

Santa Barbara LAFCO Commission
105 E. Anapamu Street, Room 407
Santa Barbara, CA. 93101

May 26, 2016

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2270 Alvert
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** I am willing to support Los Olivos joining the Santa Ynez Community Service District to provide our community with wastewater collection and disposal, pending that the capacity of the plant has a 'cap' for size on it, to prevent unchecked growth in our small community. Sg*

Thank You,

Jida Grant

*2470 Park St.
Los Olivos, Ca 93441
805 689-1867*

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Allen, Michael (COB)
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 3:33 PM
To: Alexander, Jacquelyne
Subject: FW: LAFCO MTG Tomorrow

FYI....

From: BOB [<mailto:altavillar@verizon.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 3:06 PM
To: Email Lafco
Cc: Allen, Michael (COB)
Subject:

I am strongly opposed to any action being taken or commitments of any kind being made until the projected state study takes place. It appears a straw man may have been constructed. It would be foolhardy to take action and then find out we have not met state requirements specific to our area.

BOB
altavillar@verizon.net

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Paul Hood <hood.paul@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 11:33 AM
To: Alexander, Jacquelyne
Subject: FW: SYCSD Sphere of Influence Application -Los Olivos - LAFCO Meeting June 2, 2016 - Business Item #3.

From: Teri Harmon [<mailto:terisue.harmon@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 8:57 PM
To: lafco@sblafco.org
Subject: SYCSD Sphere of Influence Application -Los Olivos - LAFCO Meeting June 2, 2016 - Business Item #3.

Dear LAFCO,

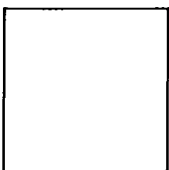
It seems reasonable to wait until the fall to make the decision with respect to hearing the merits of the SY Community Services District application to expand its Sphere of Influence to include Los Olivos. It seems to me that rushing into this decision without the knowledge or input of the community is unfair business practices that smell of trying to hide something....or worse yet....hoping the affected won't notice.

It is clear that Los Olivos is in need of a solution to its wastewater problem but until further studies of the impacts are finished (and they are currently in motion so why not wait for those reports??) – no decision should be made. Until all available information is collected you can't make an informed or logical decision. Anything short of that is sloppy work on your part or infers that you just don't care about us and want the matter just dealt with regardless of the outcome or longer term ramifications.

Please delay this decision,

A resident of Los Olivos

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805-688-6776



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May 31, 2016

Mr. Paul Hood, Executive Officer
Commission Members
LAFCO Santa Barbara County
105 East Anapamu Street, Room 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: SYCSD Sphere of Influence Application – Los Olivos Business Item No. 3

Dear Mr. Hood and Honorable Commission Members:

My wife and I are homeowners in Los Olivos, CA. We have lived here for 13 years. The purpose of this letter is to add our voices to those of other Los Olivos property owners asking for LAFCO to delay its decision on the SYCSD Los Olivos Sphere of Influence matter until after the current Engineering and related Financial Feasibility studies are completed this summer.

The Los Olivos Wastewater Reclamation Steering Committee (LOWR) is a diverse, well-balanced group of people that have invested considerable time and effort into researching, validating, and clarifying the options available to this community. This work has been widely appreciated by the Los Olivos residents and business owners. Perhaps most important, LOWR participants are committed to honestly exploring **all** viable options and evaluating them against balanced time, effort, cost, and local control tradeoffs. We ask that this intrinsically unbiased fact-finding and community organization work be respected as an important part of the community governance process.

By delaying this decision, **all** parties will benefit from the facts and accurate data these studies seek to provide. We think the modest delay we and others are requesting in any decisions regarding the sphere-of-influence expansion request is in the best short-term and long-term interest of this community.

Respectfully,

-John and Julie Kennedy
POB 526
2232 Keenan Rd
Los Olivos, CA 93441

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Paul Hood <hood.paul@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 11:32 AM
To: Alexander, Jacquelyne
Subject: FW: Requesting delay

From: Merilee Conley [<mailto:merilee8@icloud.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 7:51 AM
To: lafco@sblafco.org
Subject: Requesting delay

RE: SYCSD Sphere of Influence Application - Los Olivos - LAFCO Meeting June 2, 2016 - Business Item #3.

