SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

September 5, 2024 (Agenda)

LAFCO 24-02: City of Santa Barbara to provide sewer services to 0.77-acre existing

single-family residence located at 898 Veronica Springs Road, Santa

Barbara, CA 93108. (APN 049-072-001).

PROPONENT: Property owner Diane Kriger ("Owner")

The proposed Out of Agency Service Agreement includes 0.77 acres ACREAGE & LOCATION

located at 898 Veronica Springs Road and contains one parcel (APN 049-

072-001). (Attachment A).

The property owner, Diane Kriger, is requesting sewer hook up to the City PURPOSE:

of Santa Barbara due to a failed septic tank.

HISTORY: The septic system at 898 Veronica Springs has failed. As a result, the

> property is uninhabitable and the tenants have moved out of the property. Per the property owner, there is seepage occurring and the top of the tank

is deteriorated and unsafe.

GENERAL ANALYSIS:

1. Description of Project

The property Owner is requesting to connect to the City of Santa Barbara's wastewater system. The septic system at 898 Veronica Springs has failed and as a result, the property is uninhabitable, and the tenants have moved out of the property. Per the property owner, there is seepage occurring and the top of the tank is deteriorated and unsafe. The current location of the septic system is not appropriate as the seepage pit is within 2 ft of an in-ground swimming pool. Constructing a new system elsewhere on the property is proving to be difficult due to the property grading. The system would have to be installed far from the house and be fairly deep, which is not ideal considering the neighborhood is served by a small water system dependent on groundwater.

Given that the septic system failure has caused the property to be unsafe and uninhabitable, and the proximity of the property to the City and its inhabitants, City of Santa Barbara Staff recommends supporting a connection to the City's wastewater system via an Out-of-Agency Service Agreement by making the following findings per Resolution 91-143:

The parcel is within an area recommended for annexation in the Land Use Element of the City's General Plan; and

• The health, safety or welfare of the City, or certain of its residents, requires sewer service be provided.

The City plans to approve the Agreement for Provision of Water and Sewer Service (Attachment B1) at its September 10, 2024 meeting.

2. Requirement for LAFCO Approval

LAFCO regulates boundary changes and extensions of service without boundary changes. Government Code Section 56133 states that "A city or a district may provide new or extended services by contract or agreement outside its boundaries only if it first requests and receives written approval from the commission in the affected county."

It further provides that LAFCO "may authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its jurisdictional boundaries but within its sphere of influence in anticipation of a later change of organization."

3. Sphere of Influence

The area proposed for the Out-of-Agency Service Agreement is within the City of Santa Barbara's sphere of influence.

4. Plan for Services

The City currently provides water and sewer services to other properties in the surrounding area. No other water or sanitary districts operate in the vicinity of the property. An existing sewer main extension is located approximately 75 ft, away from the property.

The following plan for service is provided in the Agreement for Provision of Water and Sewer Service to Real Property Located outside City Limits (Attachment B1) which is agendized for approval by the Santa Barbara City Council at the September 10, 2024 meeting

- 1. City will provide water sewer service to the Real Property upon the same term, conditions and requirements that apply to similar service to property located within the boundaries of the City.
- 2. Owners are responsible for acquisition of all easements and construction of all pipelines, fixtures, and facilities to connect the Real Property to the City's sewer system. Owner shall be responsible for the cost of such connection. If extension or expansion of an existing City sewer main is required to provide service to the Real Property, Owners will pay the cost of the extension or expansion. Owner agrees to

dedicate to City such easements and pipelines, fixtures, and facilities as may be required by the City

- 3. Owner will pay sewer connection and capacity fees for each connection to the Real Property according to the City's standard fee resolution in effect at the time the connection is made to the City's water or sewer system.
- 4. Owner agrees to comply with all City laws governing the discharge of sewage. Owner agrees that City's administrative penalties and civil remedies for violation of City laws apply to violations of this paragraph of this Agreement.
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- 6. Subdivision of the property is prohibited except on the written approval of the City, which approval may be denied unless the Real Property is first annexed to the City.

