From:

Allen, Michael (COB)

Sent:

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 1:13 PM

To:

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject:

FW: SYCSD Sphere of Influence Application - Los Olivos - LAFCO Meeting June 2, 2016 -

Business Item #3

From: Karen Jones [mailto:karenjkjones@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, May 30, 2016 4:48 PM **To:** Allen, Michael (COB); Email Lafco

Cc: info@losolivoswastewater.com; Farr, Doreen

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

To Mr. Allen and the Santa Barbara LAFCO:

As a candidate for Santa Barbara County Supervisor, I urge you to reject the SYCSD Sphere of Influence Application currently under consideration and allow the community of Los Olivos to determine how best to proceed with their waste water issues. As a long time resident of Santa Ynez, married to a multi-generational native son, I understand the distinct needs and character of the individual communities that make up Santa Barabara County's 3rd District. Please respect the citizens of Los Olivos and the current stakeholders in the SYCSD enough to hear from them before making your decision.

I do not see any reason to act without involving the Los Olivos community in the deliberation process in a meaningful way. Los Olivos is fortunate to have a wealth of responsible citizens who wish to have their voices heard before rushing a decision which will greatly impact individual rate payers and the character of their community. Also, as a ratepayer in the SYCSD, I would like to know what impact this decision will have on the services I receive and the rate I pay as a stakeholder in the SYCSD.

To make a hasty decision during the heated election cycle involving two open seats for County Supervisor could have the appearance of political expediency. A decision regarding the sphere of influence of the SYCSD should wait until a complete vetting of the options by all involved in the wastewater solution for Los Olivos is complete. While forcing Los Olivos residents into the SYCSD might benefit the SYCSD in ways not completely understood by those of us watching from the sidelines, it has the appearance of the district being influenced by a cozy relationship with 134 wealthy Casino owners. While this may not be the case at all, it is certainly important that Santa Barbara LAFCO avoid any appearance of impropriety. Mandating the residents of Los Olivos into the SYCSD should not be considered until the Los Olivos residents who will be impacted by the decision have done a review of all pertinent studies to determine the best solution for the Los Olivos stakeholders.

As someone who is following this issue closely, I strongly urge you to allow those who are responsible for improvements to their property to determine what is best for them. Let the CSD process work the way it is intended; to give people the power to determine how to best manage their own affairs on the local level whenever possible.

I appreciate the opportunity as both a candidate for County Supervisor and a SYCSD ratepayer to be heard on this very important decision.

Sincerely,

Karen Jones Santa Ynez

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<sup>&</sup>quot;Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm. "-Winston Churchill

From:

Allen, Michael (COB)

Sent:

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 1:10 PM

To:

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject:

FW: Los Olivos waste management plans

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

From: signsofgrowth [mailto:signsofgrowth@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, May 29, 2016 9:36 PM **To:** Allen, Michael (COB); Email Lafco

**Subject:** Los Olivos waste management plans

Dear LAFCO staff and Mr. Allen,

As residents of Los Olivos, We are currently undecided as to if a separate Los Olivos Community Service District should be established or if we should go under the auspices of SYCSD. We do believe however that we should wait until the feasibility studies are finished in September before any decision is made.

Sincerely, Laura and Bryan Lippincott PO Box 425 Los Olivos, CA 93441 (2510 Santa Barbara Ave)

From:

Allen, Michael (COB)

Sent:

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 4:46 PM

To:

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject:

FW: SYCSD Sphere of Influence Application - Los Olivos

From: Steven Battaglia [mailto:Steve@battagliare.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2016 4:44 PM

To: Email Lafco

Cc: Allen, Michael (COB)

**Subject:** SYCSD Sphere of Influence Application - Los Olivos

To LAFCO committee members,

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

I am a community member here in Los Olivos and have attended several community meeting regarding the water reclamation project here in Los Olivos. It is my understanding that the steering committee for the Los Olivos Water Reclamation project has several studies being done and is expecting these results in September.

