

## X. Santa Ynez Community Services District

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### SUMMARY

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The Santa Ynez Community Services District provides wastewater collection and transportation to approximately 4,505 people. The District service area covers approximately 1.7 square miles (or 1,100 acres). Effluent collected by the District is treated at the City of Solvang's wastewater treatment plant. Santa Ynez is located east of the City of Solvang and west of the junction of Highways 154 and 246. Santa Ynez CSD leases capacity to the Chumash Tribe. Additionally, the District operates a wastewater treatment plant under contract with the Chumash Tribe. The District's Sphere of Influence is 123 acres beyond service area boundary, which includes areas south of Hwy 246 along Kara Lane and Redondo Court to Via Juana Road. There are no proposals for expansion and the District did not request expansion areas. However, LAFCO did evaluate four Study Areas. The District receives financial support at a rate of approximately \$447 per resident and maintains a fund balance to meet future needs. The District has financial procedures in place to ensure the preparation of timely agency audits.

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### BACKGROUND

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The Santa Ynez Community Services District was formed in 1971. It was formed to address failing septic systems in the Santa Ynez community and to protect local groundwater and surface water resources from contamination. The District in 2017, completed a large annexation of the West Santa Ynez territory consisting of 382 single-family homes covering 434-acres. This area along with additional territory are within the Special Problems Area identified in the County's LAMP. The District continues to make itself available for sewer services to alleviate area concerns.

The Santa Ynez Community Services District overlaps, the County of Santa Barbara Fire Protection District, Santa Ynez River WCD, Cachuma RCD, Santa Ynez River WCD Improvement District No. 1, Santa Barbara Mosquito and Vector Control District, County Service Areas 32 (Law Enforcement), County Flood Control & Water Agency, and the Oak Hill Cemetery District.



The District estimated it serves a population of 4,505 people. The District anticipates a growth rate of approximately 0.67 percent a year within its boundaries in the coming years. In 2020, it was estimated that the District serves 7,787 parcels, and serves 733 wastewater connections.

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## OPERATIONS

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Santa Ynez Community Service District (SYCSD) is composed of six (6) personnel that operate and collect wastewater, this includes a Chief Plant Operator, Operations Supervisor, Collection Operators, and one Secretary/Treasurer and Interim General Manager. All District personnel are trained through the California Water Environment Association (CWEA) Technical Certification Program.

Most of the residents in the township of Santa Ynez are connected to a sewer owned and operated by the Santa Ynez Community Services District. The District operates and maintains the collection system only. The effluent is directed to Solvang's treatment plant. The District has a contractual agreement with the City of Solvang to treat the District's wastewater flows at their facility. SYCSD is also under contract to maintain the Chumash Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) and collection system.

The City of Solvang WWTP collects and treats wastewater from within the Solvang City limits and the SYCSD service boundary. The plant has a capacity of 1.50 million gallons per day (mgd) that is contractually allocated between the City of Solvang (1.20 mgd) and SYCSD (0.30 mgd). A small amount of the SYCSD allocation is allocated to the Chumash Reservation (88,000 gallons per day). The Chumash still own the rights and do not currently use the capacity. SYCSD collects approximately 0.14 MGD of wastewater, which is conveyed to the City of Solvang for treatment.

The Chumash WRF serves approximately 6,450 people on the Santa Ynez Reservation, Casino & Hotel Complex, Administration Buildings and Health Clinic, including about 350 residents, 100 employees, and 6,000 patrons per day.

The District Board of Directors is composed of five Members who are elected at-large to four-year terms. The District will be transitioning to District elections by 2024. The Board meets the third Wednesday of the month. The meetings are held in the District Board Room located at 1070 Faraday Street, Santa Ynez, California at 5:30 p.m. The District maintains a website which includes a list of members of the Board of Directors, agendas of upcoming meetings, and minutes of past meetings.

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## OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES

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In the Santa Ynez Valley, there are a number of challenges to maintaining water quality standards for many surrounding communities including Los Olivos, Ballard, Janin Acres, and west of Santa Ynez which are all located along a north-south line paralleling Alamo Pintado Creek. Soil and

groundwater conditions in these areas are known to be severely constrained for septic effluent disposal. These areas are designated by the County as “Special Problem Areas” for wastewater disposal. In early 2000, the Santa Barbara County Department of Public Works conducted an analysis of the unincorporated areas of the entire County to locate, characterize and track septic systems. They identified 24 “Focus Areas,” which encompassed the heaviest concentrations of septic systems and areas of potentially greatest concern from a public health and water quality perspective. A part of the Santa Ynez Valley was determined to be a special problem area due to infiltration and contamination of the groundwater during heavy rains.

Much of Los Olivos is characterized by small parcels and shallow (less than 10-feet deep) groundwater. Ballard is characterized by clay soils and very small parcels. In Janin Acres, the groundwater produced by the local mutual water company has, at times, exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for nitrates in drinking water. The Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District #1 (ID#1), has also idled two wells that also exceed the MCL for nitrate. Although return flows from irrigated agriculture can be a major source of nitrate contamination in groundwater, these areas are not characterized by large-scale irrigated agriculture.

Residential parcels are semi-rural to rural in nature with a median parcel size of 2.5 acres. Conditions for the use of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) vary, ranging from very good to poor, with areas with restrictive soil characteristics, shallow groundwater and or difficult topographic features such as steep slopes and drainages.

The residential and commercial structures in the townships of Los Olivos and Ballard are served by OWTS. The use of OWTS in these areas is problematic due to a combination of poor soils, high groundwater, and small parcels. Both Los Olivos and Ballard were listed as Focus Areas in a Sanitary Survey.

Janin Acres is also listed as a Focus Area in the Survey. Janin Acres is a residential subdivision consisting of approximately 80 parcels located east of the City of Solvang along Highway 246. While the median parcel size is approximately 2 acres, poor shallow soil conditions generally result in the use deep trenches or seepage pits for effluent dispersal.

County Public Works staff develop and adopted the 2016 County’s Local Agency Management Program (LAMP) to ensure that coastal ocean water, streams and groundwater are not adversely affected by inadequate or failing septic systems.

