feature the latest air emissions control technology.

As Palomar Energy enters into the final stages of its construction process, the power plant will conduct steam cleanings of its boiler tubes and pipes by venting steam through the system. This process is expected to begin sometime between October 24 and November 6, 2005, and last approximately one week. This is a one-time process and not representative of normal plant operation.

Depending on the local weather conditions, white steam plumes coming from the site are expected to be visible. During this process, residents may also hear some mildly discernible noise from the plant. The Palomar Energy team will use a proven, state-of-the-art muffling system, which will minimize the noise from this process.

If you have any questions, please contact Palomar Energy at (760) 690-4047 or via e-mail at SempraCommunity@sempra.com.

Past *chaparral* Issues On Web

Past issues of the chaparral are now posted at www.efhgtc.org in downloadable PDF format.

Minutes Of Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council Meeting

By Patti Newton

Date: October 5, 2005

Call to Order: 7:35 PM.

Members Present: Mid Hoppenrath, Patti Newton, Evelyn Alemanni, Jan Denny, Cheri Smith, Bob McGurk, Bill Wilgenburg.

Board Updates: Mid Hoppenrath explained that Sempra wants to do a steam cleaning at the ERTC. As more information becomes available we will advise the community about what this entails. **Evelyn Alemanni** stated we need advertisements and photographs for the community calendar.

Eric Anderson talked about his trip to Cleveland for the American in Bloom awards. The Garden Festival is scheduled for April 29th, 2006. We are in need of new gardens and plan to make a decision by next week. Evelyn showed a personal letter from Supervisor Horn congratulating our community on placing in the AIB contest.

Jan Denny gave an update on orders of Barricade Gel (needed a dozen orders to get discount). Barricade will last for 6 to 26 hours after application. Home kit plus spare jugs recommended. Cost of both (kit) is \$670. The cost is reduced to \$440 when discount kicks in. The Fire Department (FD) will place order tomorrow and the number for discount is ten. Have ten now so cost is reduced.

Road signs: working with FD to get these signs in EF – hope to expand to HG. Sequest Trail has three new signs now. FD has policy issues: want signs to correctly identify the homes to the street name. There are many irregularities like this now. FD will contact those in this situation. Many roads have no names – FD will be contacting residents regarding the naming of these roads and will assist with this process. There are important fire and safety issues associated with this which must be addressed.

Eric Anderson presented AIB four-bloom award plaque in recognition of the private gardens the judges viewed. They were rated among the best gardens in America! Plaque presented to community. Cleveland Botanical Garden had beautiful garden and children's garden. Symposiums – Evelyn Alemanni presented workshops at the conference in Cleveland. Although we didn't win, EF scored very well.

Community involvement and heritage scores were vastly improved over last time. Materials Evelyn created for this effort were on display during this meeting.

Cheri Smith stated that the ERTC is the likely site of the proposed 500-bed hospital. The Escondido city council is poised to approve. How will this affect the downgrading of HG and EF Roads? This is a big concern for our communities since it may have a large impact on our rural lifestyle. EIR and mitigation studies will be of interest. There are still opportunities to provide input. The Heritage Committee is still collecting acquisitions for the gallery at the farmhouse. We're collecting submissions for names of EF and HG and NUW roads. Contact Cheri with your ideas.

Bob McGurk gave the treasurer's report for last month: net of \$1,044, no expenses. Proposed development at base of Mt. Whitney has been denied by the county.

Item #1: Jan Denny re traffic petition available on table. This is an effort to control traffic patterns in HG and EF areas. Jan displayed an aerial map showing how we want to downgrade to two-lane roads and to get the county to vacate its easements. Then we can ensure the roads will stay two lanes so that developments will have to manage projects relative to the road size. This will help us to control density. We are also trying to remove Country Club from the county major circulation element. They then won't be using it to manage large traffic flows.

Village Road will be a new road to alleviate traffic out of the proposed NUW project. It will route traffic out to Citracado and away from residential roads. It will encompass the area from the border of San Marcos through HG to the border of Escondido.

Please pick up petition and return so that we can submit our request to the county. It is an expression of our desire to remain rural. Oct. 26th we will send a mailing to all residents in CSA 107 and will revisit this issue at the Nov. 2nd meeting. Tallying results in preparation for the county.

The county has indicated a lukewarm response and is willing to discuss this. NUW's traffic studies support the downgrade of these two roads. The last traffic meeting included the possibility of the proposed 500-bed hospital which is likely to generate less traffic than residential or commercial activities.

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This is still theoretical at this point so we'll have to wait for the traffic study. It was discovered that SC1375 was inadvertently left off the petition – it will be reprinted quickly and circulated. Is there a potential financial impact to the city of Escondido? Maybe, if they have to pay for all or part of the extension of Citracado.

