



Los Olivos Community Services District

Santa Barbara



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THE DISTRICT

372 Parcels

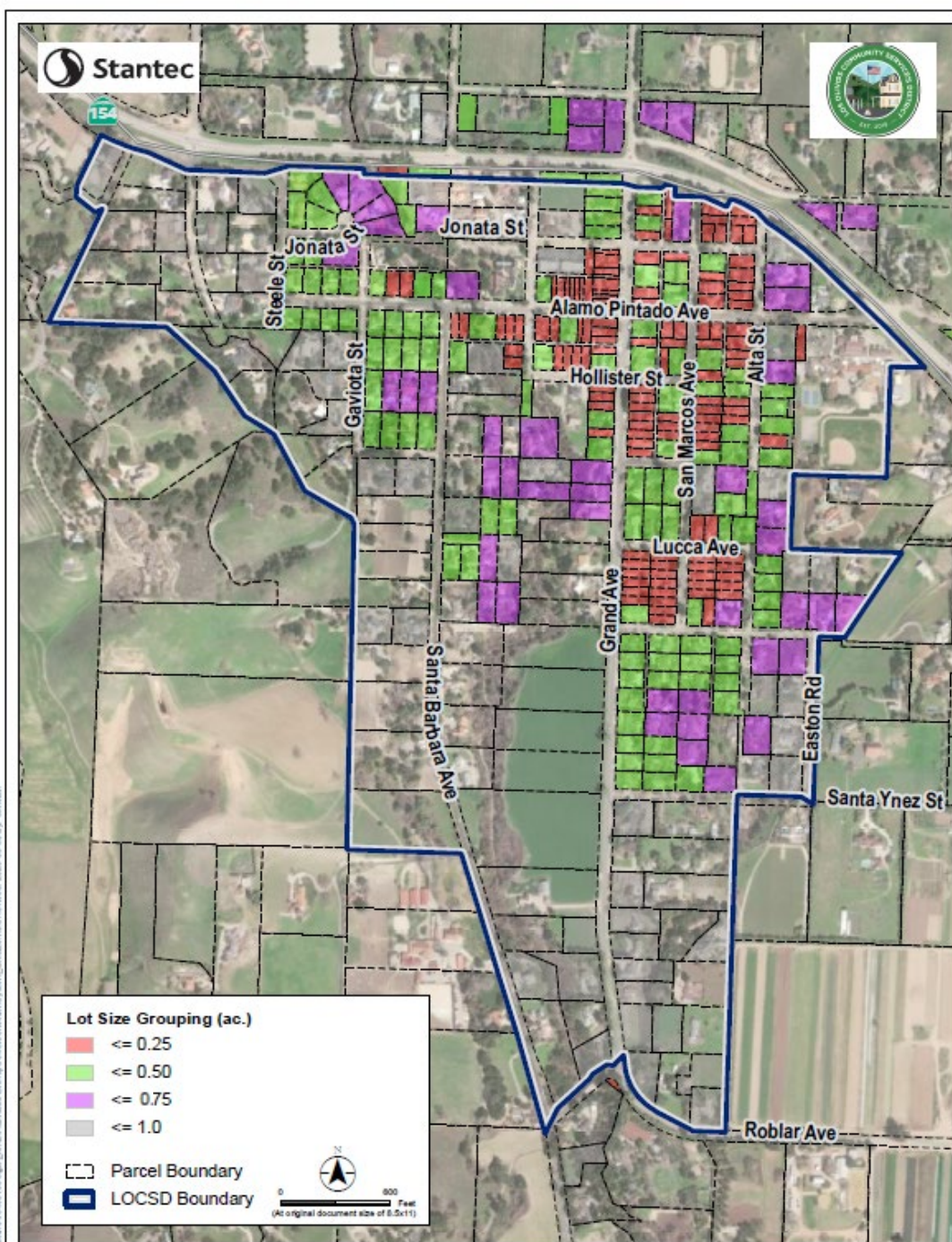
~40 Commercial

~332 Residential

Annual Budget

(FY 2024-25)