LAFCO of Santa Barbara County encourages the District and the surrounding communities to consider options for public sanitary services. Generally, the Special Problem Areas will need to work together to resolve the water quality concerns. Evaluating the feasibility of annexation may provide benefits for landowners. It is still unknown whether it is feasible for local service providers to assume responsibilities within the Special Problem Area. Therefore, LAFCO staff recommends that the District continue to discuss possible options with other neighboring

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agencies. If an agreement is made, in which all affected parties agree in who would be best suited to take on the responsibilities, a change of organization may be considered at that point.

## Governance Structure Options

The Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan discusses several approaches to address wastewater issues in the area including public sewer extension to Los Olivos, Ballard, or Janin Acres such as a sewer extension and connection from the City of Solvang or the Chumash treatment facility to serve Ballard and Los Olivos. As noted with the Formation of the Los Olivos CSD a sewer extension from the City of Solvang or the Chumash treatment facility raised significant policy concerns and potential environmental impacts. The Santa Ynez CSD annexation was a potential option, later dropped in favor of forming a new District. Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan policies recognize and support preservation of distinct, and separate urban townships, and the preservation and enhancement of agriculture. However, the SYCSD could apply to LAFCO for the annexation of Los Olivos, Ballard, or Janin Acres, pending the success of Los Olivos CSD compliance with LAFCO conditions. The SYCSD Board would need to evaluate and determine based on their policy and contingent on LAFCO approval.

LAFCO staff sees value in local agencies collaborating and exploring opportunities to improve delivery of municipal services. It is still unknown whether it is feasible for the SYCSD or another local service provider to assume responsibilities within the areas. Therefore, LAFCO staff recommends that the District continue to discuss possible partnerships with the other neighboring agencies. If an agreement is made, in which all affected parties agree in the transfer of responsibilities, a change of organization may be considered at that point.

## Regional Collaboration

The District participates in the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) process. The intent of the Integrated Regional Water Management Program in Santa Barbara County is to promote and practice integrated regional water management strategies to ensure sustainable water uses, reliable water supplies, better water quality, environmental stewardship, efficient urban development, protection of agricultural and watershed awareness.

The District is a member of California Special Districts Association (CSDA) and the Santa Barbara chapter of CSDA.

Sewage effluent from the Santa Ynez Community Services District is treated and disposed of by the City of Solvang's Wastewater Treatment Plant. The District operates by contract, the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Wastewater Reclamation Facility, Kalawa Shaq pump station and collection lines.

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## SPHERE OF INFLUENCE & BOUNDARIES

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The Sphere of Influence for the Santa Ynez Community Services District’s boundaries includes an area south of the District’s service area, approximately 123 acres. A map of the District’s Sphere of Influence and boundaries can be seen at the beginning of this profile.

The City of Solvang completed a WWTP Remaining Capacity TM by Cannon in 2016, that considered existing and projected flows for Solvang and SYCSD through buildout (based on existing general plan) and annexation of Sphere of Influence areas. SYCSD would reach its adjusted capacity limit of 0.20 MGD upon reaching General Plan buildout, and annexation within its Sphere of Influence would require the purchase of additional WWTP capacity. The District has purchased a total of 300,000 gpd of capacity in the City of Solvang WWTP through several agreements with the City of Solvang. As stated in the 1998 Interagency Agreement, the District is not to allow additional connections to the System if they will bring the District’s predicted flow to or above 95% of its Average Dry Weather Flow (ADWF). The District’s capacity right percentage is 58.5 as of July 2020.

### Sphere of Influence Study Areas

For study purposes, LAFCO staff has prepared the following table and map that included four areas to be considered as the Study Areas for the Sphere of Influence. The Study Areas are used to help analyze and identify which properties should be added or excluded from the Sphere of Influence. A summary of the Study Areas is listed in the table below:

Table X-1: Santa Ynez Community Services Study Areas

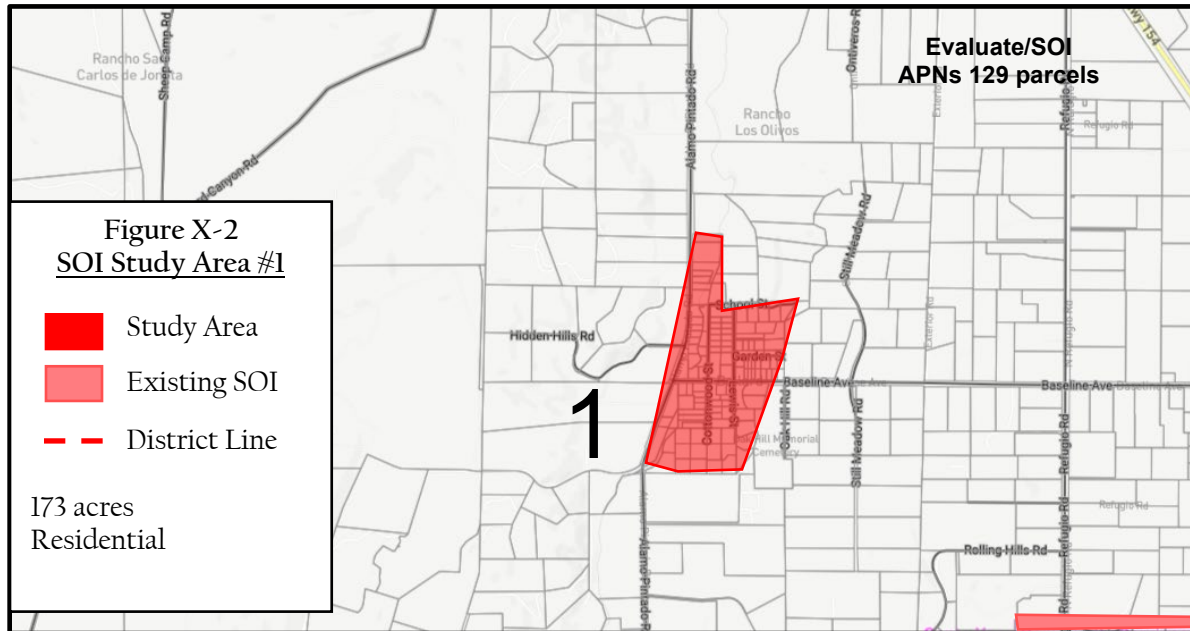
Study Area	Description	Acres	Existing Zoning	Prime AG Land	Constraints
1	Ballard	173	Single-Family Residential 1-E-1; 10-R-1; Commercial Neighborhood (CN)	Yes	Special Problem Area
2	Los Olivos	287	Single-Family Residential 1-E-1; 15-R-1; RR-5 Commercial Neighborhood (CN); C-2	Yes	Special Problem Area
3	Janin Acres & West Santa Ynez	278+	Single-Family Residential 1-E-1	Yes	Special Problem Area
4	Chumash Tribe Existing Service Lease	111	Chumash Reservation Hotel & Casino	No	Unknown
	Totals	849			

The Study Areas are described in more detail below and include: a map that focuses on each particular area and the recommendation made by LAFCO Staff. The discussion addresses the size and location of the area, current zoning and other relevant information. The staff recommendation for each area is based upon the information in the Municipal Service Review and information provided by the District.