I would like to see the results of these studies and I would like the opportunity to discuss with other members of our community here the pros and cons of whether the Los Olivos community would be better served by a local CSD or by SYCSD. As such, I request that you deny SYCSD request to expand their sphere of include Los Olivos.

Please allow our community to receive and digest these report and discuss our best option for governance over our CSD.

Best Regards,

## Steven Battaglia

2901 Grand Ave Suite D, Los Olivos, CA 93441-0540

Mail: PO Box 540, Los Olivos, CA 93441-0540

Email: Steve@BattagliaRE.com

Office: 805.688.5333, Cell: 805.680.6431, Fax: 877.808.8323

From:

Allen, Michael (COB)

Sent:

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 1:14 PM

To:

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject:

FW: Delay SYCD's Annexation Attempt

FYI...

**From:** John Raffo [mailto:jaraffo@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, May 30, 2016 9:17 AM **To:** Email Lafco; Allen, Michael (COB) **Subject:** Delay SYCD's Annexation Attempt

As a resident of Los Olivos it is my opinion that the Santa Ynez Community Services District should <u>not</u> be allowed to extend their "sphere of influence" over Los Olivos until the Los Olivos community has been allowed adequate time to complete studies underway.

It's both critical that wastewater changes are made ASAP but it's also critical to give the citizens of Los Olivos an opportunity to make a decision on their own.

John Raffo 2786 Corral De Quati Road (PO Box 485) Los Olivos, CA 93441

(818) 439 4878

From:

Allen, Michael (COB)

Sent:

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 1:13 PM

To:

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject:

FW: SYCSD Sphere of Influence Expansion Application- Los Olivos

FYI...

From: Joan Hartmann [mailto:joanhartmann2016@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, May 30, 2016 1:09 PM **To:** Email Lafco; Allen, Michael (COB)

Subject: SYCSD Sphere of Influence Expansion Application- Los Olivos

Joan Hartmann, 1220 Poppy Valley Road, Buellton, CA 93427 Phone: (805) 693-9425; Email: <a href="mailto:irhartmann@impulse.net">irhartmann@impulse.net</a>

Via email: lafco@sblafco.org,allen@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

Please include this in the public record, and see that it is made available to each member before the hearing.

May 30, 2016

Craig Geyer, Chair and Commissioners Roger Aceves, Doreen Farr, Jeff Moorhouse, Bob Orach, Janet Wolf, Judith Ishkanian, Steve Lavagnino, Jim Richardson, Shane Stark, Roger Welt Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission 105 East Anapamu Street, Room 407 Santa Barbara, CA 93101

## RE: SYCSD Sphere of Influence Expansion Application- Los Olivos

Dear Chair Geyer and Commissioners,

I am writing to urge LAFCO to delay any decision on the Santa Ynez Community Service District sphere of influence expansion application until the community-supported studies have been completed and the community has an opportunity to determine how it would like to proceed.

Having served on the County Planning Commission, I know how important it is to listen to residents, particularly when they are working cooperatively to reach viable, cost-effective and local solutions. I am a firm believer in local self-determination; the residents of Los Olivos should be given the opportunity to determine what is the best long-term solution to their waste water problem.

Residents of Los Olivos have filed a petition to form a Los Olivos Community Services District, and recently signed a contract with a consultant to prepare a Feasibility Study and Plan for Service for Wastewater Management. County Environmental Health Services is in the final stages of preparing an Engineering Focused Feasibility Study.

Please do not pre-empt this process. Mr. Paul Hood and Supervisor Farr both attended the community meeting at St. Mark's Church and can attest to the broad community interest in this issue.

The result of the meeting was to go forward with the Feasibility Study and, when it is concluded, the community members agreed to reconvene to discuss the formation of a LOCSD, or not, in light of the Study. I ask you not to intervene and short-circuit this bottom-up process with a top-down decree.