5. Landowner Consent to Annex in Order to Receive Services:

Annexation is not possible at this time because the process would be very lengthy and would not resolve the current situation in a timely manner. The Agreement that is pending approval by the City and landowner includes Condition 8 wherein Owners consent to and waive the right of protest and all objections to any future annexation of the property to the City. This consent and waiver shall enure to and bind all successors in interest of the property. This condition meets LAFCO's requirement that a service agreement be conditioned on the owner's consent to future annexation and such consent shall bind all successors in interest of the property.

6. Environmental Impact of the Proposal:

A Notice of Exemption has been provided pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq. ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15301 because it involves (i) the continued operation of a private structure (i.e., an existing single-family residence), (ii) the minor alteration and continued operation of existing public facilities (i.e., the City's wastewater collection system), and (iii) no expansion of existing use. (Attachment D)

Conclusion:

The City currently serves other properties within the area and City infrastructure (Sewer main and extensions) are located within reasonable distance to the property, allowing the City to best provide sewer service at this time. Given that the septic system failure at 898 Veronica Springs Road has caused the property to be unsafe and uninhabitable, and the property is within

proximity to City residents, the health, safety or welfare of the City, or certain of its residents, requires sewer service be provided.

Government Code section 56133(b), which is that services may be extended outside of a city's or district's boundaries only if the property is within the sphere of influence in anticipation of a later change of organization. A condition of approval has been added and implemented in the approved agreement.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Map of the Proposed Out of Agency Service Area

Attachment B - City of Santa Barbara Agreement for Provision of Water and Sewer Service and OASA Application

Attachment C - City of Santa Barbara PW Report

Attachment D - LAFCO Notice of Exemption

Attachment E - LAFCO Authorization to Provide Out-of-Agency Services

Attachment F - LAFCO Out-of-Agency Service Agreement

ALTERNATIVES FOR COMMISSION ACTION

After reviewing this report and any testimony or material that are presented, the Commission can follow one of the following options:

OPTION 1 – APPROVE the request for an Out-of-Agency Service Agreement (**Attachment F**), subject to the following terms and conditions:

- a) Find the proposal to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15301.
- b) The City's provision of water and sewer services shall be limited to the 0.77 acres located at 898 Veronica Springs Road, Santa Barbara, APN 049-072-001;
- c) The landowners shall execute and record an agreement approved by the Executive Officer that consents to any future annexation of the territory, which agreement shall ensure to and bind all successors in interest to the property;
- d) Said out-of-agency service agreement is for sewer service only shall remain in effect until such time as an annexation is approved by the Commission and becomes final.

OPTION 2 –Deny the request.

OPTION 3 – Continue the item to obtain additional information

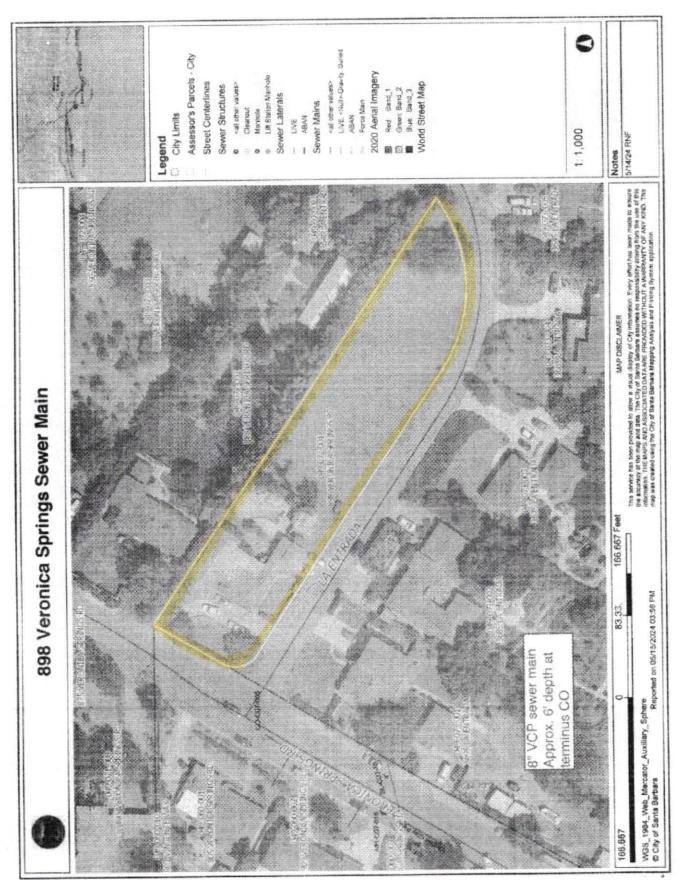
RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve OPTION 1