**SOI Study Area #1 – Ballard (Located in SB County; Outside of SOI).** Ballard has over 129 parcels (nearly all) with private septic systems. The community of Ballard has an estimated 500 residents and encompasses 94 acres and 118 parcels. Nearly, 75% of the township is designated for residential use, with approximately four acres of commercial property. A mix of smaller agricultural parcels (5 to 40 acres) surrounds Ballard.

Ballard overlies the Santa Ynez Uplands Groundwater Basin which is used extensively as a source of agricultural and domestic-municipal water supply. The groundwater basin has been identified by the Central Coast RWQCB as one of three basins in Santa Barbara County experiencing an increase in groundwater nitrate concentrations. It has been recommended for further investigation with respect to sources and corrective strategies. The Basin Plan identifies Ballard as urbanizing areas that need wastewater management.

Special Problem Area: consists of medium to large-lot rural town, medium to high density of septic systems, fair to good conditions for septic systems, many older developed properties with possible code compliance problems, adjacent to Alamo Pintado Creek, and is a tributary to Santa Ynez River. Flood control improvements completed at the northeast end of the village alleviated shallow groundwater issues.



**LAFCO Staff Recommendation.** The SOI should exclude Study Area One. Staff recommendation is to exclude the Sphere of Influence in this area. Connecting to Ballard conflicts with the Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan (SYVCP) policy WW-SYV-3, which discourages annexation or extension of sewer lines into other jurisdictions due to its growth-inducing impacts. Therefore, this option would require an amendment to the SYVCP or a Board of Supervisors’ finding that the existing conditions constitute a threat to public health. The Special Problem Area should be addressed by considering the formation of a County Service Area (CSA). The County could evaluate the feasibility of a package plant that only serves the town of Ballard to minimize the costs.

**SOI Study Area #2 – Los Olivos (Located in SB County; Outside of SOI).** Los Olivos is entirely served by septic systems. Los Olivos has over 340 residential and commercial parcels. The township of Los Olivos is located in the northern part of the Santa Ynez Valley region and consists of 287 acres with a population of approximately 1,000 people. There is a 22-acre commercial District at the northern end of the township. Low to medium density residential surrounds the commercial core and accounts for over 85% of the total land area of the township.

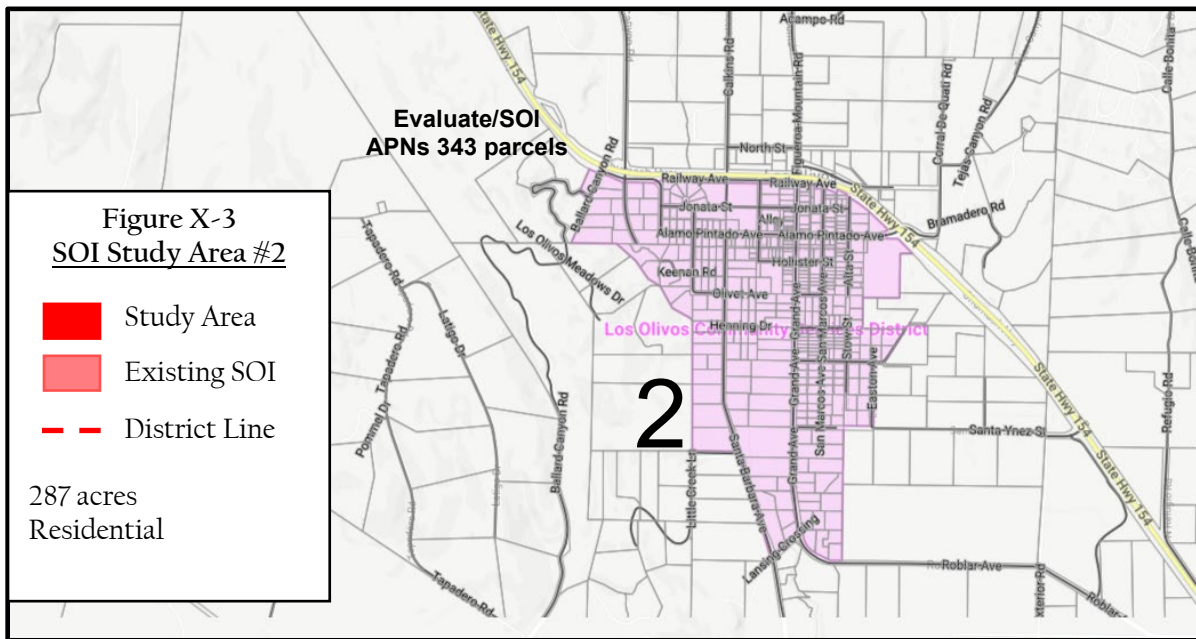
In addition, the area is underlain with high groundwater and the soils are not conducive to wastewater disposal. This poses a significant constraint for septic system usage especially in the



commercial core. Los Olivos overlies the Santa Ynez Uplands Groundwater Basin which is used extensively as a source of agricultural and domestic-municipal water supply. The groundwater basin has been identified by the Central Coast RWQCB as one of three basins in Santa Barbara County experiencing an increase in groundwater nitrate concentrations. It has been recommended for further investigation with respect to sources and corrective strategies. The Basin Plan identifies Los Olivos as urbanizing areas that need wastewater management.

Constraints affecting septic system performance in Los Olivos include the large number and very high density of septic systems, lack of favorable soil and groundwater conditions, and the age and non-conforming design of the systems. The Los Olivos Community Service District is in the process of developing a local community wastewater treatment facility to address these concerns.

