



## LOS OLIVOS WATER RECLAMATION

March 11, 2016

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

Re: SYCSD Application to Expand Sphere of Influence

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is a letter from the Los Olivos Water Reclamation Steering Committee to the SYCSD Board of Directors requesting that they withdraw their recent application to expand the District's Sphere of Influence to include the Los Olivos Special Problems Area.

The current Steering Committee has been meeting to work through and better understand the options for solving our wastewater issues, including governing entity, treatment, and financial options. Our mission is to ensure that Los Olivos is able to make the best and most informed decisions for our community regardless of other agendas that may be at play valley wide. It's imperative that our residents, property owners and businesses are able to choose the most responsible and cost effective solutions available to them.

The enclosed letter conveys the Committee's position that the application lacks sufficient detail for either LAFCO members or the Los Olivos community to make a thoroughly informed determination about this proposal.

Furthermore, as you are aware, our committee is working to ensure that a Focused Feasibility Study is completed to evaluate various wastewater treatment options available to our community. We expect that study to be underway soon. In addition, we have established a working dialog with the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and Supervisor Farr's office. We have also retained a district formation attorney and a local engineering firm to help us navigate this process.

Our goal is to ensure that the Los Olivos community self-determines the best way to address its unique wastewater challenges and to do so in a manner that protects water quality, maintains our rural character, safeguards property values and is economically responsible and feasible.

We have made clear to the SYCSD Board that we believe it is premature for the District to pursue annexation efforts prior to the completion of a focused feasibility study, and our community receiving more information from Santa Ynez CSD regarding their proposed involvement with Los Olivos.

Los Olivos Water Reclamation  
PO Box 553 | Los Olivos, Ca 93441 | (805) 245-3791  
[www.LosOlivosWasteWater.com](http://www.LosOlivosWasteWater.com)  
[info@losolivoswastewater.com](mailto:info@losolivoswastewater.com)

We respectfully request that LAFCO either summarily reject or take no action on the SYCSD application at this time if the District does not withdraw it's application from consideration. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Mark Herthel  
Los Olivos Water Reclamation Steering Committee

Copies to:       Honorable Doreen Farr  
                      Mr. Lawrence Fay  
                      Steering Committee Members  
                      Jeff Hodge, Santa Ynez CSD  
                      John Bakker, Esq.

2614651.1

Los Olivos Water Reclamation  
PO Box 553 | Los Olivos, Ca 93441 | (805) 245-3791  
[www.LosOlivosWasteWater.com](http://www.LosOlivosWasteWater.com)  
[info@losolivoswastewater.com](mailto:info@losolivoswastewater.com)