The residents of Los Olivos have demonstrated that they can and will act responsibly in this matter. Please respect and support their efforts.

Sincerely,

Joan Hartmann

From:

Allen, Michael (COB)

Sent:

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 1:13 PM

To:

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject:

FW: SYCSD

FYI

**From:** Barbara Weaver [mailto:barbaraweaver51@qmail.com]

Sent: Monday, May 30, 2016 2:34 PM

To: Email Lafco; Allen, Michael (COB); Barbara Weaver

Subject: SYCSD

As a Los Olivos property owner, I believe Santa Ynez Community Services District should not be allowed to "absorb" Los Olivos until we residents have had adequate time to study all options.

Improved wastewater changes must be made but we need the opportunity to choose which way we want to go.

Barbara Weaver 2815 Santa Barbara Ave (PO Box 94) Los Olivos, Ca 93441

From:

Allen, Michael (COB)

Sent:

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 1:18 PM

To:

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject:

FW: SYCSD Sphere of Influence Application-Los Olivos-LAFCO Meeting June 2, 2016-

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**From:** Susan Whitmore [mailto:susancw@verizon.net]

**Sent:** Monday, May 30, 2016 8:09 AM

To: Allen, Michael (COB)

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

As a Los Olivos resident, I would like to formally request that you delay the decision on the sphere of influence change until our community has had adequate time to complete the studies that are underway.

Thank You,

Susan Whitmore P.O. Box 42 Los Olivos 2225 Keenan Road

From:

Allen, Michael (COB)

Sent:

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 1:17 PM

To:

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject:

FW: Delay of decision

----Original Message----

From: Glenn Landon [mailto:emailglenn@earthlink.net]

Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2016 6:29 PM

To: Allen, Michael (COB) Subject: Delay of decision

Dear Mr. Allen,

My name is Glenn Landon. I am a home owner, business owner and full time resident of Los Olivos. I am requesting that you delay the decision on the sphere of influence change until the additional studies are completed. We residents are the ones who will incur the costs and therefore deserve to have all the information available to us. These studies are currently underway and will allow us to make the best decision for ourselves and our community. I thank you in advance for your attention and action.

Sincerely, Glenn Landon

## Carey and Alix Kendall

Phone: 805.689.6262 / Fax: 805.688.3110 e-mail: carey@clkre.com

May 27, 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 will be out of town and unfortunately not able to attend and address the Commission at its June 2, 2016 meeting. Thus, we wish to express our concerns regarding the SYCSD SOI Application via this letter.

For the past several months I chose to engage and meet with a group of Los Olivos community members in order to navigate and learn about the septic / sewer and waste water options available to this community. At this point, we believe that the community is being rushed into making a critical decision that will have long-term implications. Based on all that I have learned over these past months, there are several options and so much to know; all we are asking is to have sufficient time to evaluate all of the options that are available to solve its wastewater problem.

We understand that a Feasibility study, which is required for the formation of a Los Olivos CSD-an Engineering Focused Feasibility Study and Wastewater System Financial Feasibility Plan – is under way and anticipated to be completed by mid-September.

We do not rule out annexation by SYCSD, we just believe that it's premature for the district to commence the annexation process before our community has had the opportunity to evaluate all of its options.

You may be told by SYCSD, or Heal the Ocean, that they have gathered close to 140 signatures supporting annexation. My wife and I in fact were among the people who signed the petition. But the TRUTH of the matter is our signatures were gathered premised in part on the creation of a new state-of-the-art mutual wastewater processing and reuse plant that would serve all the Special Problems Areas in the Santa Ynez Valley. At the time, the idea made some sense as it offered economies of scale both in the construction and operation of the wastewater treatment plant.

Angels Landing Farm 2482 Roblar Ave Mail: PO Box 639 Los Olivos, CA 93441

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Regrettably, this plan has now been abandoned by SYCSD and the expected benefits have evaporated.