Special Problem Area: consists of large number of small to very small lots in densely developed septic town setting, shallow groundwater in large portions of town, drywells discharge directly to water table, groundwater nitrate impacts documented, recommended for wastewater management plan by Regional Water Quality Control Board, prior septic tank maintenance study, dissected by Alamo Pintado Creek, and is a tributary to Santa Ynez River.

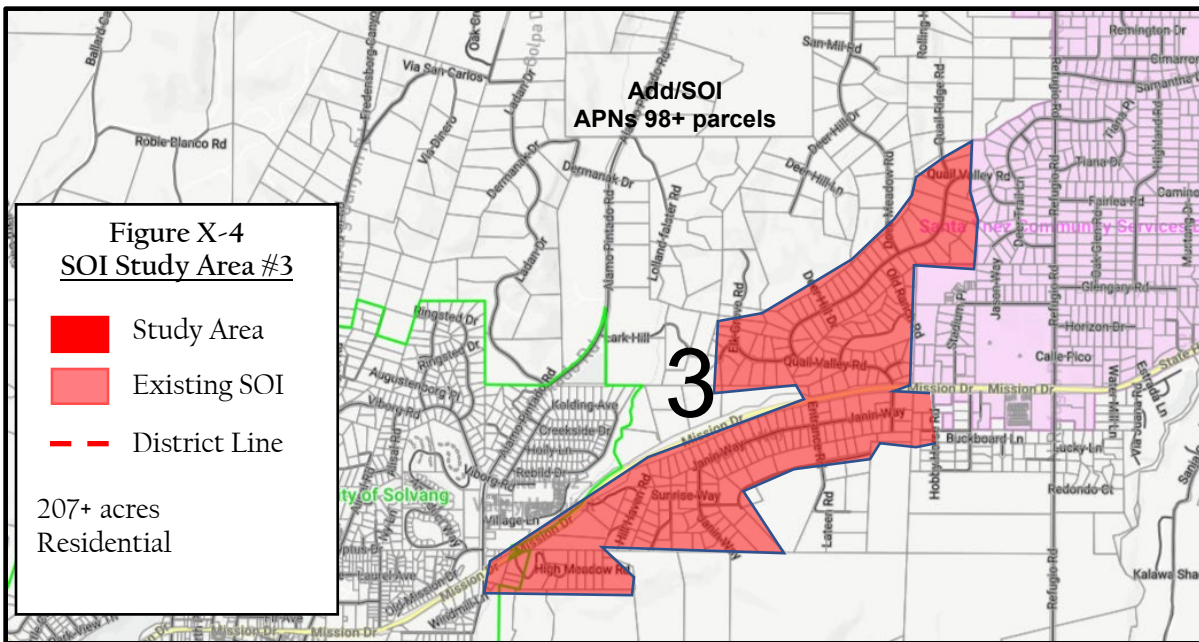


**LAFCO Staff Recommendation.** The SOI should exclude Study Area Two. Staff recommendation is to exclude the Sphere of Influence in this area and note the efforts the Los Olivos CSD are making. If a Proposition 218 vote were to fail, expansion actions may be necessary at some point in the future to address the Special Problem Area.

**SOI Study Area #3 – Janin Acres & West Santa Ynez (Located in SB County; Outside of SOI).** The Janin Acres subdivision, located between Solvang and Santa Ynez, was developed in the late

1960s. It consists of approximately 80 parcels and obtains its water supply from two local wells owned and operated by the Rancho Marcelino Water Company. The median parcel size is approximately two (2) acres with poor shallow soil conditions. Many of the parcels in the subdivision utilize deep trenches or drywells for onsite sewage disposal. Sampling of the Rancho Marcelino water wells over the past 40 years has indicated a significant increase in nitrate concentration that coincides with the development of the subdivision and the use of onsite sewage disposal systems in the area. The nitrate concentrations found in the wells has increased from less than 10 mg/l to over 50 mg/l (i.e., exceeding the drinking water limit) during this period. The data shows a strong correlation between groundwater quality degradation and the installation and use of septic systems in the Janin Acres subdivision and neighboring areas in Santa Ynez (to the north).

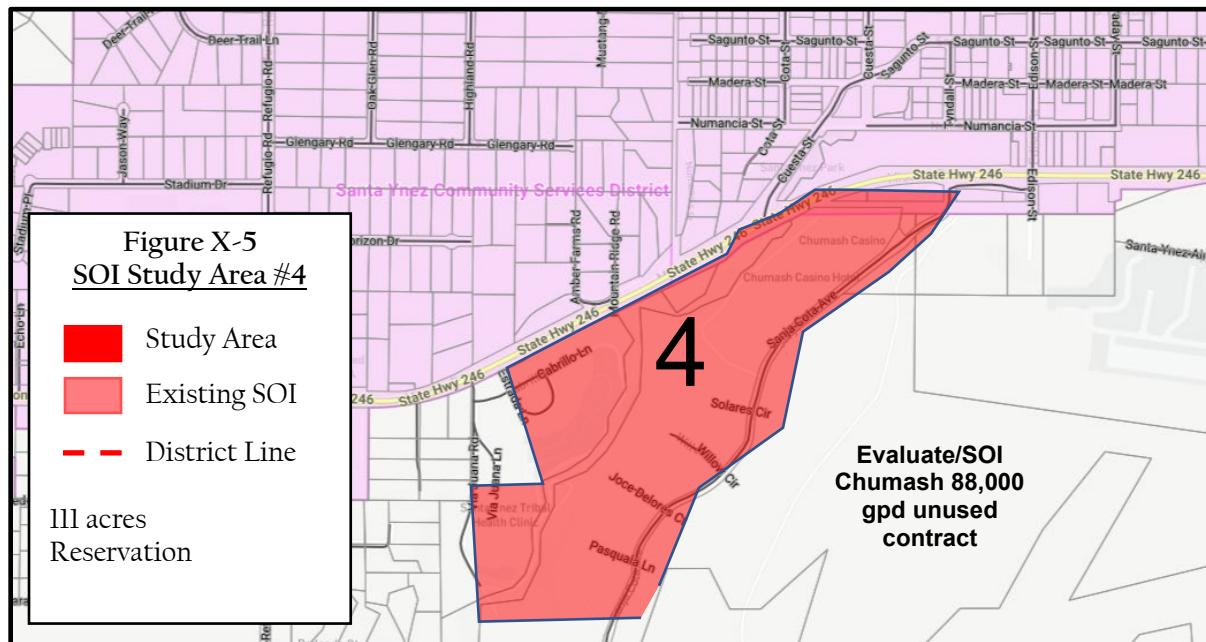
Special Problem Area includes: rural residential subdivision and some commercial properties, located between Santa Ynez and Solvang and shallow restrictive soils favoring deep trenches and dry-wells have apparently led to elevated nitrate levels in groundwater/local water supply wells (Rancho Marcelino Water Company).