\$243,039



Los Olivos Community Services District Lot Sizes

Wastewater Process - Simplified

Collection – takes effluent from your home and moves it to where it will be treated

Treatment – a series of physical and biological processes to separate contaminants in the waste stream

Disposal – reintroduces treated effluent into water cycle (injection, percolation, purple pipe reuse, other uses)



Community Input for Successful Property Owner Vote



Focus on (prioritized order):

- Cost (Construction and O&M)
- Ownership (District / Individual)
- Plant Location (Siting)
- No Growth Inducement
- Odors
- Viewshed Impacts

Underlying assumption that solution meets regulatory requirements and fixes groundwater issues



Completed Activities

- Design
 - Collection – Gravity-fed (2022) and Effluent (2024)
 - Treatment
 - Regional – connect to City of Solvang (Q2 2025)
 - Local
 - Disposal – Community desire for perc chambers (if local)
- Plan for entire District – implementation may be phased
 - Commercial will be part of any initial phase



Completed Activities

- Shallow Groundwater Testing
 - Five wells installed and testing completed (2024)
 - Results reconfirm septic tanks contributing to Nitrates
 - Many parcels below MCL
- Groundwater Program has won two awards including:
1st Place - American Public Works Association (APWA)
Environmental, Small Projects



Capital costs - Local option

	Effluent Collection	Hybrid Collection	Gravity Fed Collection
Collection	\$ 21,637,095	\$ 25,530,016	\$ 27,938,000
Treatment	\$ 19,900,000	\$ 19,900,000	\$ 19,900,000
Disposal	\$ 5,200,000	\$ 5,200,000	\$ 5,200,000
Total	\$ 46,737,095	\$ 50,630,016	\$ 53,038,000

