

SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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January 25, 2017

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Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission
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Subject: Proposed Sphere of Influence Amendment to Include Los Olivos

Dear Mr. Hood:

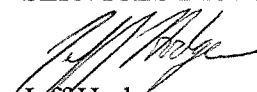
The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez Community Services District ("SYCSD") will be on Wednesday February 15, 2017. This letter will confirm that an item will be placed on the agenda for that meeting relating to SYCSD's pending request to amend its sphere of influence to include the Los Olivos area (the "SOI Amendment"). More specifically, the SYCSD Board will be asked to consider its position regarding the priority for processing the SOI Amendment by the Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCO") in light of the fact that a petition has now been filed to form a community services district to serve the Los Olivos area (the "LOCSD Petition"). At the February 15 SYCSD Board meeting, SYCSD staff will recommend that the SYCSD Board formally take the position that, if LAFCO determines that the LOCSD Petition should be given priority and processed first, SYCSD will not challenge that determination, so long and the processing of the LOCSD Petition begins promptly and proceeds with reasonable diligence. That position will allow LAFCO to place on hold the processing of the SOI Amendment and the related Municipal Service Review update until final action has been taken on the LOCSD Petition.

Based on your recent conversation with SYCSD legal counsel, it is our understanding that LAFCO staff will not take any action regarding the completeness of SYCSD's application relating to the SOI Amendment, and will not proceed with the processing of the SOI Amendment, until after the SYCSD Board has had an opportunity to consider this matter at its February 15 meeting.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY
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Jeff Hodge
General Manager

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