**LAFCO Staff Recommendation.** The SOI should include Study Area Three. Staff recommendation is to include Study Area Three that would allow sewer connections to the District without the need for a threat to public health and safety determination. Santa Barbara LAFCO in 2019 approved out-of-agency service agreements for sewer services from the Santa Ynez CSD to two properties along Janin Way. A third extension was granted in September 2022. After discussion with Caltrans and determining the requirements to extend services within Hwy 246 (Mission Drive), the prior landowners elected not to seek services from the District. It appeared the challenges to extend services likely prevented those landowners from connecting to

District infrastructure. Caltrans has changed its position and the third out-of-agency service agreement now seeks to complete this connection for services from SYCSD. The City of Solvang Sphere of Influence cover the Janin Acres Special Problem Area, but the SYCSD already has infrastructure in the area and may provide a better opportunity to serve the area in the future when the need arises.

**SOI Study Area #4 – Chumash Tribe (Located in SB County; Outside of SOI).** Chumash Reservation has one (1) parcel within its boundaries on private treatment systems that is managed by the Santa Ynez CSD. The Chumash WRF serves approximately 6,450 people on the Santa Ynez Reservation, Casino & Hotel Complex, Administration Buildings and Health Clinic, including about 350 residents, 100 employees, and 6,000 patrons per day. A small amount of the SYCSD allocation is allocated to the Chumash Reservation (88,000 gallons per day). The Chumash still own treatment rights and do not currently use the capacity. By contract, the District also operates and maintains the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Wastewater Reclamation Facility, Kalawa Shaq pump station, two casino lift stations and collection lines located at 3400 Highway 246, Santa Ynez, CA 93460. The Chumash Wastewater Reclamation Facility is a 320,000 gpd membrane bioreactor (MBR) with chlorine disinfection and Title 22 Recycled Water Distribution of 200,000 gpd. The wastewater treatment plant was built in 2005 and upgraded to a MBR plant in 2015 and covers approximately ¼ acre. The Tribe collection system includes 1.8 miles of 8-inch VCP, 33 manholes, three (3) lift stations and 0.9 miles of 4-inch force mains from the three stations. SYCSD collects approximately 0.14 MGD of wastewater from its own system, which is conveyed to the City of Solvang for treatment.



**LAFCO Staff Recommendation.** The SOI should exclude Study Area Four. Staff recommendation is to exclude the Sphere of Influence in this area and note the existing agreement

between the Chumash Tribe and Santa Ynez CSD. The small amount of the SYCSD allocation allocated to the Chumash Reservation (88,000 gallons per day) is not being used. The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Wastewater Reclamation Facility has adequate capacity to meet the reservation needs and is under contract to be maintained by the District. Re-evaluation could occur if the Chumash Tribe exercises the allotment to serve the area in the future when the need arises.

## BOUNDARIES

### Jurisdictional Boundary

Santa Ynez Community Services District’s existing boundary spans approximately 1.7 square miles in size and covers 1,100 acres (parcels and public rights-of-ways) of contiguous areas with 100% of the jurisdictional service boundary is unincorporated and under the land use authority of the County of Santa Barbara. The Study area portions are also within the jurisdictional land use authority of the County. Overall, there are 2,590 registered voters within the jurisdictional boundary.

Santa Ynez CSD jurisdictional boundary spans 1.7 square miles with 100% being unincorporated and under the land use authority of the County of Santa Barbara.

Santa Ynez Community Services   Boundary Breakdown By Service Area				
Service Area	Total Assessor Parcel Acres	% of Total Assessor Parcel Acres	Total Assessor Parcels	Number of Registered Voters
Santa Ynez CSD	1,192	5.0%	5,105	2,590
Pace OASA				
<b><i>Anticipated Study Areas</i></b>				
Los Olivos	365	1.5%	300	585
Ballard	22434	93.5%	2,382	TBD
Janin Acres	289	93.5%	2,382	TBD
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23,991</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7,787</b>	<b>11,612</b>

Santa Ynez Community Services   Boundary Breakdown By Land Use Authority				
Land Use Authority	Total Assessor Parcel Acres	% of Total Assessor Parcel Acres	Total Assessor Parcels	Number of Registered Voters
County of Santa Barbara	22,799	95.0%	2,682	2,590
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23,991</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7,787</b>	<b>2,590</b>

Total assessed value (land and structure) is set at \$7.0 billion as of April 2022, and translates to a per acre value ratio of \$292,229. The former amount further represents a per capita value of \$388,737 based on the estimated service population of 4,505. Santa Ynez CSD receives \$1.2 million dollars in annual charges for services revenue generated within its jurisdictional boundary.

The jurisdictional boundary is currently divided into 7,787 legal parcels and spans 1,100 acres. The remaining jurisdictional acreage consists of public right-of-ways. Approximately 70% of the parcel acreage is under private ownership with 80% having already been developed and/or improved to date, albeit not necessarily at the highest density as allowed under zoning. The remainder of private acreage is entirely undeveloped and consists of 265 vacant parcels that collectively total 908 acres.

Close to three-fourths of the jurisdictional boundary is under private ownership, and of this amount approximately one-half has been developed.

**Santa Ynez Community Services District  
Formation, Revenues, Attributes, Types of Service, and Resources**

District Formation and Duties	
Formation Date	1971
Legal Authority	Community Services District Act, Government Code, section 61000 et seq.
Board of Directors	Five Directors elected to four-year terms through at-large elections. Transitioning to Districts by 2024.
Agency Duties	Collects wastewater and transports to Solvang plant. District also manages the sewer collection system and wastewater treatment plant located on Chumash Reservation.