Subject: Requesting Delay

We are 14 year resident owners and are not ready for this decision to be made without our voice.
Sincerely,
Judd and Merilee Conley

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Allen, Michael (COB)
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 11:12 AM
To: Alexander, Jacquelyne
Subject: FW: SYCSD annexation of Los Olivos - Please Wait!

Importance: High

FYI

From: Elisabeth Galvin [<mailto:elisabeth.galvin@delyse.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 11:04 AM
To: 'allen@co.santa-barbara.ca.us'; 'lafco@sblafco.org'
Cc: Farr, Doreen; Farnum, Elizabeth
Subject: SYCSD annexation of Los Olivos - Please Wait!
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Allen and LAFCO:

I own a house within the special problems area in Los Olivos.

I am requesting that the vote on the SYCSD expansion into Los Olivos be delayed. While it "might" be some savings by becoming a part of a larger CSD, I am not sure that this savings are worth it, and no one seems to be able to tell me what amount would actually be saved. However, as you are aware, it is a study being undertaken right now that will be completed in the fall. This will provide us with an idea of what kind of costs we are looking at to have our own CSD for Los Olivos.

It seems to me that rushing into this decision without the knowledge or input of the community is unfair business practices and not professional. I hope that you will respect my opinion.

It is reasonable to wait until the fall or when you are able to review/share with us the due diligence study in process in order to demonstrate the real impacts of becoming a part of a larger CSD.

I strongly believe that our entire community should be allowed to decide based on educated input to the LAFCO process.

I understand that a local CSD and the expansion for SYCSD is not mutually exclusive. However, I am concerned about how the community would stop the SYCSD from going forward. When it is going to take over a decade to get a sewer, I see no reason not to get the operating entity correct and to wait until the fall.

Thank you for help. Please delay this decision!

A resident of Los Olivos.

Kind Regards,

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June 1, 2016

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Attn: Commission Members
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Re: SYCSD Sphere of Influence Application – Los Olivos Business Item No. 3

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Please allow the community of Los Olivos to make an informed decision how this community will move forward.

Sincerely,



Leona Mirelez

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Allen, Michael (COB)
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 8:53 AM
To: Alexander, Jacquelyne
Subject: FW: Los Olivos Wastewater Treatment

From: Mike Brady [<mailto:mike@santaynezland.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 8:33 AM
To: Email Lafco; Allen, Michael (COB)
Subject: Los Olivos Wastewater Treatment

LAFCO,

I am a resident of the community of Los Olivos. My granddaughter graduates from school today or I would be attending the LAFCO hearing at 1:00 P.M.

After the LAMP regulations were put into effect, our residential community, finally, became supportive of building a wastewater treatment facility.

At this juncture, the question is do we form our own services district? Or, do we become a part of a much larger district, SYCSD?

The arguments made for the SYCSD are that (a) it will collapse the time needed for an operational system and (b) be more cost effective. I question the validity of both arguments. No matter if we form our own district or are annexed by the existing SYCSD, Los Olivos is still 4 to 5 years away from an operational system, under the best case scenario. As the manager of the SYCSD explained in a meeting of local residents, project specific costs need to be absorbed by the area benefited. So, the costs are going to be the costs.

Thus, there seems to be little, or no,(a) time or (b) cost saving benefits by being annexed into a larger SYCSD.

What does Los Olivos lose by joining a larger district? Local control; our vote over local decisions will be diluted into a small minority. We will have little say.

I ask that LAFCO support the efforts of the local, Los Olivos, community to move fall speed ahead in forming our own operational wastewater treatment facility.

Many thanks,

Mike Brady
2345 Olivet Avenue
Los Olivos, CA 93441

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Allen, Michael (COB)
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 8:52 AM
To: Alexander, Jacquelyne
Subject: FW: SYCSD

From: Jefferson Woeste [<mailto:jefferson@jwoeste.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:50 AM
To: Allen, Michael (COB)
Cc: Mark Herthel
Subject: SYCSD

Good Morning

I have been a property owner in Los Olivos since 1998.

I have attended several meetings up until today. There have been many discussions since then.

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Regards

Jefferson Woeste

2356 Alamo Pintado Ave

Los Olivos

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Paul Hood <hood.paul@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 8:41 AM
To: Alexander, Jacquelyne
Subject: FW: SYCSD Sphere of Influence Application - Los Olivos - LAFCO Meeting June 2, 2016 - Business Item #3.

