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TO: Leon L. Williams, Chairman
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FROM: Norman W. Hickey
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CORRESPONDENCE FROM DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

I have attached a copy of a letter from the Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures to Howard A. Sarasohn, Deputy Director, Department of Conservation on the changing use of agricultural land.

Please call me if I can be of further assistance.

Respectfully,

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Howard A. Sarasohn, Deputy Director
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In response to your request I have had several inspectors who are familiar with San Diego County's agriculture examine the maps that you sent. Since the Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures does not keep records on the use or changing use of agricultural land in the County, the knowledge of our inspectors is the only source of information we have on this subject.

Staff report two areas of major change in the past few years. One is at the intersection of Interstate 15 and Highway 76 in the San Luis Rey River Valley. The area was previously used for citrus and vegetable crop production, but has been developed into housing.

On Otay Mesa, located in southern-most San Diego County, a new town, Otay Ranch, is being planned. For the past five to ten years, agriculture has declined in the Otay Mesa area because of the unavailability of water and pressure from development.

I hope that this information is helpful to you. If we can provide further assistance, please contact Jennifer Tierney at (619) 694-3122.

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