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Dear Stakeholders:

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent public meetings to discuss the development of an active recreation park in the western end of the Otay Valley Regional Park (OVRP). I would like to provide some additional background on this important project as well as an update on our next steps for developing the concept of this particular park site, which is identified as Recreation Area 3 in the OVRP concept plan.

The OVRP concept plan, approved in 1997 after a lengthy and comprehensive public process, is the result of a multi-jurisdictional planning effort in the Otay River Valley by the County of San Diego and the Cities of Chula Vista and San Diego. The plan calls for a mix of active and passive recreation activities, ranging from playing fields and picnic areas to hiking, biking and horse trails, while protecting open space and wildlife areas. The vast majority of the OVRP is designated as a preserve. In fact, out of more than 8,000 acres in the regional park, only a few hundred acres have potential for the development of active recreation facilities. The active recreation areas identified in the plan, including a large portion of Recreation Area 3, have been previously disturbed or lack sensitive biological resources and contain land suitable for development of recreational facilities. To support this intent, the County acquired the property for Recreation Area 3 with a funding source that specifically calls for development of active recreation consistent with the adopted concept plan.

The County along with the City of San Diego and Chula Vista remain committed to implementing the vision depicted in the Otay Valley Regional Park Concept Plan. To do so, we must take advantage of the limited opportunity to provide active recreation facilities for area residents to complement the outstanding open space conservation strides we have accomplished throughout the valley.



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We appreciate your continued interest in the OVRP and your support of our efforts to develop a park that all local residents can be proud of. Together, I am confident that we will find a way to make the park a reality.

Sincerely,

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