Had we known this at the time, we would not have signed the petition.

Knowing what I know now, I certainly would not have signed the petition.

I know that one of the arguments you may hear will be the risk of losing Prop I funding if we don't make a decision now. First of all, there is absolutely no guarantee that SYCSD will receive any Prop I money! Even if some of the Prop I money is allocated there is no guarantee as to how much or how little to fill our needs.

Whatever the course of eventual action; the best course of action for our community <u>right now</u> is to see what the Feasibility Study brings to light, educate the rest of our community so that they can jointly make an informed decision based on valid information devoid of innuendo, or conjectures, or the spreading of false information.

The unintended consequences of rushing this decision process and potentially make the wrong decision, will effect this community for decades.

We request that LAFCO defer any action on the SYCSD Application until our community has had the time to complete its analysis. By late summer we should be in a better situation to make this informed decision.

Respectfully,

Carey and Alix Kendall

Angels Landing Farm 2482 Roblar Ave Mail: PO Box 639 Los Olivos, CA 93441

From:

Allen, Michael (COB)

Sent:

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 1:33 PM

To:

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject: Attachments: FW: Los Olivos sewer Letter to LAFCO.pdf

From: Carey Kendall [mailto:carey@clkre.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2016 10:33 AM **To:** Email Lafco; Allen, Michael (COB)

Cc: <u>carey@clkre.com</u>
Subject: Los Olivos sewer

## Hello,

Please see attached letter requesting you delay authorizing the SYCSD to 'annex' Los Olivos into their sphere of influence and instead allow the FF Study to be completed prior to making any such determination.

Sincerely, Carey Kendall

## Carey L. Kendall

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From:

Allen, Michael (COB)

Sent:

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 1:34 PM

To:

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject:

FW: LAFCO agenda SYCSD Sphere of Influence

From: Bruce Porter [mailto:bruce.porter@mail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2016 1:03 PM **To:** Email Lafco; Allen, Michael (COB)

Subject: LAFCO agenda SYCSD Sphere of Influence

Please provide this to the commissioners of LAFCO for the meeting of 2 June, business item 3 on the agenda, SYCSD Sphere of Influence Application - Los Olivos.

Chairman Geyer and Commissioners,

I ask that you delay any decision on expanding the sphere of influence of the Santa Ynez Community Services District to include Los Olivos. Making any decision, either yes or no, is premature for the following reasons:

- 1. There are a number of studies underway that will serve to inform LAFCO and the community on the best way forward to serve the residents of Los Olivos. These include studies on technical, financial, and governance options. There should be no action, at all, without the information from these studies.
- 2. The residents of Los Olivos should have the opportunity to deliberate and choose their own course of action once the information from the studies has been released and analyzed. There should be no action, at all, without informed input from the residents of Los Olivos.
- 3. It is not clear how sphere of influence expansion will affect existing SYCSD customers, and indeed the entire Santa Ynez Valley community. There should be no action, at all, until this is clear and SYV residents have had a chance to provide input.

There are many people within the community working very diligently (and at their own expense) to help make wise choices about their own futures. Let's let this process continue to its logical conclusion, without preemptive interference from without.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bruce Porter Santa Ynez

Subject:

FW: June 2nd SBLAFCO Meeting

From: Kvistad, Gary [mailto:GKvistad@bhfs.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2016 3:35 PM

**To:** 'Paul Hood' < <a href="https://newspaper.com/hood.paul@sbcglobal.net">hood.paul@sbcglobal.net</a>; 'lafco@sblafco.org' < <a href="https://newspaper.com/hood.paul@sbcglobal.net">lafco@sblafco.org</a>> <a href="https://newspaper.com/hood.paul@sbcglobal.net">Cc: 'Chris Dahlstrom' < <a href="https://cdahlstrom@syrwd.org">cdahlstrom@syrwd.org</a>>; Robitaille, April < <a href="https://newspaper.com/hood.paul@sbcglobal.net">ARobitaille@bhfs.com</a>>

Subject: June 2nd SBLAFCO Meeting

Paul,

We received the SBLAFCO meeting agenda for June 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Agenda item with respect to Los Olivos wastewater services. We note that the staff report does not mention ID No. 1's comment letter, and the issues raised in that letter, to the SYCSD's proposed sphere of influence (copy attached). We request that you provide this letter to your board for consideration prior to the meeting since it directly involves this matter and another agency's (ID No. 1) current service area that must be considered by the SBLAFCO Board.