From: Brad Ross [<mailto:rossbrada@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 8:28 AM
To: lafco@sblafco.org
Subject: SYCSD Sphere of Influence Application - Los Olivos - LAFCO Meeting June 2, 2016 - Business Item #3.

Los Olivos has been considered a special problems area in terms of wastewater treatment since 1974. We have not resolved the problem in 42 years, but are making progress. LAMP went into effect in late 2015, providing a method to ensure that satisfactory wastewater treatment is implemented. The other hurdle is to persuade Los Olivos residents to pay for the needed upgrade. At a community meeting held on 22 March 2016 the overwhelming majority of the Los Olivos residents in attendance responded favorably when asked if they supported a study to refine cost estimates for wastewater treatment options. Kudos to Santa Barbara county officials for asking the question and listening to the response. The study is underway. It would be a disservice to those residents to act on the SYCSD Sphere of Influence application before the study is complete and Los Olivos residents are able to express their wishes in response to the findings from the study. Please postpone action on the SYCSD Sphere of Influence application until the October, 2016 timeframe.

Many thanks,

Brad Ross, Los Olivos Resident

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Allen, Michael (COB)
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 8:50 AM
To: Alexander, Jacquelyne
Subject: FW: My signature on Los Olivos wastewater treatment petition

From: Meighan Diethofer [<mailto:meighan@figmtnbrew.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 12:53 AM
To: Email Lafco; Allen, Michael (COB)
Subject: My signature on Los Olivos wastewater treatment petition

Dear LAFCO Commissioners:

I am a homeowner and resident in the community of Los Olivos. I recently signed a petition relating to the Santa Ynez Community Services District's (the District) efforts to include Los Olivos in its sphere of influence for wastewater treatment services. I would like to request that my signature be removed from the petition.

At the time of signing the petition, I was told by the individual soliciting my signature that the benefit to Los Olivos in joining with Santa Ynez's sewage treatment system was one of financial efficiency: since Santa Ynez and Ballard would already have a joint sewage treatment system in place, it would be cheaper for the community of Los Olivos to join in with this system than to recreate the wheel with its own treatment system. When I pressed for information on the issue, stating that I did not know enough to make an informed decision, I was assured by the solicitor that my signature did not guarantee joining with the District would proceed forward based upon the petition, but rather that a successful petition would allow the issue to be studied further and included in future community decision-making processes. I believed that my signing of the petition would support the issue becoming a ballot measure for public vote, and that through the voting process, studies from both the District and the Los Olivos community on the financial repercussions of each plan would be presented to community members. Also of interest to me would be information regarding the representation that the community of Los Olivos would have in a joint wastewater treatment services relationship. I had very little information on the issue at the time of signing the petition and was just hoping to see the issue go to vote so that more data could be obtained. Finding out now that the petition could move forward the decision-making process about wastewater treatment services for Los Olivos before all facts about the options can be provided, makes me regret my signature and hope that it can be rescinded from the petition.

Thank you,

Meighan Diethofer
2495 Santa Ynez Street
Los Olivos, CA 93441

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Allen, Michael (COB)
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 8:50 AM
To: Alexander, Jacquelyne
Subject: FW: Los Olivos Community Service District

From: Jaime Dietenhofer [<mailto:dietenhofer@icloud.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 9:14 PM
To: Email Lafco
Cc: Allen, Michael (COB)
Subject: Los Olivos Community Service District

To whom it may concern:

My name is Jaime Dietenhofer. I have lived in the Los Olivos area since 1979. I attended Los Olivos Elementary School. I currently serve as President of the Los Olivos School Foundation, charged with raising funds for the Elementary school and the enrichment programs for the children.

I currently live at 2495 Santa Ynez St. in Los Olivos off of Grand Ave. with my wife Meighan and 2 children (Anders and Gray) who attend Los Olivos Elementary School. Additionally, I own and operate a business in Los Olivos on Alamo Pintado St.

I do not support the current sphere of influence change of the Santa Ynez Community Service District to include Los Olivos. This would open the door for the annexation of our community without our consent and approval. I believe we should have our own Los Olivos Community Service District and choose which path we go.

There is a study commissioned by the Steering Committee that is looking into the financial implications as well as logistics that needs to be completed. We should not be rushed into this decision and need to know what the financial implications will be, otherwise we could be making a decision that will be detrimental to the future of our community.