Mike Prater Executive Officer

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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION



ATTACHMENT A

RECORDING REQUESTED BY AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:)	
City of Santa Barbara City Clerk P.O. Box 1990 Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990)))	
Agreement No		No fee per GOVT. CODE 6103
APN: 049-072-001		

Agreement For Provision of Sewer Service to Real Property Located Outside City Limits Government Code § 56133

 THIS AGREEMENT, mage and en	tered into this day of
by and between	CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, a municipal corporation, hereinafted referred to as "City",
and	KRIGER FAMILY TRUST 2/28/2007, hereinafter referred to as "Owner".

- A. Owner owns real property developed with a single family home located in the unincorporated area of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, immediately adjacent to, but outside the jurisdictional boundary of the City but within the sphere of influence. The Real Property is located at 898 Veronica Springs Road and identified under APN: 049-072-001 and further described in the attached "Exhibit A" [the "Real Property"].
- B. Owner's septic system at 898 Veronica Springs Road has failed and Owner has requested permission to connect the property to the City's sewer system.
- C. Owner agrees to waive any right of protest and all objections to future annexation of the Real Property to the City and to pay the annexation fee required by Chapter 4.04 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code or any successor law in effect at the time of annexation.

D. The owner understands and agrees that pursuant to Government Code § 56133, this agreement requires approval by the Local Agency Commission (hereinafter "LAFCO") before the City can provide new or extended service to 898 Veronica Springs Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. City will provide sewer service to the Real Property upon the same terms, conditions, and requirements that apply to similar service to property located within the boundaries of the City.
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- 6. Subdivision of the property is prohibited except on the written approval of the City, which approval may be denied unless the Real Property is first annexed to the City.
- 7. As a condition precedent to the City's obligations under this Agreement, Owner agrees to submit an application for and obtain approval for service under this agreement from the Santa Barbara County LAFCO in accordance with Government Code § 56133. The City's obligation under section 1 of this Agreement will only become operative upon written confirmation by the Executive Director of Santa Barbara LAFCO that this agreement has been approved in accordance with Government Code § 56133.
- 8. Owner waives any right of protest and all objections to future annexation of the Real Property to the City and Owner agrees to pay the annexation fee required by Chapter 4.04 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code or any successor law in effect at the time of annexation regardless of whether the annexation is initiated by property owner

petition or by motion of the City Council. The waiver does not affect Owner's rights to participate in proceedings relating to zoning or other land use regulation of the Real Property.

- 9. This agreement is an instrument affecting the title and possession of the Real Property and shall run with the Real Property and any parcel created as a result of subdivision of the Real Property. All of the provisions herein imposed shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors in interest of Owners.
- 10. This Agreement shall be recorded at the Office of the Recorder of the County of Santa Barbara. Owner will pay all fees and charges for recordation if payment of fees is required by the Office of the Recorder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

corporation:	KRIGER FAMILY TRUST 2/28/2007:	
	Trans Uriger, truster	
Clifford M. Maurer, P.E. Public Works Director	Diane Kriger, Trustee	
	930 Coyote Road Address	
APPROVED AS TO FORM: Sarah Knecht, City Attorney	Santa Barbara, CA 93107 City, State, Zip Code	
John S. Doimas Assistant City Attorney	805-570-0056 Phone Number	

[SIGNATURES MUST BE NOTARIZED, except for signatures approving as to form.]