NUW submitting a GPA for Village Road and the downgrade requests for EF and HG Roads. Do we tacitly imply that this mitigates NUW's traffic? Can we then challenge the EIR if we support this traffic study? The petition doesn't reference density so no, it is not likely to haunt us later (by supporting Village Road). We must take a traffic study to the county and since we can't afford this we are using NUW's for this purpose. GP2020 density is the same as NUW figures. Does using NUW's traffic study constitute a conflict of interest? We don't believe so because we don't think it is skewed. June Rady disagrees because she believes they are skewed in favor of NUW's interest. For example, CARE sued San Elijo Hills over its traffic study (presumably because it was skewed). TC feels it is a win-win because it helps us meet our objectives and NUW routes traffic elsewhere.

Is it our job to endorse Village Road? This is likely to change over time. Should we pay for our own traffic study to challenge GP2020 and any future developments? New developments will cause us grief. Recommend we remove reference to Village Drive – let NUW use our request to downgrade EF and HG roads but we don't necessarily have to reference Village Road. How will town council notify residents of EV? EV is not on the mailing list. Bill Osborn will provide the EV database. The consensus is that Village Road should be removed from our petition.

Item #2: John Slatton, Lennar Director of Urban Development, showed a video promoting their concept at the Bridges and their company. Video problems so moved on to the PowerPoint presentation. Aerial photos for 30 homes sites and five extension units totaling 35 homes. Trying to preserve the open space “fingers” and will continue that vision throughout the 35 homes. Application submitted to county for entitlements in Jan. 2001. Hoping for certification early next year. Then start the grading and improvement plan. Two tentative

maps, site plans, easements vacations, permits, etc. Mitigation land (135 acres) will be purchased in the corridor surrounding the project.

Traffic circulation map shows traffic going south, not north. Eric Anderson chairs the sub-committee and is requesting anyone interested to participate. Has been active in the process and we are concerned because we are on the same side of the creek. We want developer to understand our community character relative to surrounding development. This unit takes dedicated open space and rededicates it in another place and uses sewer. These are very objectionable to our community. TECC should have some ideas about this as does the trails committee.

Cheri Smith said SDPG unanimously agreed to find the EIR totally inadequate and should be entirely rewritten. Unit Six vacated easement mitigated four to one – they will be purchasing to contribute to the corridor. Center for Natural Lands Management will hold fee title to the mitigation property. Lennar was required to four-to-one mitigation. There is a net loss of mitigation land since it was preserved already. OMWD gave up this land to the RSF Irrigation District. EF objects to the sewer and the acreage. The sewer line will run over the creek encased in the bridge itself. This has precedent in the area. Units 8 and 9? They will be surrounded by open space. **Geoffrey Smith**, TECC, will look at easements relative to TECC's Bamann property and let Eric know where they run. The response to comment letters are in process.

Open Forum: Mid Hoppenrath updated residents on the sewer issue relative to NUW. Residents interested in this topic are encouraged to verify information on their own since we are not experts. Sewer plants can be very small to service developments. Some have open holding tanks, closed holding tanks. NUW's proposed design has no open holding ponds for sewage but does have for recycled water for irrigation. Mike Ott of LAFCO addressed our concern relating to agency oversight of this issue. **Tom Zanic** said that NUW has agreed to cooperate with LAFCO and work w/in its jurisdiction on sewer issues with LAFCO oversight. EF is concerned LAFCO may pressure NUW to go back into the Sphere of Influence – technically it's possible but Escondido will not pressure them to do this.

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Lori Pfeiler said selling sewer service is a contractual arrangement if it is legal and profitable for the city to do so. Second sewage plant would be a waste of resources says Pfeiler. **Bill Osborn** spoke with Zanic about SOI and annexation possibility – NUW stated they would prefer their own plant over annexation or return to SOI. Town council has not taken a position on sewer in HG. It remains neutral at this time because there isn't enough information. EF town council made this clear at an Escondido City Council meeting; there is not enough information.

TECC is concerned about HARRF discharge into creek in rainy season as it is now, let alone with the added effluent from NUW. The city maintains a permit to discharge in the event of emergency and uses it frequently now. This is really HARRF's "dirty little secret" since an "emergency" is constituted virtually every time it rains. Beaches are then posted as public health problem. It is occurring more and more often. Doubtful the on-site treatment plant will pass CEQA guidelines. Was NUW's request to be removed from the SOI an end-run around Prop S? This community has long opposed ANY annexation so this is not an end-run in our opinion. Contrary to the perception, the town council is not in collusion with NUW, which has an awfully long way to go before sewer is even an issue.

GP2020 planners wanted to create the village development pattern. This preceded NUW, which is proceeding with a GPA, a very difficult process in the county. The county will not process the GPA without the sewer issue being resolved. Eden Valley (EV) and HG residents must make their feelings known so that we can act accordingly. First phase will begin Dec. 1st as per LAFCO. NUW and the city of Escondido must initiate a request to LAFCO for a hearing which may occur by Dec. 1st. It is illegal for the city and NUW to enter into a contractual agreement at this time per LAFCO regulations governing this type of thing. The community must register its concerns NOW. The town council is compiling a survey (see above) and may be able to incorporate this issue.

Discussion and Q & A.

Adjourned 9:50 p.m.