Furthermore, the petition that was circulated by some of the members in favor of this annexation was not being truthfully represented. My wife Meighan who will be attending tomorrow and sending her own letter was not clearly informed of what she was signing and wishes to rescind her signature and approval. She also wishes for the financial study to be completed so that we can make an educated decision that is not forced upon us. As I have started to speak to my other neighbors they also feel duped by this petition. I strongly urge you to let the study be completed and not let the sphere of influence change without the choice of the "fully informed" community. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Jaime Dietenhofer
2495 Santa Ynez St.
Los Olivos, CA 93441

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Allen, Michael (COB)
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 8:50 AM
To: Alexander, Jacquelyne
Subject: FW: SYCSD Sphere of Influence Application Los Olivos

From: Michael A. Dunn [<mailto:madunn@sbceo.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 7:19 PM
To: Email Lafco; Allen, Michael (COB)
Subject: SYCSD Sphere of Influence Application Los Olivos

Dear Mr. Allen and Committee Members;

I am unable to attend the Commission meeting tomorrow, June 2nd for the public comments period. So, I wanted to write and appeal that you please delay any action regarding the SYCSD SOI application until the feasibility studies are complete to allow Los Olivos to form its own Community Services District.

I have attended meetings at St. Marks Church here in my town and even signed a petition which I believe is now being put forward by HEAL THE OCEAN. The premises that I signed this petition under are no longer valid and therefore I do not want that to be my stated opinion.

Our Los Olivos Community is planning to look at all of our options and take responsibility for solving our wastewater problem. Again, please defer actions regarding this matter until we have an opportunity for our own constituency to consider the options anew.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michael A. Dunn

Lifelong Los Olivos Resident.

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Paul Hood <hood.paul@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 8:43 AM
To: Alexander, Jacquelyne
Subject: FW: SYCSD Sphere of Influence Application Los Olivos LAFCO Meeting 6/2/16 Business Item 3

From: Robert Jones [<mailto:rwjonzie@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 7:32 PM
To: lafco@sblafco.org
Subject: SYCSD Sphere of Influence Application Los Olivos LAFCO Meeting 6/2/16 Business Item 3

I was at the Los Olivos meeting in March at St. Marks-in-the-Valley. I don't understand why LAFCO is trying to force Los Olivos into the SYCSD before those who will be annexed have a chance to act in their own best interest. There is no need to act so aggressively. This isn't an emergency so don't treat it like one. No lame duck decisions. Let the studies come back before making a decision. Heal the Ocean takes money from the Casino. That is the sphere of influence that bothers me.

Robert Jones

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Paul Hood <hood.paul@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 8:42 AM
To: Alexander, Jacquelyne
Subject: FW: (no subject)

From: Nojoqui@aol.com [<mailto:Nojoqui@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 6:34 AM
To: lafco@sblafco.org
Cc: hillary@healthocean.org; allen@co.santa-barbara.ca.us
Subject: (no subject)

Santa Barbara LAFCO

Re: Los Olivos sewer

I am the owner of a commercial property in Los Olivos. I have been involved with various efforts to get a sewer system, in Los Olivos , since 2006. Two years ago I resigned from the current "Steering Committee" because of misdirection by the leading member of the committee. Almost ten years has passed since I first became involved, and NOTHING has been accomplished. I urgently ask that LAFCO approve the SYCSD request to include Los Olivos in their Sphere of Influence.

Thank You,

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nojoqui@aol.com

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From: Paul Hood <hood.paul@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 5:25 PM
To: Alexander, Jacquelyne
Subject: FW: Los Olivos Wastewater Issue and SY Water District

From: Dennis Schoen [<mailto:dschoen@researchednutritionals.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 3:50 PM
To: lafco@sblafco.org
Subject: Los Olivos Wastewater Issue and SY Water District

Dear Board Members:

My name is Dennis Schoen and I am a resident in the special water needs area of Los Olivos.