CALIFORNIA ACKNOWLEDGMENT	CIVIL CODE 9 1189
A notary public or other officer completing this certificate veri to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness	fies only the identity of the individual who signed the document, accuracy, or validity of that document.
State of California County of Santa Barbara	
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	Name(s) of Signer(s)
to the within instrument and acknowledged to me the authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their sign upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the second	ature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity
LINDA MADRIGAL-NIX Notary Public - California Santa Barbara County Commission # 2471244 My Comm. Expires Nov 13, 2027	I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.
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Signer is Representing: _____ Signer is Representing: ____

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EXHIBIT A

LEGAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Real property in the unincorporated area of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, described as follows:

THAT PORTION OF THE RANCHO LAS POSITAS Y LA CALERA, IN THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTER LINE OF VERONICA SPRINGS ROAD, WITH THE CENTER LINE OF LA ENTRADA, AS SAID ROADS, ARE SHOWN ON THE MAP OF LAS POSITAS TRACT, RECORDED IN BOOK 28, PAGE 6 OF RECORD OF SURVEYS; THENCE NORTH 30°01'50" EAST, ALONG SAID CENTER LINE OF VERONICA SPRINGS ROAD, 109.90 FEET TO A POINT FROM WHICH A 1/2 INCH PIPE SET ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID ROAD BEARS SOUTH 56°27' EAST 20.04 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 56°27' EAST, 461.83 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH PIPE SET ON THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LA ENTRADA; THENCE SOUTH 32°10'30" EAST, 20 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTER LINE OF SAID LA ENTRADA, BEING ALSO A POINT ON THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, WHOSE RADIAL CENTER BEARS NORTH 32°10'30" WEST 175 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY AND WESTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER LINE AND THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, 201.64 FEET TO THE END THEREOF; THENCE NORTH 56°09'30" WEST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID CENTER LINE, 312.90 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM 51 PERCENT OF ALL OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, AS RESERVED IN THE DEED FROM JOHN MCWILLIAMS, JR., ET AL., TO ALEX IRVINE, ET ALL, DATED JANUARY 9, 1946, RECORDED JANUARY 26, 1946, IN BOOK 675, PAGE 141, OF OFFICIAL RECORDS.

PARCEL 2:

TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT OF WAY TO BE USED IN COMMON WITH OTHER PRIVATE ROAD PURPOSES, AND FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, OVER LA ENTRADA, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF LAS POSITAS TRACT, RECORDED IN BOOK 28, PAGE 6 OF RECORD OF SURVEYS.

APN: 049-072-001



Date: July 9, 2024

Executive Officer Santa Barbara LAFCO 105 East Anapamu Street Room 407 Santa Barbara CA 93101

Subject:

Proposed Out of Agency Service Agreement

(Kriger Family Trust)

Dear Mr. Prater,

The City of Santa Barbara hereby requests approval of the Local Agency Formation Commission for an out-of-agency service agreement as described by the attached materials. It is proposed to process this request under the provisions of the Cortese/Knox/Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act.