New Community Calendar Planned

By Evelyn Alemanni

To help keep everyone informed about community events and opportunities to get involved, the town council approved the creation of a full-size calendar which will be distributed at no charge to every family in Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove. The design and layout are being donated by ALL.EA.

The calendar will include dates for town council meetings, fire training, due dates for grant proposals, and much more. Each month will include special information on the rural lifestyle and/or a community group. Here's what you can do to help move this project forward:

Submit photos (we need 12-14). You can either send me a 300 dpi .jpg or .tif file sized to a max of 8" wide or send me an original which I'll scan and return to you.

Send a list of important dates/meetings for your group – all groups are eligible. Email those to me at alemanni@allea.com.

Send contact info and URL for your group's website to me, same as above.

Advertise. We're sending this calendar FREE to everyone, but we need to cover printing and postage expenses. Tell everyone in the community about your business by placing your ad. Send a .jpg or .tif file to me at the email address above.

Ad rates:

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|---------------------------|-------|
| 3.5" x 1/2" | \$50 |
| 3.5" x 1" | \$80 |
| 3.5" x 2" (Business card) | \$150 |
| 3.5" x 4" | \$275 |
| 3.5" x 6" | \$400 |

Contact me if you need a different size.

Due date: Materials must be submitted by Nov. 2nd

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News From Questhaven Retreat



Sunday worship is at 10:45 AM.
All are welcome.
20560 Questhaven Road.
760-744-1500
www.questhaven.org.

Study groups meet on weeknights. Please call the office for times and locations.

Weekly Meditation - Wednesday at 7:30 PM.

Nov 6th - Our Daily Witness to Christ
—Rev. Susan S. Cary

Nov 13th - Spiritually Free Yourself- Release the Past
—Rev. Blake Isaac

Nov 20th -Talking with God —Rev. Elizabeth Wood

Nov 27th - Rising to Center - Preparation for Rebirth
—Rev. Jonathan Wiltshire

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Workshop At DÉCOR

By John and Carol Rayes

DÉCOR, a home furnishings store, owned by Elfin Forest residents, John and Carol Rayes, invites Elfin Forest residents to attend a complimentary workshop titled: **TOTAL MAKEOVER, You and Your Home, how to make the best of what you have...**

The guest speaker is Mary L. Brown with One Day Design. Mary has been featured on HGTV, NBC and Fox TV. The workshop is on Saturday, November 12th at noon at **DÉCOR** 3760 Mission Avenue Oceanside on the corner of El Camino Real and Mission Avenue next to Starbucks. RSVP as space is limited 760-757-6900 or www.decorsandiego.com.

Mary L. Brown will provide a free in-store decorating workshop: Total Makeover, You and Your Home, how to make the best of what you have.



Sheriff's Department Contacts

In an emergency, please call 911. For non-emergency reporting, contact the following: Gen -760-510-5200 Jackie Cruz – Agriculture crime prevention specialist 760-940-4350 Sgt. Dan Wilson – COPPS – 760-510-5231 Betty (B.J.) Williams – Crime Prevention Specialist/Neighborhood Watch 760-510-5254

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Harmony Grove Village

You've heard the rumors – here are the facts!

- Rumor: 'New Urban West is trying to sidestep LAFCO by negotiating with the City for sewer service.'

"It was LAFCO staff who encouraged New Urban West to talk with a number of local agencies, including the City of Escondido about a range of sewer connection options. In terms of physical proximity, the utilization of the city's HARRF plant appears to be an efficient method of providing sewer treatment to the future residents."

- Michael Ott, Executive Officer, San Diego LAFCO

- Rumor: 'Escondido will lose out if a service arrangement is made for Harmony Grove Village.'

"As mayor, I believe that reserving a small portion of the city's Hale Avenue plant capacity for Harmony Grove Village can have a large impact on helping with our planned expansion of the plant. It will save the city ratepayers money, and bring in additional revenue with no cost to the city. It makes sense – and we have the plant capacity."

- Lori Holt-Pfeiler, Mayor of the City of Escondido

"We will fully explore this proposal, and I am confident that it can have a positive conclusion that will benefit our city."

- Sam Abed, City Council Member, Escondido

- Rumor: 'Harmony Grove Village is trying to sidestep Prop S and that's why it was removed from the City's Sphere of Influence.'

"Whether or not the NUW property was in the city's SOI or not – Prop S wouldn't apply to the property, because it is outside the city boundaries. Removal of Harmony Grove from the SOI had been a long standing issue with many in the Harmony Grove community."

- Marie Waldron, City Council Member, Escondido

- Rumor: 'NUW played a role in getting the Harmony Grove area removed from Escondido's Sphere of Influence at LAFCO.'

San Diego LAFCO, Community leaders and the Supervisor's office can verify that NUW did not ask for removal and took no part in the sphere review at LAFCO.

FACTS:

- Escondido City Council voted 4 to 1 to pursue sewer service for Harmony Grove Village
- The County of San Diego, City of Escondido and San Diego LAFCO are working together to fully explore all aspects
- Prop S and Harmony Grove Village are unrelated
- A Harmony Grove Village wastewater treatment plant has been designed – the Village can be built without the Escondido sewer connection

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