## POPULATION AND GROWTH

### Population

The U.S. Census Bureau estimated the 2020 population of Santa Ynez to be 4,728. Santa Barbara County Association of Governments prepared a Regional Growth Forecast for 2010-2040 in 2012. The Forecast for 2050 completed in 2019 was for the Cities while the 2012 report included unincorporated communities by sub regions. That report used a conservative trend-base allocation methodology estimating the Santa Ynez Valley unincorporated population to be 12,646 by 2020. Santa Ynez’s population is estimated at 4,505 persons. Between 2010 and 2020, the population of Santa Ynez’s area increased by 87 people (1.9 percent or less than 1 percent per year). However, the County’s population increased by 11.6 percent between 2010 and 2020.

Demographics for Santa Ynez are based on an age characteristics report prepared by SBCAG in 2017 and American Community Survey. The largest age group represented in Santa Ynez as 18 to 64 group at 58.2 percent. Approximately 21.3 percent of the population was in the 65 or older years age group and 20.5 percent in the under the age of 18.

According to the 2020 U.S. Census, approximately 66.5 percent of the total population identified themselves as non-Hispanic white. The Hispanic population, which is the second largest ethnic group in Santa Ynez, comprised 21.7 percent of the total population.

## Projected Growth and Development

The County of Santa Barbara’s General Plan serves as the District’s vision for long-term land use, development and growth, and provides the vision within Santa Ynez Valley Planning Area. The County’s General Plan was adopted in 2009, although the Housing Element is updated every 8 years in accordance with state regulations and spans the 2023-2031 planning period.

The current County Housing Element (2023-2031) identifies an estimated growth rate of 0.7 percent within the Santa Ynez Valley, which faces several constraints. The County’s General Plan covers the Santa Ynez, Ballard, Los Olivos, Janin Acres, and surrounding areas. The following population projections within the District are based on the Department of Finance Table E4 estimate and SBCAG regional forecast.

Table X-2. Population Growth and Projections (2010–2040)					
	2010	2015	2020	2035*	2040*
<b>Santa Ynez CSD</b>	4,418	n/a	4,505	4,794	n/a
<b>County</b>	423,895	441,963	451,840	501,500	513,300

\* Assumes trend-based land use capacity within the City. SBCAG regional forecast model.

\*\* DOF Table E4 projections.

## Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities

Senate Bill (SB) 244 of 2011 requires LAFCO to identify and consider disadvantaged unincorporated communities (DUCs) when preparing MSRs and Sphere updates for Cities and Special Districts that provide sewer, water, or structural fire protection services. A DUC is defined by the Water Code as one in which the median annual household income (MHI) is 80 percent of the statewide average. Incorporated communities also are defined as disadvantaged when the MHI falls below 80 percent. In 2021, the statewide MHI was \$80,440, 80 percent of that is \$64,352. The MHI for Santa Ynez was \$99,349 in 2022, which does not qualify the community as a disadvantaged community. In addition, review of the State DAC Mapping Tool and CalEnviroScreen 4.0 was used to verify disadvantaged status with other applications of the definition. CalEnviroScreen is a screening tool used to help identify communities disproportionately burdened by multiple sources of pollution and with population characteristics that make them more sensitive to pollution. The County prepared an update to its Integrated Regional Water Management Plan in 2019. This was in part for the purposes of grants for the Central Coast Funding Area for which a disadvantaged communities’ assessment was conducted based on requirements for water and wastewater needs or deficiency within a service area. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed an Environmental Justice Screening and

Mapping Tool Version 2.0 (EJScreen) that provides nationally consistent data combining environmental and demographic data related to the protection of public health and the environment. This Mapping Tool was evaluated for indicators to assist in identifying a disadvantaged community. Lastly, EPA has also developed an EnviroAtlas Interactive Map Tool in collaboration with EJScreen that overlays geospatial data and other resources related to ecosystem services, their chemical and non-chemical stressors, and human health to better understand human health and well-being, since these are closely tied to the environment, which provides benefits such as clean water, clean air, and protection from natural hazards. In combination a stronger representation of underserved communities can be identified that may be a leading indicator to health and well-being or precursor to DUC. In all cases, the Santa Ynez Community Services District's Sphere of Influence does not qualify under the definition of disadvantaged community for the present and probable need for public facilities and services nor are the areas contiguous to the Sphere of Influence qualify as a disadvantaged community.

**Santa Ynez Community Services District  
Formation, Revenues, Attributes, Types of Service, and Resources**

Attributes	
District area (est. square miles): • Entire District	1.7
Population (2020 Census): • Entire District	4,505
Assessed Valuation (FY 21-22: District portion)	\$7,010,874,700
Number of Treatment Plants	0 Solvang WWTP & Operate Chumash WRF
Regular Financial Audits	Annual
Annual Revenue Per Capita, Entire District (FY 20-21)	\$447
Average Portion of County 1% Property Tax Received	3¢/\$1
Ending Total Fund Balance (June 2021)	\$7,800,727
Change in Total Fund Balance (from June 2016 to June 2021)	86%
Total Fund Balance/Annual Revenue Total (FY 20-21)	387%

Source: District area estimated utilizing County of Santa Barbara GIS Data; Population estimated utilizing 2020 US Census Data; Assessed Valuation and Portion of County Property Tax Received are from County of Santa Barbara Auditor-Controller's Office; Fund Balance Information from District Audit; Other information from District.

## SERVICES

### Overview

Santa Ynez Community Services District collects and diverts wastewater from their service area to the Solvang WWTP by operating two lift stations and approximately 15.2 miles of sanitary sewer collection system. The District owns a 20% share of the City of Solvang's 1.5 million gallon per day (mgd) wastewater plant, equating to a treatment capacity of 300,000 gallons per day (gpd). The District also manages the Chumash Reservation collection and WRF facility. The District is staffed by six (6) full-time staff.

## WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

The Sanitation system is comprised of approximately 15.2 miles of sewer collection system pipelines of varying sizes and ages, 386 manholes, and two (2) lift station. Wastewater from SYCSD is commingled with wastewater flow from the City of Solvang at the City's Fjord Road Lift Station, which pumps sewage across the Santa Ynez River to the Solvang WWTP. The influent quality of SYCSD flows is not routinely analyzed so historical water quality data for SYCSD wastewater flows do not exist.