Enclosed with regard to this proposal are the following:

- 1. Resolution of application or letter approved by the City Council on 7/3/24
- 2. One (1) copy of the Application for Out-of-Agency Service Agreement.
- 3. One (1) copy of a map or sketch of the requested service area.
- 4. One (1) digital PDF of all materials sent to lafco@sblafco.org.
- 5. A check payable to LAFCO in the amount of \$ 1500.00 to cover the processing fee.
- 6. A copy of all pertinent staff reports, minutes and other material concerning this proposal.
- 7. Signed Cost Accounting Agreement

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If you have any questions regarding this proposal, you should contact Diane Kriger 805-570-0056

Sincerely,



City of Santa Barbara Public Works Department

Memorandum

DATE:

July 3, 2024

TO:

Cliff Maurer, Public Works Director

FROM:

Joshua Haggmark, Water Resources Manager/DH

SUBJECT:

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Clifford	Maurer,	P.E.
Public V	Vorks Di	rector

7-3-2024

Date

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

Application for Out-of Agency Service Agreement (Attach additional sheets as necessary)

1.	City or District SANTA BARBARA	
	Who should be contacted if there are questions about this application?	
	Name, address, email, and telephone: DIANE KRIGER 930 COYOTE RD SANTA BARBARA, CA. 93108. 805-570-0056 Diane.kriger@gmail.com	
2.	Affected Property Owners	
	Names, addresses and telephones: THE KRIGER FAMILY TRUST 898 VERONICA SPRINGS RD 805-570-0056	
3.	Address/location/size of property: Parcel number: 049-072-001 898 VERONICA SPRINGS RD SANTA BARBARA, CA. 93105 .77 ACRE	
Compl	ete all relevant questions	
4.	Is the property within the service agency's sphere of influence? YesXNo	
5.	What types of services are to be provided under contract?	
	SEWER HOOK UP	
6.	Discuss the justification for the service agreement. Is this an emergency health and safety situation? Why is annexation not possible at this time? YES, HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUE. FAILED SEPTIC SYSTEM	
7. Is annexation of the territory anticipated at some future time? Yes No X If yes, when? If no, why not? THE SEPTIC SYSTEM PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY. THE SANTA BARBARA CITY SEWER MAIN IS LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF VERONICA SPRINGS AND LA ENTRADA ADJACENT TO PROPERTY		

Out-of-Agency Service Questionnaire (10-4-01) This form can be downloaded from www.sblafco.org

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- What is the existing use of the site? Be specific. SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING
- If a change in use is proposed, provide a description of the change.
- 10. Describe in detail how services will be extended to the property:
 - Describe needed improvements including distance for connections.
 LATERAL LINE APROX 80-90 FEET PER PROJECT ENGINEER
 - B. What are the costs of improvements and other start up costs?

TO BE DETERMINED

- C. How is financing to occur, both capital costs and ongoing operations? TO BE DETERMINED
- What environmental review has been conducted for the project? If exempt, please provide a copy
 of the agency's Notice of Exemption.

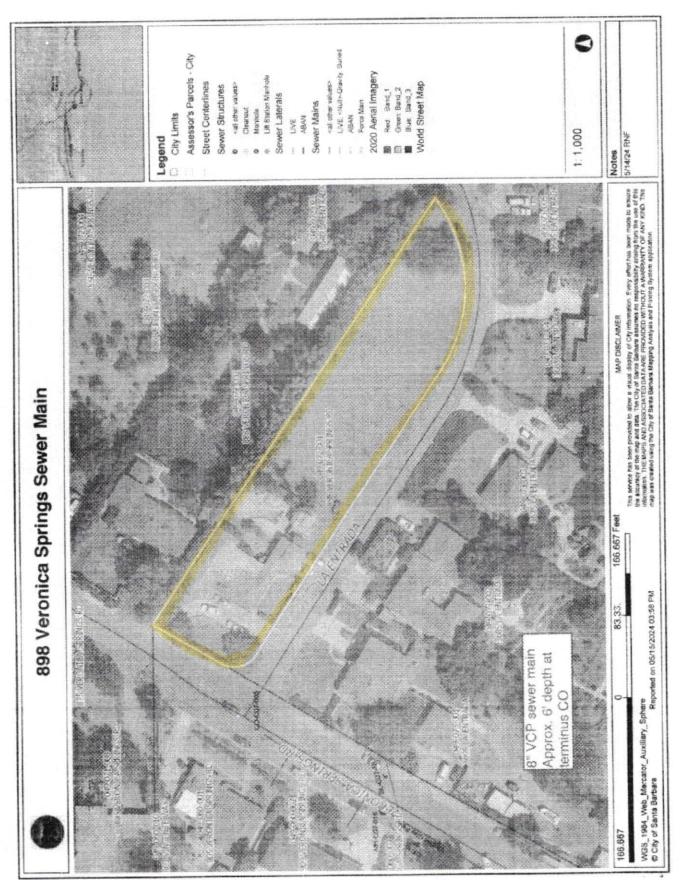
<u>Provide a vicinity map</u> showing the property, the city or district boundary and sphere line and existing and proposed infrastructure as relevant to this agreement.