Regards, Gary

Gary M. Kvistad Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP 1020 State Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101 805.882.1414 tel 805.705.6869 cell GKvistad@bhfs.com

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From: Paul Hood <hood.paul@sbcglobal.net>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2016 2:00 PM

**To:** Alexander, Jacquelyne

**Subject:** FW: SYCSD Sphere of Influence Application - Los Olivos - LAFCO Meeting June 2, 2016

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From: bon2bons@verizon.net [mailto:bon2bons@verizon.net]

Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 1:09 PM

To: lafco@sblafco.org

Subject: SYCSD Sphere of Influence Application - Los Olivos - LAFCO Meeting June 2, 2016 0 Business Item #3

Dear LAFCO,

I am a homeowner in the Special Problems Area of Los Olivos. Please do not delay the decision on allowing the SYCSD's request to include Los Olivos in their Sphere of Influence. This inclusion is critical to allow the SYCSD to undertake the necessary planning studies in order to formulate a plan to solve our waste water issues that the citizens can vote on through the LAFCO process.

If you delay this decision, Los Olivos will miss out on the Prop 1 funding that will be available this year toward this infrastructure project and it could cost the residents in the Special Problems Area up to an addition \$14 million dollars. This will create a huge unnecessary financial hardship for the homeowners. The business owners within the Special Problems Area have a means by which they can recoup this cost but the homeowners do not.

I would also call your attention to the fact that the Los Olivos Water Reclamation Steering Committee consists of very few homeowners in the Special Problems Area. The majority of the members are either business owners who live elsewhere, residents who do not own property within the Special Problems Area, or residents whose property is large enough that they are not affected by the LAMP. Most of them will NOT be burdened with the financial costs of this project yet they have positioned themselves as somehow representative of our community.

Annexation by the SYCSD does not limit Los Olivos' options. SYCSD has stated repeatedly that if they build a small waste water plant to serve Los Olivos, once Los Olivos forms its own CSD, the SYCSD will turn the keys over to the LOCSD for them to manage and operate. If we wait until Los Olivos forms its own CSD, we lose out on the opportunity to apply for the Prop 1 money. I do not believe that many residents understand this critical difference between these two choices and what that will mean for all of our financial futures.

Sincerely,

Bonita Sargeant

From:

Paul Hood <hood.paul@sbcglobal.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 1:59 PM

To:

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject:

FW: Los Olivos wastewater

----Original Message----

From: Ron Benson [mailto:ron@paninoinc.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 1:26 PM

To: lafco@sblafco.org

Cc: Mark Herthel < mherthel@icloud.com >

Subject: Los Olivos wastewater

Gentlemen..Though I am a member of the Wastewater Steering Group in Los Olivos, I am writing you purely as a property owner.

It's high time, past time really, to get the community together and get our sewage properly handled. That's a given and is underway.

Never did I imagine that possession of our sewage would be so hotly vied for. SYCSD says "give it to us", while ID1 says "Not them. Us. Give it to us".

What I'd like is for the town to decide who treats it. Feasibility Studies, both technical and financial are being prepared as we speak. When those are completed, we'll be able to get the town together and show what it's

going to cost and who is going to do it. It may well be that SYCSD is better equipped for the job in which case Santa Ynez is all suited up and ready to take the field.

