

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - LAND USE  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 01, 2025**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 3**

**SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:  
ADJUST THE WARNER SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP  
BOUNDARY TO INCLUDE THE ADJACENT LOS COYOTES  
RESERVATION (DISTRICT: 5)**

**OVERVIEW**

To promote equitable community representation and expand opportunities for public input in the Warner Springs area, the County of San Diego (County) Board of Supervisors (Board), on April 10, 2024 (11), directed staff to evaluate and process a boundary adjustment for the Warner Springs Community Sponsor Group (CSG). The proposed change, originated by the Warner Springs CSG, would add the adjacent Los Coyotes Band of Indians (Los Coyotes) reservation within the CSG boundary.

Currently, the Los Coyotes reservation lies outside the Warner Springs CSG boundary and is located within the North Mountain Community Planning Area, which does not have an active planning or sponsor group. Warner Springs, located east of Palomar Mountain in the North Mountain Subregion, is currently represented by a CSG. While residents on the reservation may participate in public engagement related to Warner Springs projects, they are not eligible for appointment to the CSG because they reside outside the group's designated boundary. The proposed boundary adjustment would make residents of the Los Coyotes Reservation eligible for appointment to the Warner Springs CSG and allow them to provide formal input on land use matters affecting the surrounding community.

This boundary adjustment would not give the County any land use authority over the Los Coyotes reservation. Reservation lands are sovereign and are not subject to County zoning, permitting, or development regulations. Across the unincorporated County, some reservation lands are already included within active planning or sponsor group areas, allowing reservation residents to serve on local advisory bodies. Adjusting the Warner Springs CSG boundary to include the Los Coyotes Reservation would provide consistency with this approach and enhance community representation. The boundary adjustment is supported by both the Warner Springs CSG and the Los Coyotes Band of Indians. Nominations for membership in a sponsor group may be solicited from the community-at-large, including people living on tribal lands. If appointed by the County Board, a reservation resident would serve as an individual member of the community and not as a formal representative of the Los Coyotes tribe.

Today's request is for the Board to adopt a Resolution (Attachment A) adjusting the Warner Springs CSG boundary to include the Los Coyotes reservation and to direct staff to implement any necessary administrative actions to complete the change.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find that this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the proposed action is not a physical project per Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

2. Adopt a resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJUSTING THE WARNER SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP BOUNDARY TO INCLUDE THE ADJACENT LOS COYOTES RESERVATION (Attachment A), and direct staff to complete any associated administrative changes.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Community engagement is essential to ensure public input is taken into consideration before County decision-makers act on important land use matters. Community Planning and Sponsor Groups (CPSGs) play a pivotal role in the County's public engagement process, serving as a collective voice for each community. Adjusting the Warner Springs CSG boundary to encompass the Los Coyotes reservation would allow residents living within the Los Coyotes reservation to be appointed to the Warner Springs CSG, supporting inclusiveness in the public participation process and fostering connections between the County and tribal governments. This adjustment would bring unique perspectives, knowledge, and lived experiences to help shape our collective local land use process.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County's commitment to sustainability requires consideration of the lasting effects of our actions on the environment, economy, and social well-being of our communities. Community Planning and Sponsor Groups play a crucial role in facilitating this process. Consistent with the County's Sustainability Goals, adjusting the boundary of the Warner Springs CSG provides a meaningful opportunity for residents living within the Los Coyotes reservation to be appointed to the Warner Springs CSG, bringing the opportunity for tribal knowledge and perspectives on sustainable communities to be shared. This fosters a more transparent, diverse, and inclusive dialogue, and ensuring the impacts of County land use decisions that impact all stakeholders are comprehensively considered.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, and adopted Resolution No. 25-110, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJUSTING THE WARNER SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP BOUNDARY TO INCLUDE THE ADJACENT LOS COYOTES RESERVATION.

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

State of California)  
County of San Diego)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



**Signed**  
**by** Andrew Potter