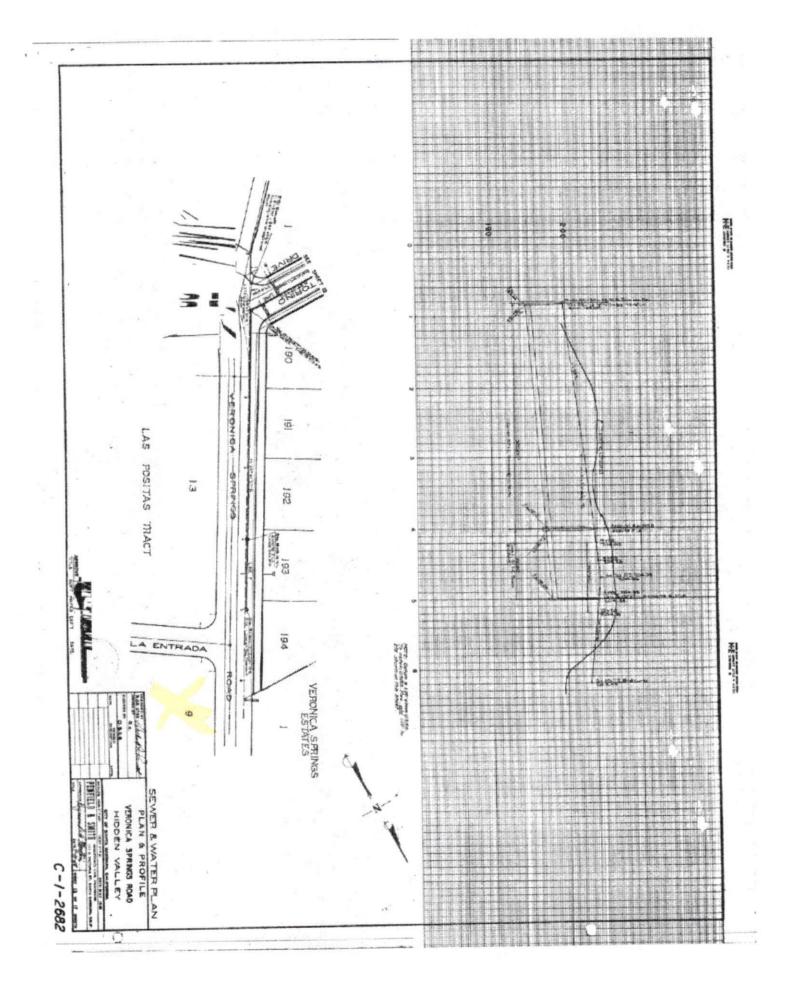
Attach a copy of the proposed services agreement and any staff reports or supporting documentation related to this application.