Just give the residents of Los Olivos a chance to have a say in their future by postponing any Sphere of Influence decisions until all the data is in.

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Sincerely..Ron Benson

From:

Paul Hood <hood.paul@sbcglobal.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 9:41 AM

To:

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject:

FW: Los Olivos

----Original Message-----

From: Larry Saarloos [mailto:larry@saarloosgroup.com]

Sent: Monday, May 30, 2016 4:41 PM

To: <u>lafco@sblafco.org</u> Subject: Los Olivos

I am a 17 year resident of The Los Olivos area and have multiple business properties in town

Now is not the time to rush through a decision on the Los OLIVOS sewer plan and vote positively on SYCD. Now is the time to be thoughtful and make the correct decision on my town. We have a sewer committee that has taken up the difficult task to move forward w the sewer project and have a study being done, even as we speak. I personally have up fronted thousands of dollars to pay for engineering, secretarial work etc for the township and ask that you delay your decision until Los Olivos sewer committee completes their study

Thank you in advance

562-409-4983

Larry Saarloos

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

RE: LAFCO June 2, 2016 - BUSINESS ITEM #3: Santa Ynez Community Services District To Include Los Olivos in The District's Sphere Of Influence

#### Dear LAFCO COMMISSION:

I am Rebecca Gomez Zussin, a property owner in the Special Problems Area of Los Olivos.

I 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 Staff to proceed with processing this application.

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:

- 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.
  - o 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

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

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  - We would have been able to get the plant built with a lot of state funding, which you can't get otherwise.

In the conclusion of your staff report for this item, Executive Officer Paul Hood states the SYCSD "application...presents an attractive alternative to forming a separate independent special district. The SYCSD has experience and is willing to step in to address the community's wastewater collection and disposal issues." We agree with this statement.

We do not agree with the following sentence that "the community of Los Olivos wishes to maintain a separate identity and is looking at forming a community services district to maintain local control." This "wish" is that of one citizen and a few people who are going along with it. The COMMUNITY of Los Olivos is a much bigger population of people who want to get moving forward with a realistic plan to handle our wastewater, to save us from being slapped with LAMP regulations, and do it while State Grant Funds are still available to help us.

Thank you,

Rebecca Gomez Zussin 2110 Railway Avenue Los Olivos, CA 93441 Santa Barbara LAFCO Commission 105 E. Anapamu Street, Room 407 Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: LAFCO June 2, 2016 - BUSINESS ITEM #3: Santa Ynez Community Services District To Include Los Olivos in The District's Sphere Of Influence

#### Dear LAFCO COMMISSION:

I am Allen Koehn, a property owner in the Special Problems Area of Los Olivos.

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Thank you,

Allen Koehn 2110 Railway Avenue Los Olivos, CA 93441

From:

Paul Hood < hood.paul@sbcglobal.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 9:41 AM

To:

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject:

FW: SYCSD Sphere of Influence Application - Los Olivos

Business Item No. 3 -

June 2, 2016 LAFCO Meeting

From: Jay Richolson [mailto:jricholson@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, May 30, 2016 11:08 AM
To: Paul Hood < lafco@sblafco.org >
Cc: Mark Herthel < mherthel@me.com >

Subject: SYCSD Sphere of Influence Application – Los Olivos Business Item No. 3 - June 2, 2016 LAFCO Meeting

Good Morning Paul: I hope you're enjoying a relaxing Memorial Day holiday.

Due to our travel plans, my wife and I will not be able to attend this most important meeting. I have addressed a letter to the Commissioners outlining our position. However, it is my experience that the spoken word, in the context of the discussion taking place, many times carries more weight than letters previously submitted. I have prepared speaking points which I would like to have another member of the community read on our behalf during the Public Comments period. Does the protocol for these meetings allow for this?

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Your help in answering this question will be greatly appreciated.