I am writing you to request that LAFCO not move forward, at this time, with the Santa Ynez Community Service District's request to increase its sphere of influence over Los Olivos due to two studies currently underway or beginning shortly:

- The Santa Barbara County EHS has agreed to fund and administer a Focused Feasibility Study for Los Olivos. This study will evaluate a set of water treatment options (infrastructure feasibility) and develop estimates for the initial and recurring costs of a small plant that meets Groundwater Management Plan requirements.
 - I understand the cost of this study may be in the \$50,000 range so I do not believe it makes sense to make a decision on the SYCSD until this approved & funded study is completed.
 - This study should provide additional insight into the direction Los Olivos residents might choose to resolve this vexing but solvable problem. My experience has taught me that decisions based on more complete information are usually much better decisions.
 - This study is projected to be completed in July so I see no need to rush.
- Local Los Olivos Community Project Team (made up of Los Olivos town volunteers) directed study to:
 - quantify the initial construction and recurring operational costs of a water reclamation system for a Los Olivos Community Services District (CSD)
 - review various governance options (other than establishing a Los Olivos CSD), including annexation to Santa Ynez CSD, service provided by Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District 1, and the formation of a county-dependent Community Services Agency.
 - This study is projected to be completed in September, a very reasonable timeframe.

As a businessman and a Los Olivos resident directly affected by this issue, I think it would be rash to approve an increased sphere of influence until we have the results of these two studies. We have a broad based group of Los Olivos residents working together to develop a long-term solution to this problem. I strongly urge you to let the County study and the Los Olivos study be completed, reviewed and presented to the Los Olivos residents at a town hall meeting. At that time, we will be much better prepared to make an **informed decision** (versus an emotionally based decision) based on the facts.

I appreciate you taking the time to read my email. I look forward to addressing you at tomorrow's LAFCO meeting.

Best Regards,

Dennis Schoen
Researched Nutritionals
Tel. 805 693 1802 ext. 1001

HELLO LAFCO COMMISSIONERS

I am Janeen Dewett Chester, a property owner in the **Special Problems Area** of Los Olivos.

I am here today to ask you to please approve the application of the Santa Ynez Community Service District for Sphere of Influence change (your LAFCO File 16-01) to include Los Olivos - and to provide direction to your staff to work with the District to move this application forward.

I am among a majority of Los Olivos residents who do NOT want to wait for the formation of a Los Olivos CSD - leaving us without the means to move forward to do something about our septic system problems, which are now regulated by the Santa Barbara County LAMP.

I am concerned about (PICK A SUBJECT):

1) **THE NEW LAMP** regulations for septic systems. If my septic system fails, I am required to install an advanced system at a cost of \$40K, PLUS monitor it and turn in monitoring reports once a year. *Environmental Health Services has told us this - and that they will have to enforce.*

- Advanced septic systems are 2x more expensive than sewer service.
- This expense means that when sewer service comes around, I'll not be able to participate because I've already spent the money on an advanced system.
- If some of us start putting in advanced systems, Los Olivos will never get off septic systems.
- We do not feel septic systems are environmentally friendly, and they have become a nuisance to us.

2) **We want a reliable wastewater service from a reliable operator already in business. we are not willing to wait for the formation of a new CSD in Los Olivos.**

3) **COSTS OF WAITING - Proposition 1 funding help**

- If we wait for the formation of a Los Olivos CSD, we can easily lose MUCH funding help from Proposition 1 , the State Water Bond funding that could help us. We are NOT willing to take this risk!
- \$14 million is a lot of money to miss out on!

4) **REGIONAL BOARD ACTION:**

Los Olivos does not want to wait until the Regional Board comes in and regulates as it did Los Osos. (and they will).

5) **Santa Ynez Community Services District has said repeatedly, in public meetings, that if/when a Los Olivos CSD is formed, will get the keys to the wastewater plant anyway!**

- **WE CANNOT AFFORD TO WAIT WHILE LOS OLIVOS CSD IS FORMED!**

THANK YOU!

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Allen, Michael (COB)
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 4:03 PM
To: Alexander, Jacquelyne
Subject: FW: DELAY THE DECISION

FYI...

From: Ken & Judy Hyndman [<mailto:khyndart@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 4:02 PM
To: Email Lafco; Allen, Michael (COB)
Subject: DELAY THE DECISION

Dear LAFCO members and Mike Allen,

As residents of the Los Olivos for 37 years, we request that you delay the SYCSD Sphere of Influence Application at your June 2, 2016 meeting (Business Item #3) until our community has had adequate time to complete the studies that are ongoing.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to attend tomorrow's meeting, but we will be awaiting news that you have heard the voices of our community and will act accordingly.

Sincerely,
Ken and Judy Hyndman
2660 Grand Ave.
Los Olivos