



## United States Department of the Interior

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
Reston, Virginia 20192

November 21, 2025

In Reply Refer To:  
Mail Stop 911



Dear [REDACTED]:

This acknowledges U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) receipt of your November 16, 2025, Information [Data] Quality Act, Request for Correction of Information submitted under the USGS Information Quality Guidelines.

The Request states that the USGS map showing the perimeter of the 1996 Harmony Fire is not accurate based on witness reports and the Carlsbad Fire Department list of houses burned. You request that the USGS further investigate the accuracy of this information. Your Request includes two attachments—Out of Harmony, a chronicle of the 1996 Harmony Grove fire produced by The City of Carlsbad and a shapefile of the community boundary created by you. You also embedded into the email request three images: 1) the latest Fire Hazard Severity Zone map depicting the fire going over your community; 2) a USGS fire perimeter map from the City of Carlsbad's historical records which is included in the Out of Harmony document; and 3) a zoomed in view of the USGS map with the corner of your community depicted with a blue dot. In response to a follow-up USGS request, you subsequently supplied the shapefile as a PDF map.

We will be following the [USGS Information Quality Guidelines](#) process to evaluate your Request and within 120 calendar days of its receipt, you will be notified of our response.

Sincerely,

William L. Cunningham  
Acting Director  
USGS Office of Science Quality and Integrity