Capital costs – Solvang option

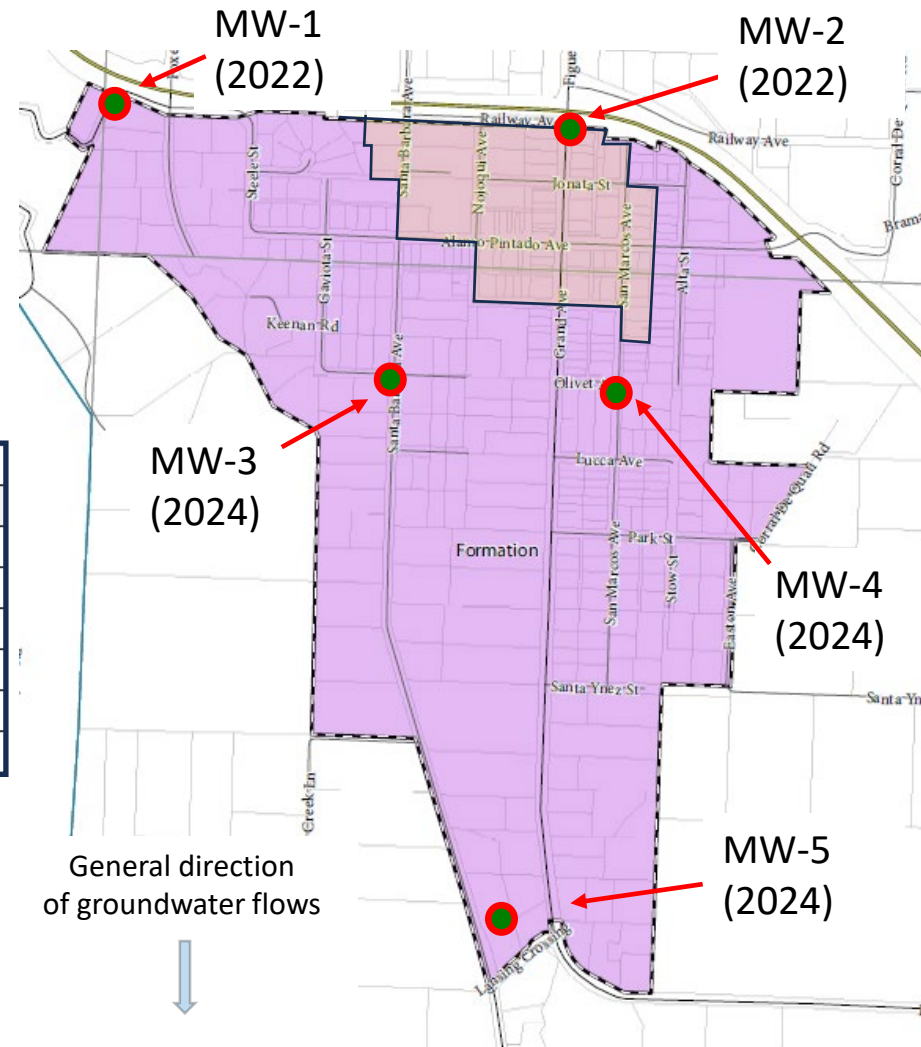


	Effluent Collection	Hybrid Collection	Gravity Fed Collection
Collection	\$ 21,637,095	\$ 25,530,016	\$ 27,938,000
Solvang – Treatment and Disposal	\$ 16,799,238	\$ 16,799,238	\$ 17,457,753
Total	\$ 38,436,333	\$ 42,987,769	\$ 45,395,753

Shallow Groundwater Monitoring Wells

Nitrate Concentrations				
Well	Nov 2022	March 2024	May 2024	Nov 2024
MW-1	2.6	2.5	2.2	2.5
MW-2	10	11	9.9	12
MW-3		6.3	6.1	6.2
MW-4		11	14	13
MW-5		4.5	4.7	4.9
Maximum Contaminate Level (MCL) allowed is 10				

Well Depths (below ground surface)				
Well	Nov 2022	March 2024	May 2024	Nov 2024
MW-1			26.08	26.78
MW-2			31.89	27.13
MW-3			17.73	14.05
MW-4			20.72	17
MW-5			10.08	8.08





What's Next?

- Continued discussion with City of Solvang
- Public Workshop (May 14)
 - Collection, Treatment, Disposal
- Final Project Description (June 2025)
- 80% Design (start Q3 2025)
- Environmental (start Q3 2025)
- Prop 218 (Property Owner) Vote (2026)

Schedule



LOCSD - Septic to Sewer / Water Reclamation Roadmap - WORKING DRAFT										2/20/2025	
Task	2025				2026				Total Costs	Funds Available?	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
Board and Public Education											
Public workshops and outreach											
		Project workshop		First real 218 workshop			Voting workshop				
Engineering / Design											
City of Solvang Treatment/Disposal - Technical Study / Design										\$ 60k	Y
Project Description											
		* Decision on project									
80% Design										\$ 300k+	Y
Assessment Engineer Report including benefit factors/rates										\$ 100k+	N
Finalize siting options (for local option)											
Environmental Review											
Environmental study, assessment and report (incl. public review)										\$ 150k+	Y
Grants and Financing											
Develop financing plan											
Seek grants and financing											
Prop 218 - Property Owner vote on proposed project											
Polling for election feasibility										\$ 25K	N
Conduct Prop 218 workshops with public											
Voting process									218 Vote	\$ 125k	N
										\$ 760k+	



Issues

Limited Funding

- FY 2024-25 Budget = \$243,039
- Federal WRDA Grant request - \$4M
- Current balance - \$371,213 (2/28/25)
 - + 2nd Property Tax Assessment (\$143,841)
 - + \$75,000 State grant
- 80% Design + Environmental = \$450,000

Land Availability for Local WWTP

- Treatment – 1.5-2.5 acres
- Percolation chambers – 4 acres



Questions and Discussion

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Backup Slides for Q&A (as needed)



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- Tom Nelson (2028)