This request and a processing fee set forth in LAFCO's fee schedule should be submitted to:

Santa Barbara LAFCO 105 East Anapamu Street Santa Barbara CA 93101 805/568-3391

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	COST ACCOUNTING AGREEMENT
Applicant:	Kriger family Trust (Drane Kriger)
Mailing Address:	920 Couple Rd
	Santa Barbara, Ca 93108
Telephone:	805-570-0056
Fax:	
E-mail Address:	diane. Kriger@gmail.com
recover any additional Formation Commission	g an application may exceed the initial deposit required. In order to all costs associated with processing your application, the Local Agency on, LAFCO, has found it necessary to implement a provision of the Fee es full cost recovery for processing an application.
I, Diane agree to pay the actu	al costs pursuant to the Fee Schedule attached hereto, plus copying

If the applicant is in non-compliance with an existing agreement, the applicant shall be subject to LAFCO Policy Guidelines and Standards XIV, which identifies additional steps that must be satisfied before a new application may be accepted.

charges and related expenses incurred in the processing of this application. I also understand that if payment on any billings prior to final action is not paid within thirty (30) days, I agree that processing of my application will be suspended until payment is received. In the event of default, I agree to pay all costs and expenses incurred by LAFCO in securing the performance

In order to implement the cost accounting, please sign and date this statement indicating your agreement to the cost accounting procedure and agreement. This signed agreement is required for your application to be accepted for processing. Checks may be made payable to LAFCO and delivered or mailed to the LAFCO Office at 105 East Anapamu Street, Rm 407, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. If you have questions regarding your application, please contact the LAFCO Office at (805) 568-3391.

Applicant's Signature

of this obligation.

July 9, 2029



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FROM:

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Clifford Maurer, P.E.	
Public Works Directo	r

7-3-2024

Date

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Filing of Notice of Exemption in Compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code

TO: County Clerk County of Santa Barbara FROM: Local Agency Formation Commission 105 East Anapamu Street, Room 407 Santa

105 East Anapamu Street Barbara CA 93101 Santa Barbara CA 93101 805/568-3391

PROJECT LAFCO 24-02 Out of Agency Services Agreement for City of Santa Barbara

TITLE: to provide sewer services

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

Project Location:

0.77 acres located at 898 Veronica Springs Rd (APN 049-072-001)

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The property is already included in the City's sphere of influence is located at 898 Veronica Springs Rd, Santa Barbara, CA., which is a 0.77-acre residentially developed parcel adjacent to the City boundary. The County's land use designation for the property is RES 1.0 (Residential, 1-acre minimum parcel size). The Property is zoned 1-E-1 (Single Family Residential, 1-acre minimum lot area). Through an out of agency service agreement, the City will be authorized to provide sewer services for the property. The County of Santa Barbara will still have permit jurisdiction. The proposal is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq., pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 because it involves (i) the continued operation of a private structure (i.e., an existing single-family residence), (ii) the minor alteration and continued operation of existing public facilities (i.e., the City's wastewater collection system), and (iii) no expansion of existing use. There is no substantial evidence in the record before the City that the agreement will have a significant effect on the environment.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:

Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission

Reasons for Exemption. LAFCO's approval of the proposed out-of-agency agreement into the City of Santa Barbara would be consistent with a Categorical Exemption Class 1. The approval does not involve, authorize or permit any type of development or construction activity associated with the subject property. The proposed agreement only provides sewer services from the City to the an existing SFR located at 898 Veronica Springs Rd. There is no substantial evidence in the record that the project will have a significant effect on the environment. LAFCO's approval is strictly limited to the agreement.

Mike Prater, Executive Officer

August 7, 2024

Date

The "project" is to provide sewer services from the City of Santa Barbara to an existing single-family residence located at 898 Veronica Springs Rd, in the unincorporated area of the County. A Categorical Exemption Class 1 Exiting Facilities with no expansion would apply.

The Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission will approve the above-referenced project on September 5, 2024 and has determined it to be exempt from further environmental review under the requirements of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and local Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

Exempt St	atus:
X	Ministerial Statutory Categorical Exemption: Project is a sewer connection exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1 Emergency Project No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061 (b,3)]
By:	Date: 9/5/24 Executive Officer

LAFCO Authorization for Approval of Out of Agency Service Agreements

Government Code Section 56133 (a) A city or district may provide new or extended services by contract or agreement outside its jurisdictional boundary only if it first requests and receives written approval from the commission.