### Collection System

The Sanitation system is comprised of 13.8 miles of gravity sewers (approximately 9,576-line segments), 386 manholes, 0.84 miles of force mains, and two (2) pump stations. The sewer lines range in size from eight (8) inches to fifteen (15) inches in diameter. Gravity lines consist of (7.53 miles of 8-inch VCP gravity line, 4.25 miles of 12-inch VCP gravity line, 1 mile of 10-inch gravity line and 2.1 miles of 15-inch VCP gravity line).

### Treatment System

The District contracts with the City of Solvang to treat and dispose of the District's wastewater. The City of Solvang operates and maintains a 1.5 MGD Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) activated sludge wastewater treatment plant built in 1997. The treatment plant is located at 101 S. Alisal Rd., Solvang.

The Solvang WWTP, processes include a mechanical bar screen, screenings compactor and washer, vortex grit separator, and a sequencing batch reactor (SBR) wherein the wastewater is mixed, aerated, and settled. Waste sludge from the SBR is pumped to the digester where it is aerobically digested. After digestion, sludge is dewatered by a belt press. Biosolids accumulate in roll-off bins and are hauled away by an offsite composting contractor. Wastewater from the belt press is routed back to the headworks. The treated wastewater is disposed of to a polishing pond, which then drains to one of two percolation ponds located within the Santa Ynez River floodplain. On high flow days or during significant rain events, the large percolation pond overflows into a small percolation pond for additional storage. The City of Solvang is in the



process of upgrading their wastewater treatment facility. Phase 1 was completed in December 2021 and consisted of replacing the mixing and aeration system. Phase 2 of the upgrade is planned for 2022/2023.

The SYCSD’s agreement for 0.30 MGD of the 1.5 MGD total WWTP capacity ends up equating to 0.20 MGD once two items are accounted for: 1) agreement limits available capacity to 95% of the purchase capacity (0.285 MGD); and 2) 0.088 MGD of SYCSD’s capacity is reserved for the Santa Ynez Band of Mission Indians.

By contract, the District operates and maintains the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Wastewater Reclamation Facility, Kalawa Shaq pump station, two casino lift stations and collection lines located at 3400 Highway 246, Santa Ynez, CA 93460. The Chumash Wastewater Reclamation Facility is a 320,000 gpd membrane bioreactor (MBR) with chlorine disinfection and Title 22 Recycled Water Distribution of 200,000 gpd. The wastewater treatment plant was built in 2005 and upgraded to a MBR plant in 2015 and covers approximately ¼ acre. The Tribe collection system includes 1.8 miles of 8-inch VCP, 33 manholes, three (3) lift stations and 0.9 miles of 4-inch force mains from the three stations. Chumash Tribes collection and wastewater treatment systems provides service to the Chumash Casino, administration buildings and approximately 350 residents on the reservation. Treated wastewater is used for irrigation on the reservation and/or discharged to the nearby creek. Biosolids from the treatment plant are composted off-site. The Santa Ynez Band of the Chumash Indians facility discharges up to 200,000 gallons per day into Zanja de Cota Creek.

## Disposal

The City’s WWTP discharges treated wastewater to percolation ponds located adjacent to the plant. The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians discharges treated wastewater from the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Wastewater Treatment Plant to Zanja de Cota Creek, tributary to the Santa Ynez River.

Types of Services	
Collection	X
Treatment	X
Disposal	X
Recycled	-
Other	-

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Formation, Revenues, Attributes, Types of Service, and Resources**

Treatment Plant, Booster, & Lift Stations			
Address	Acquired/Built	Condition	Size
101 S. Alisal Rd, WWTP Solvang	1997	Good	20% capacity 1.5 MGD
246 LS, Hwy 246/Casino Drive	1983/rebuilt 2014	Excellent	1,240 gpm
Golden Inn LS 890 N. Refugio Rd	2016	Excellent	268 gpm
Kalawa Shaq LS	1998	Good	X2-27 Hp 150 gpd

Note: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Wastewater Reclamation Facility not part of District system.

The 2017 Sewer Master Plan evaluated pipelines, lift stations, defective and deficient sewer installations, and septic system neighborhoods in the service area. The renewal and replacement projects identified were prioritized based upon results of the hydraulic model, field information and velocity information used in the model. In addition, the prioritization also takes into account SYCSD maintenance activities in the service area. The Chumash Casino lift station was completely rebuilt and replaced in 2014. The District accepted dedication of the Golden Inn Senior facility lift station in 2020. Generally, it takes 38 minutes for Districts flows to reach the Fjord Lift Station in Solvang.

Connections		
Type	# of Acct	% of Total
Single-Family	672	91.7%
Multi-Family	0	0%
Commercial	61	8.3%
Industrial	0	0%
Agricultural	0	0%

The residential single-family connections are equivalent to 865.1 units on 804 parcels. Four commercial connections are equivalent to 16.1 single-family units.

Total Staffing		
	Personnel	Per 1,000 population
Full time Operators	4	0.8
Emergency Operators	4	0.8
Administrative Personnel	1	0.2
Other District Staff	1	0.2

Santa Ynez Community Services has a total of six (6) permanent employees.

Staffing Experience/Tenure (average)		
	Years in Industry	Year w/ District
General Manager (1)	30+	3 mo
Chief Plant Operator (1)	n/a	n/a
Operator Supervisor (1)	21	21
Operator II (1)	3 mo	3 mo
Operator I (1)	7	7
Administrative Personnel (1)	30	9

### Wastewater Capacity

Santa Ynez Community Services has a 20% share of the City of Solvang’s permitted treatment capacity of 1.5 mgd plant.

The Santa Ynez CSD service area’s maximum daily capacity to convey wastewater to the Treatment Facility for treatment and disposal is 0.3 million gallons.

### System Demands

Santa Ynez Community Services area’s average annual wastewater collection demand generated approximately 0.13 million gallons per day. It also translates over the report period to an estimated 69 gallons per day for each person; it also translates to 206 gallons for every service connection.

