**RESOLUTION NO. 25-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOS OLIVOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ADOPTING A PROJECT DESCRIPTION FOR THE LOS OLIVOS COMMUNITY WASTEWATER PROJECT, AND DECLARING INTENT TO BEGIN, CONSISTENT WITH THE ADOPTED PROJECT DESCRIPTION, SPECIAL STUDIES, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS, PURSUIT OF GRANT AND LOAN FUNDING AND THE PROPOSITION 218 PROCESS**

**WHEREAS,** the Los Olivos Community Services District ("District") is authorized and empowered to collect, treat, or dispose of sewage, wastewater, recycled water, and storm water, per Government Code section 61110(b); and

**WHEREAS,** the District Board of Directors has a charge to seek public input and provide transparency and cooperative decision making with the community; and

**WHEREAS,** the District Board of Directors has directed, conducted and presented a series of Public Workshops with the purpose of describing project options, developing cost estimates, obtaining public input, and identifying a Project Description; and

**WHEREAS,** Public input was received, considered and substantially influenced the development of this Project Description; and

**WHEREAS,** the District has also worked in a partnership relationship with the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and the County of Santa Barbara to affirm their agreement and cooperation with the general approach as described in the Project Description; and

**WHEREAS,** the District has drafted the Project Description consistent with and input from the property owners and citizens of the District, community surrounding the District, the City of Solvang, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and the County of Santa Barbara.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Los Olivos Community Service District, as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct;

2. The Board of Directors hereby repeals any and all prior Resolutions which adopted any project description, including Resolution 19-04;

3. The Project Description as attached hereto is hereby adopted;

4. The Board of Directors does declare the intent, based upon this Project Description, to begin special studies, the environmental process, pursuit of grant and loan funding, the proposition 218 process and to initiate all other tasks associated with Project planning, development, implementation, and funding, all to be consistent with

the Project Description; and

5. The Board of Directors authorizes and directs the General Manager, its Technical Committee, as well as other committees or subcommittees that may be formed, and individual Directors as tasks are assigned, to implement this Project consistent with the Project Description.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Los Olivos Community Services District at a regularly scheduled meeting held on the 11th day of June 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ATTEST:

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**GUY SAVAGE**, General Manager

**LOS OLIVOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

By: _____
**JULIE KENNEDY**, Board President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
**MARTIN KOCZANOWICZ**, District Counsel

I, _____, Board Secretary of the Los Olivos Community Services, Santa Barbara County, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the Resolution passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Los Olivos Community Services District on the date and by the vote indicated herein.

# ATTACHMENT "1"

## Los Olivos Community Wastewater System
## Project Description

Los Olivos Community Services District
PO Box 345
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June 11, 2025

# Los Olivos Community Services District
# Wastewater System Project Description

## OUR PURPOSE

The Los Olivos Community Services District (District) was formed by voters in 2018 to help ensure local control over the planning, development, construction, and operation of the infrastructure necessary to collect, treat, and dispose of wastewater generated within the boundaries of the Los Olivos Community Services District, an unincorporated community in the County of Santa Barbara.

## PROJECT GOAL

The purpose of the Los Olivos Wastewater System Project (Project) is to implement an economically viable wastewater treatment and reclamation solution or solutions for property owners and businesses within the District that meets public health needs and the regulatory requirements of the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Board and County of Santa Barbara Public Health Department - Environment Health Services.

The Project is comprised of the following distinct components:

1. A collection system consisting of gravity fed, effluent, or a mix of gravity fed and effluent collection for properties within the boundaries of the Los Olivos Community Services District;
2. A force main and related infrastructure, to be used solely by the District, that connects the District collection system to the City of Solvang sewer main;
3. Completion of Environmental Review and associated documentation for the Project;
4. Connection to the City of Solvang sewer main for the treatment and disposal of District wastewater, including any necessary upgrades to City infrastructure;
5. Working with officials from the County of Santa Barbara, Central Coast Regional Waste Quality Control Board, State of California, and U.S. Government to ensure planning and regulatory requirements are met and to seek financial assistance for the Project; and
6. Performing financial outreach to secure other available grants and other assistance for the development, design, environmental review, construction and on-going operation of the Project.

## General Approach

The District's Project will be developed, designed and environmentally reviewed in its entirety. Construction and on-going operations may occur in phases. Should phasing be used, the downtown core, including all commercially zoned parcels, shall be included in the initial phase. An area to the south of the downtown core, along San Marcos Avenue and north of Olivet Avenue, is known to contain small lots and should be considered for inclusion in any initial phase. Other areas for consideration in an initial or early phase are the small lots along San Marcos Avenue north of Park Street and other small lots within one block of the downtown core. In addition, where a segment of the community collection system passes any side of a parcel, such parcels should be considered for inclusion in the phase being then constructed.

The District intends to seek grant funding to the maximum extent possible to defray the costs of constructing and operating the Project. Where grant funds are insufficient to cover costs, parcel owners will be responsible for a fair-share cost. The District acknowledges that grants may drive construction timing and phasing.

The District recognizes that grants may be available to individual lower-income parcel owners, households on a fixed income, or for reasons not applicable to the majority of parcel owners (e.g. specific veteran's benefits). While the District will attempt to help these individual parcel owners obtain grant funding related to their unique circumstance, the responsibility for these unique grants will remain with the recipient property owner.