- (b) The commission may authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its jurisdictional boundary but within its sphere of influence in anticipation of a later change of organization.
- (c) If consistent with adopted policy, the commission may authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its jurisdictional boundary and outside its sphere of influence to respond to an existing or impending threat to the health or safety of the public or the residents of the affected territory, if both of the following requirements are met:
- (1) The entity applying for approval has provided the commission with documentation of a threat to the health and safety of the public or the affected residents.
- (2) The commission has notified any alternate service provider, including any water corporation as defined in Section 241 of the Public Utilities Code, that has filed a map and a statement of its service capabilities with the commission.

STANDARDS FOR OUT-OF-AGENCY SERVICE AGREEMENTS

Considerations for Approving Agreements:

Annexations to cities and special districts are generally preferred for providing public services, however, out-of-agency service agreements can be an appropriate alternative. While each proposal must be decided on its own merits, the Commission may favorably consider such agreements in the following situations:

- 1. Services will be provided to a small portion of a larger parcel and annexation of the entire parcel would be inappropriate in terms of orderly boundaries, adopted land use plans, open space/greenbelt agreements or other relevant factors.
- 2. Lack of contiguity makes annexation infeasible given current boundaries and the requested public service is justified based on adopted land use plans or other entitlements for use.
- 3. Where public agencies have a formal agreement defining service areas, provided LAFCO has formally recognized the boundaries of the agreement area.
- 4. Emergency or health related conditions mitigate against waiting for annexation.
- 5. Other circumstances which are consistent with the statutory purposes and the policies and standards of the Santa Barbara LAFCO.

Agreements Consenting to Annex:

Whenever the affected property may ultimately be annexed to the service agency, a standard condition for approval of an out-of-agency service agreement is recordation of an agreement by the landowner consenting to annex the territory, which agreement shall inure to future owners of the property.

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AUTHORIZATION BY THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMISSION FOR THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA TO PROVIDE OUT-OF-AGENCY SERVICES TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 898 VERONICA SPRINGS ROAD

WHEREAS, the property owner, with the consent of the City of Santa Barbara, has filed a proposal with the Executive Officer of the Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act (Section 56000 et seq. of the Government Code) for the City to provide services outside of its boundaries to the property located at 898 Veronica Springs Road, 93105, in the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County, APN 049-072-001, LAFCO Application No. 24-02 (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 56133(b), the Commission may authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its jurisdictional boundary but within its sphere of influence in anticipation of a later change of organization.

WHEREAS, the City is already providing water and sewer services to other residential parcels in the neighborhood and the subject parcel is zoned under the South Coast Planning Area land use designation as RES 1.0 (Residential, 1-acre minimum parcel size).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED as follows:

- (1) The proposal is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq., ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Exiting Facilities with no expansion).
- (3) The Commission finds the out-of-agency service request to be in the best interests of the affected area. The project is found to be consistent with good planning and reasonable extension of sewer services to the property.
- (4) This approval is subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. The City's provision of sewer services shall be limited to the 0.77 acres located at 898 Veronica Springs Road, Santa Barbara, APN 049-072-001.
 - b. This approval shall not authorize connection of the property to the City

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sewer systems until the property owner has executed and recorded a landowner consent approved by the Executive Officer that consents to future annexation of the territory, which consent shall inure to and bind all successors in interest to the property.

c. Said out-of-agency service agreement is for sewer service only and shall remain in effect until such time as an annexation to the City of Santa Barbara is approved by the Commission and becomes final.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this day of September 5, 2024, in Santa Barbara, California by the following vote.

AYES:	
NOES:	
ABSTAINS:	
Dated:	
	Chair
	Santa Barbara Local Agency
	Formation Commission
ATTEST	
Natasha Carbajal, Clerk/Analyst	
Santa Barbara Local Agency Format	ion Commission