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Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 2:00 PM
To: natasha@sblafco.org
Subject: RE: January 11, 2024 Santa Barbara LAFCO Notice/Agenda & Business Item No 6 – MSR Adoption

Dear Ms. Carbajal:

Thanks for the notice and agenda you sent. Please circulate the comment below and read into the minutes at tomorrow's meeting. Thanks, Peter Neushul

10 January 2024

Peter Neushul
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Goleta, CA

Please read into the record:

I am writing in reference to your decision to amend the IVCSD's sphere of influence to include solid waste management. Solid waste management is not and never was contemplated as a "power" for the IVCSD.

My trash bill is almost double what it was a decade ago. That bill pays Marborg to transport waste to Santa Barbara County's state of the art sorting and **composting** facility. That trash bill is also taxed to pay for the IVCSD.

Since January 2022 composting organic waste in California is required statewide (SB 1383). Why are you empowering the IVCSD to collect and process solid waste from a fraction of our community when we already pay for that service?

At your last meeting there was confusion over whether composting is proposed or actually happening in Isla Vista. This duplicitous "service" is already underway without LAFCO's approval and without a solid waste processing permit. The latter is illegal and this letter constitutes notice to SB County code enforcement of this fact.

Per California law "all compost facilities with feedstock other than green material" require a full waste processing permit. After removing 12 rats from the interior of an IV rental house with an adjacent "compost pile" I can assure you there are public health reasons for prohibiting waste processing in residential communities.

IVCSD's solid waste composting enterprise serves less than 150 homes and operates at two churches with equipment housed and maintained in a residential garage.

Claims that this "service" is cutting back on greenhouse gas are Greenwashing. In fact, wasting public monies in this manner damages our environment. Look no further than the 16 tons of greenhouse gas per capita taxpayers generate to produce, in part, the dollars used to pay for our host of special districts. Paying twice is polluting twice.

LAFCO's job is to oversee special districts. That fact that you are approving something that is already happening is proof positive that you are failing with the IVCSD.

Restrict the IVCSD to their existing "powers" many of which they ignore. The power to implement a parking permit program is top of that list. LAFCO advised against creating an IVCSD—your organization's assessment was correct then and remains so today.

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Hello,

Attached please find the Notice & Agenda and the associated materials for the January 11, 2024 Santa Barbara LAFCO meeting and **Business Item No. 6 – MSR Adoption**

For those of you wishing to participate, please see page two of the Agenda for important information regarding public participation.

<https://www.sblafco.org/2024-01-11-commission-meeting>

Feel free to refer any questions regarding the upcoming agenda to the LAFCO Office.

Thank you,

Natasha Carbajal

Analyst & Commission Clerk

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