Cordially,

Jay Richolson

2896 San Marcos Avenue P.O. Box 672 Los Olivos, CA 93441

M: 805.450.5956

From:

Paul Hood <hood.paul@sbcglobal.net>

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Sent:

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 9:43 AM

To:

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject:

FW: Request to delay

----Original Message----

From: Glenn Landon [mailto:emailglenn@earthlink.net]

Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2016 6:21 PM

To: lafco@sblafco.org Subject: Request to delay

To whom it my concern,

My name is Glenn Landon. I am a home owner, business owner and full time resident of Los Olivos. I am requesting that you delay the decision on the sphere of influence until the current studies by the residents are completed. We residents deserve to have all the information presented to us prior to having a decision made. It is very important that this be done. Thank you,

From:

Paul Hood <hood.paul@sbcglobal.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 9:42 AM

To:

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject:

FW: SYCSD Sphere of Influence Application-Los Olivos\_LAFCO Meeting June 2, 2016-

Business Item #3

From: Susan Whitmore [mailto:susancw@verizon.net]

Sent: Monday, May 30, 2016 8:03 AM

To: lafco@sblafco.org

Subject: SYCSD Sphere of Influence Application-Los Olivos\_LAFCO Meeting June 2, 2016- Business Item #3

I would like to formally request a delay the decision on the sphere of influence change until our community has had adequate time to complete the studies that are underway.

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Thank You, Susan Whitmore 2225 Keenan Road P.O. Box 42 Los Olivos, CA 93441

From:

Paul Hood < hood.paul@sbcglobal.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 9:42 AM

To:

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject:

FW:

From: Glenna Hughes [mailto:12ghughes@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, May 30, 2016 9:30 AM

To: lafco@sblafco.org

Subject:

I have lived in Los Olivos for over 50 years and I don't want to do any thing now on the sewer and when we do ,keep ii local Not with Santa Ynez . Glenna Hughes 2470 Grand Ave. .

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From:

Paul Hood < hood.paul@sbcglobal.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 9:44 AM

To:

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject:

FW: Los olivos

----Original Message----

From: Richard Smalldon [mailto:richard.smalldon@me.com]

Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2016 12:01 PM

To: <u>lafco@sblafco.org</u> Subject: Los olivos

Please delay your decision on including los olivos in sy plans we would urge you to wait til our feasibility study is complete. Thank you Richard Smalldon Los olivos resident

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Sent from my iPhone=

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

# RE: LAFCO June 2, 2016 - BUSINESS ITEM #3: Santa Ynez Community Services District To Include Los Olivos in The District's Sphere Of Influence

#### Dear LAFCO COMMISSION:

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

I 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 Staff to proceed with processing this application.

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*.
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Thank you,

Janeen Chester PO Box 482 Los Olivos, CA 93441 May 27, 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:

As we will be out of town and unavailable to address the Commission in person during the Public Comments Period at its June 2, 2016 meeting, we wish to express our thoughts and concerns regarding the SYCSD SOI Application via this letter.

We believe that the community is being rushed, or coerced, into making a critical decision with long-term implications without having sufficient time to evaluate all of the options that are available to solve its wastewater problem.

Feasibility studies required for the formation of a Los Olivos CSD – an Engineering Focused Feasibility Study and Wastewater System Financial Feasibility Plan – are under way and anticipated to be completed by mid-September.

Other options may be available, such as the formation of a CSA along the lines of the Laguna Sanitation District that presently serves Orcutt. We do not rule out annexation by SYCSD, we just believe that it's premature for the district to commence the annexation process before our community has had the opportunity to evaluate all of its options.

You may be told by SYCSD, or Heal the Ocean, that they have gathered close to 140 signatures supporting annexation, in fact we were among the people who signed the petition. The truth is the signatures gathered on these petitions were premised in part on the creation of a new state-of-the-art mutual wastewater processing and reuse plant that would serve all the Special Problems Areas in the Santa Ynez Valley. This solution made an infinite amount of sense to us as it offered economies of scale in the construction and operation of the wastewater treatment plant that cannot be obtained by the installation of small individual "pocket plants" in each of the Special Problems Areas. Regrettably, this plan has now been abandoned by SYCSD and the expected benefits have evaporated. Had we known this at the time, we would most likely not have signed the petition.

