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Hello Los Olivos CSD,

Thank you for the work you are continuing to do with the Los Olivos CSD moving forward. Your accomplishments are being recognized and the mood is in your favor.

In time for your meeting tomorrow, I would like to ask to be considered for the position that I campaigned for as Brad Ross is not able to fulfill his term.

My intent to serve on the LOCSD is active and has not changed since I was first on the committee in 2015 and before that in the committee that formed the idea for the LOCSD. I know Brad has a long history with the LOCSD and has been a valuable member. As the losing incumbent give me a chance to show my interest through action and membership in the time that is left.

To contribute to the wastewater solution for Los Olivos is stimulated by two major influences. My Father had a team of engineers in the fifties back from the completion of an airport in Saudi Arabia. He thought about the American River and how it was a resource of water and energy. He created a bond from PG&E to pay for Folsom Dam and after it was finished the Auburn Water District that he created owned the Golden Goose forever. The Bond was paid off a couple of years ago.

I studied Forestry at Cal and graduated in 1975. A great deal of that education is understanding aquifers, water streams, and waterways in order to avoid the immense erosion caused by a logging operation and its road system. It gives the student a way of analyzing the environment and a foundation for the study of water which continues to fascinate me. Water, development, resources, cooperation in demographics for multi-use resource plans were all a part of that study.

WE live in an abundant Valley of water. It is good to see how far the committee has advanced on getting a handle on what exactly is the water quality of our wells at 100 feet and what areas need to be addressed within Los Olivos. It is impressive to fund five monitoring wells. Your grant writing efforts are successful.

We need to be successful in this effort to manage the wastewater of Los Olivos. So much time and effort has gone into it and so much time and effort is still needed.

I hope it is not a popularity contest for who will replace Brad. if your decision is based on who has a long history with the LOCSD, I have gone to the conventions about waste water since 2013. I think I have been on five tours of wastewater facilities. I am asking to be included as a member of an existing body, your Board. I am amenable to being with the LOCSD as you have progressed and to cooperate fully to help move it forward in goals and accomplishments. Please consider me as the replacement for Brad Ross. Please submit this request on the agenda or what ever needs to be done to have this presented correctly.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Jeanne Hollingsworth



## LOCSD DIRECTOR APPLICANT QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Jeanne Hollingsworth \_\_\_\_\_

(attach additional sheets if necessary)

1) What is your vision for the Los Olivos Community Services District over the next four years?  
In the next four years I would like to see more grants given to bring in more funds for the study of the step and phased approach in order to make the decision of which approach has the most merit according to the pollution of the areas and the cost. Getting it on the ballot is essential, so the studies on pollution must go quickly.

2) What do you foresee as the biggest issue for the District as it moves towards a Proposition 218 vote?

The biggest issue is the cost. The cost/benefit/consequence needs to be fully communicated to the Los Olivos residents so that it is obvious that we either continue with our plans for Los Olivos or the cost of the County and State determining our future alternatives will be much greater. I'm finding in my discussions with people that their main concern is how it will affect their property and when. Some residents expressed wanting to be able to opt in for an individual system. I think we need to try to answer by zone details of what it would look like to the residents of that zone. There may be a cost for the whole system and then costs per zone for individual hook up, as we are in construction. The costs for planning, engineering and permitting could be 10 million, for example. That would be a tax bill of \$28,500 for each home in Los Olivos. And then another \$7 Million for installation of phase one and two, let's say. That would be a \$70,000 hook up fee for every one of the first 100 parcels that were engaged. Or maybe \$50,000 for each residence judging by the 375 gal/day flow rate effluent of a normal household and more for the flow rate of either bigger properties or commercial use where much more water with more treatment for grease is needed.

Alternatively, they can have the tax bill anyway and spend \$50,000 for an engineered system when the monitoring of ground water shows that the effluent is coming from their area. The costs of a private alternative system and the monitoring of it can be shown as not that easy or inexpensive as the public possibility. The figures are hypothetical and could be adjusted when we find out what they are.

People are afraid of the unknown and the unknown breeds more fear. Something concrete and palpable must be presented with an alternative that shows itself to be much less rewarding. A spirit of community cohesiveness needs to be ignited. Would a survey of each home by wastewater treatment needs be a good idea to find out who would rather do it on their own versus have a hook up? Just by investigating the opinion of the residents, we could find out a lot about the sentiment towards the election by their perspective on their personal homes.

The second biggest issue is the timing. How soon can we get a picture of the pulse of the thoughts in town in order to determine when we are ready for the election?

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3) How will you engage taxpayers in the Los Olivos Community Services District's activities?

Engagement can either be because of pleasure or fear. Since we prefer pleasure and we have been successful at many meetings bringing in townsfolk, perhaps we can create pop ups in the park or game nights centered around discussions about wastewater management in Los Olivos. How do we reach those at home? Probably with the questionnaire about their preferences and then a follow up in person or by phone to those who did not respond

4) Please disclose any potential conflicts.

I don't have any conflicts. I am an independent real estate broker for Buyers in Los Olivos and the Santa Ynez Valley. I don't gain value from meeting residents since I don't list houses, unless it is a request from a former buyer. It helps me to be informed for disclosures to newcomers. The only conflict is having to feed my horses at dusk and lock up the chickens at dark.

5) Please disclose any involvement with current and/or pending litigation?

I stay far away from litigation. That is how lawyers make so much money. Nope, I never sue and I haven't been sued.

Thank you for your interest in me as a candidate to temporarily fill Brad's seat on the Board of the LOCSD. I hope my involvement will be energizing and helpful in promoting and advancement the goals of the LOCSD