## Community Collection System

The community collection system serves as "backbone" of the Project. The community collection system will consist of underground sewer pipes strategically placed under community streets and alleys to allow for the closest and most economically feasible connection for most parcels in the District.

The community collection system will include a subsurface wastewater collection structure consisting of pipelines and lift stations. The community collection system will be installed in the most cost-effective manner feasible. Where possible, the collection system will be installed using lateral boring, as opposed to open cut trenching, to minimize community impacts to the extent possible.

Structures will be connected to the District-owned community collection system via privately installed, owned, and maintained laterals. Unless effluent systems are used, certain laterals may be successfully connected with gravity flow while some may require small private grinder pumps to move the sewage into the collection system. District participation in lateral, grinder pump and septic abandonment or reuse costs will depend on grant and funding sources. Property owners will be responsible for the installation, replacement, and regular maintenance of components installed on their property. The District will perform an inspection at the point of the lateral connection to the community collection system.

Should individual parcels use effluent systems for the initial solids separation and pressurization of wastewater flows, the District will provide a standardized tank system, where required, for initial construction. If such collection system is used, it is expected that some properties may be able to reuse their existing septic tank as opposed to replacing it with a new effluent tank. Effluent system maintenance shall include an annual inspection of effluent system components by a District authorized individual or contractor, and periodic pumping of solids from the effluent system tank. Where possible, the District will establish “master contracts” that individual property owners can leverage for their effluent system management and maintenance needs. The master contracts will include allowances for power outage or other emergency pumping, urgent part replacement due to system failure, as well as regular maintenance of systems.

Existing septic systems and leach fields will be abandoned as required by State laws and local codes.

Connecting to the City of Solvang sewer system will require a pipeline to be installed between the District and the City of Solvang. Preliminary designs are based on a force main (pressurized line) travelling underground along Alamo Pintado Road from the southern tip of the District to an existing manhole near Sunny Field Park. The pipeline will be sized to meet the wastewater flow requirements of the District and will not include capacity for wastewater flow needs of parcels outside the District. Additionally, the City of Solvang has identified a small number of segments of their existing infrastructure that will need to be replaced to accommodate LOCSD flows. The District will financially participate in these upgrades.

## Treatment and Disposal Facilities

The District is proposing to connect to the City of Solvang’s sewer main for transmission to the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WTP) for treatment and disposal of wastewater. The resulting collaboration will result in a further consolidation of wastewater treatment within the Santa Ynez Valley. The existing City of Solvang WTP has the capacity to process the District’s wastewater. The District anticipates a contract similar to those that currently exist between the City of Solvang and the Santa Ynez Community Services District (SYCSD) for treatment and disposal of wastewater. The contract between the City of Solvang and the District will be based on the wastewater flows of District parcels and will not include “excess” capacity for parcels outside the District.

The District anticipates that should it use effluent system collection, the City of Solvang will be able to reduce the treatment costs (i.e. when compared to those charged to the SYCSD), as no solids would be transmitted to the City.

Because the City of Solvang’s WTP processes up to 1,500,000 gallons of waste per day, it falls under the jurisdiction of the Central Coast Regional Wastewater Quality Control Board, as the lead regulating agency. Where possible and economically feasible, the District will advocate for the use of reclaimed water from the City’s WTP to be used by customers or for other groundwater basin beneficial uses.

## Operations and Maintenance

The community collection system is anticipated to be operated and maintained initially by contract system operators. The City of Solvang will operate and maintain its own WTP. System costs will be shared in an equitable manner by those connected to and benefitting from District infrastructure. The District will review and consider established formulas for this participation that may include zoning, parcel size, water use, fixture unit counts and other factors.

District parcels not connected to the District infrastructure will be subject to the County of Santa Barbara's Local Agency Management Plan (LAMP) and will contribute to the cost of management, inspection and enforcement of the LAMP and related operating costs of the District.

Ongoing monitoring and reporting of the Project will occur in accordance with operating requirements as specified by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and the County of Santa Barbara.

## Construction Implementation and Timing

Construction will generally consist of the following phases:

1. Detailed design, planning, budgeting, and environmental review.
2. Assessment engineering – a process wherein the proportional special benefit conferred by each parcel is determined.
3. Proposition 218 (property owner) vote.
4. Final Design, including preparation of final plans, specifications and cost estimates.
5. Advertising and bidding of the various components. The District will procure professional and construction services in accordance with the applicable State laws.
6. Construction of the community collection system, including the force main to the City of Solvang and upgrades to City infrastructure. As noted above, District construction will start with the downtown core parcels. Construction in the downtown core and along Grand, Alamo Pintado, and Santa Barbara Avenues will be expedited in such a manner to limit the impacts to the users of those main transportation arteries.
7. Connection to the City of Solvang's wastewater treatment infrastructure.
8. Service lateral connection. Connections will be coordinated with and completed in conjunction with sewer backbone installation and connection to the City of Solvang's WTP.
9. System operation and maintenance.

Some of the steps shown above may occur concurrently. For example, assessment engineering may be concurrent with detailed design and environmental review activities.

Project timing will be affected by many factors, including obtaining grants and other funding, environmental processes, and actual construction. Lateral connections are anticipated to require significant property owner participation and cooperation.

The District anticipates a minimum of three years to design, review, permit, finance and construct the Project. The timeline includes property owner voting process. Per early studies completed in cooperation with the City of Solvang, the District will not connect to the City's WTP until after City's current WTP project is completed. That project is targeted for completion in late 2028.