Then you will be told of the risk of losing Prop 1 funding if we don't make this decision now. First of all, there is absolutely no guarantee that SYCSD will receive any Prop 1 money and, even if it does, it is specious to presume that it will receive all of the funds it applies for. In our opinion, the best course of action for our community is to focus our efforts on deciding which of the several options for treating our wastewater best serves the interests of the people who will be stuck with the paying the bill for these services, and then deciding how we will finance that decision.

We, therefore, respectfully request that LAFCO defer any action on the SYCSD Application until our community has had the time to complete its analysis.

Respectfully,

## /s/Jay and Doltie Richolson

Jay and Dottie Richolson 2896 San Marcos Avenue, Los Olivos, CA 93441 Santa Barbara LAFCO Commission 105 E. Anapamu Street, Room 407 Santa Barbara, Ca. 93101

Re: LAFCO JUNE 2, 2016-BUSINESS ITEM #3; SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT TO INCLUDE LOS OLIVOS IN THE DISTRICT'S SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

**DEAR LAFCO COMMISSION:** 

My name is Carol Millard and I live in the special problem area in Los Olivos. I have been a resident for over 38 years.

I am asking you to approve the application of the Santa Ynez Community District for Sphere of influence change (YOUR LAFCO FILE 16-01) to include Los Olivos and to provide direction to staff to proceed with processing this application.

I am among the majority of Los Olivos residents who do not want to wait for a Los Olivos CSD to form. This will take years and in the meantime our problems will remain. I would like to see us proceed while funding thru Proposition 1 is still available. Many of us worry about our septic systems failing and having to put out a large sum of money to conform to the new regulations.

Thank you for your consideration in regard to this important issue.

Sincerely,

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Carol Millard PO Box 309

Los Olivos, Ca. 93441

SANTA BARBARA LAFCO COMMISSION 105 E. Anapamu Street, Room 407 Santa Barbara, Ca 93101

RE LAFCO JUNE 2, 2016-BUSINESS ITEM #3; SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT TO INCLUDE LOS OLIVOS IN THE DISTRICT'S SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

#### Dear LAFCO COMMISSION:

We are Joaquin and Lavern Sepulveda, joint owners in the Special Problems area of Los Olivos. We have been residents for over 37 years in this area.

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We feel it would be in the best interest of our problem area in having a reliable wastewater service from a reliable operator already in business. We don't want to wait years to remedy this problem and wait even longer for the formation of a new CSD in Los Olivos.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this urgent problem.

Sincerely, Tagan Sepulveda,

2455 Park St. PO Box 462

Los Olivos, Ca 93441

May 27, 2016

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

RE: LAFCO June 2, 2016 - BUSINESS ITEM #3: Santa Ynez Community Services District To Include Los Olivos in The District's Sphere Of Influence

## Dear LAFCO COMMISSION:

I am Merrill A. Vanderwilt, a property owner in the Special Problems Area of Los Olivos.

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Merrill A. Vanderwilt

2485 and 2491 Roblar Avenue (2 parcels)

Los Olivos, CA 93441

May 27, 2016

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# RE: LAFCO June 2, 2016 - BUSINESS ITEM #3: Santa Ynez Community Services District To Include Los Olivos in The District's Sphere Of Influence

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## RE: LAFCO June 2, 2016 - BUSINESS ITEM #3: Santa Ynez Community Services District To Include Los Olivos in The District's Sphere Of Influence

Dear LAFCO COMMISSION:

I am Michael Baiad, a property owner in the Special Problems Area of Los Olivos.

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Thank you,

Michael J. Baiad

2956 Steele Street Los Olivos, CA 93441