

MEMORANDUM

Los Olivos CSD 1565-0002: Collection and Conveyance to Solvang



Date: April 7, 2026
To: Guy Savage, General Manager
From: Kari Wagner, PE
Subject: Next Steps

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Wallace Group submitted the Draft 30% Collection and Conveyance to Solvang Preliminary Design Report and Drawings on March 27, 2026. The District has scheduled a public workshop for the public to ask questions directly to Wallace Group on June 3, 2026, which is just under 2 months away. Wallace Group has approximately \$140,000 remaining in the Phase 1 budget. It is estimated that approximately \$40,000 of this budget will be used for the following tasks:

- **Coordination with County of Santa Barbara and with City of Solvang:** Staff will to further discuss what information/direction we need from these two agencies. A lot of the unknowns noted in the report revolve around decisions that need to be made by these two agencies. We will need to schedule a few more meetings to discuss options and agency needs.
- **Updates to the report:** Wallace Group will address questions and make edits to the report to the report based on District feedback. We are also doing an internal QA/QC and will have additional comments/edits to address.
- **Sensitivity analysis:** Wallace Group will update the cost analysis with a sensitivity analysis to identify the items in the budget that may move the needle based on unknowns/uncertainties in the project as it stands today.

Additional tasks can be completed over the next two months that could help support the project. Wallace Group has approximately \$100,000 that could be used to start advancing Phase 2 design. The items listed will benefit either system (STEP or gravity). These items include the following:

- **Survey:** There is additional survey that can be completed that can assist the project regardless of which system we go with. Budget – spend as much or as little as we have.
 - Locate existing septic systems: more critical for the gravity system, but is still good to confirm if a property has room for the STEP system and

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where it could be located. It would help determine the potential level of impact, maybe rank the properties on low, medium, high cost potential.

- Detailed survey within the community: The survey is still based on GIS/readily available data. We have surveyed monuments and confirmed the survey accuracy. We could do additional survey in critical areas to start to verify elevations and boundaries.
 - Boundary development: some areas need further refinement, specifically on the forcemain.
 - We are talking with our survey team to confirm anything else they feel is needed going into the design phase.
- **Potholing:** start a potholing package, specifically around lift stations and forcemain. This will be needed for either system. There will not be enough money for doing all the potholing, but we can prepare a bid package and start this process now and help expedite the next phase. Budget – potholing package and bidding the potholing will be \$15,000 to \$25,000.
 - **Geotechnical:** something that could be pursued but recommend the items above first. Wallace Group can provide more information on this if requested.

Please advise if the District requests Wallace Group to provide additional services noted above.