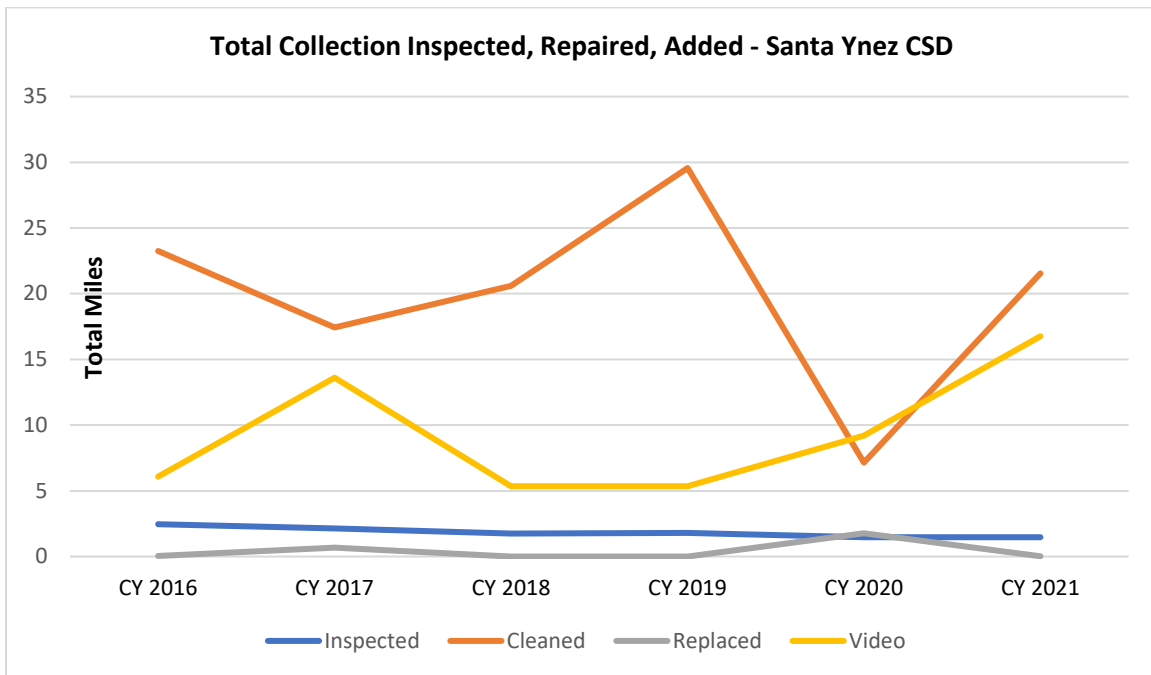
The estimated average annual wastewater flows generated during the report period among Santa Ynez CSD users in the service area has been 0.13 million gallons per day.

## Service Performance

Santa Ynez Community Services service area’s average annual wastewater collection demand generated for subsequent treatment and disposal at the Treatment Plant Facility has been approximately 0.13 million gallons a day over the last three years. Of this amount, it is estimated by LAFCO this represents 46% of permitted capacity. The District generally has adequate capacity for anticipated future needs.

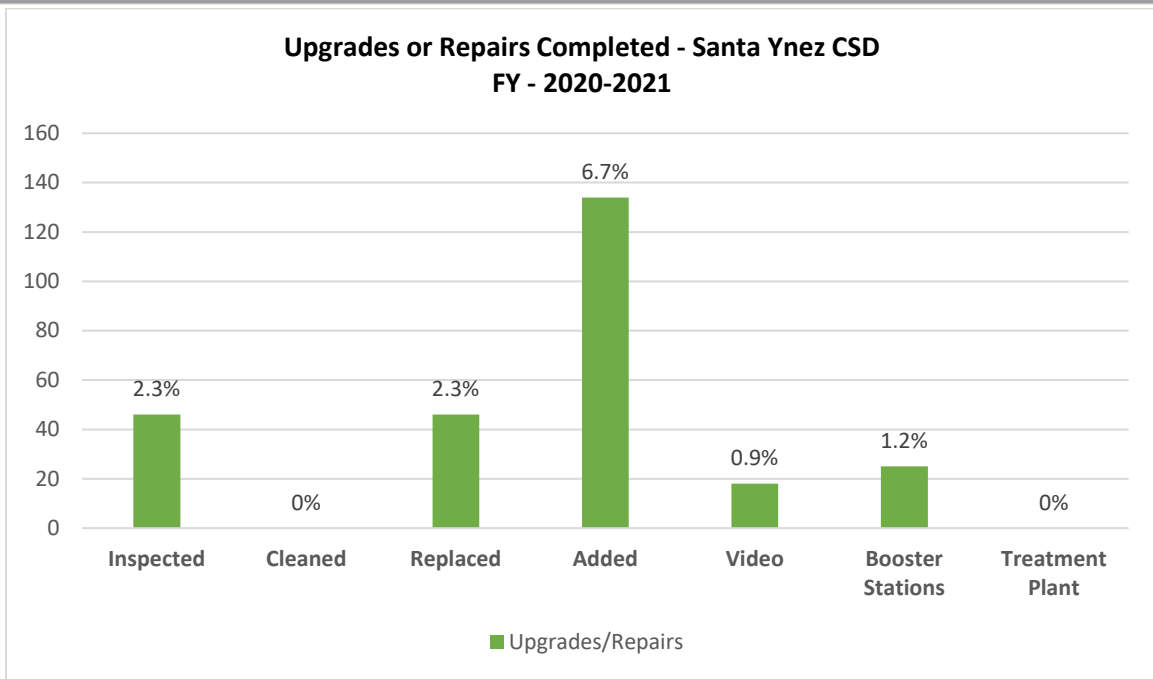
LAFCO estimates Santa Ynez CSD is presently operating at 46% capacity within its service. (This estimate includes service agreements outside of its service boundary.)

Santa Ynez Community Services District  
Formation, Revenues, Attributes, Types of Service, and Resources



Source: SYCSD Data.

Note: Information is for the entire District. Also, this table tabulates miles of lines cleaned, replaced, added, and videoed. Additional upgrades preformed regarding lift stations and treatment plant.



Source: SYCSD Data.

Note: Information is for the entire District.

The Santa Ynez CSD provides water and wastewater collection and transport services to its constituents directly and plans for them in various planning documents, including the Sewer System Management Plan, Capital Improvement Plan, and Strategic Plan prepared in 2005. The County’s Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan, which was last updated in 2009, contains Land Use, Public Facility, and Resource Constraints.

SYCSD Snapshot: FY2022	
Planning Reports	Year Updated
Community Plan	2009
Joint Powers Agreement	1998
Sewer System Mgmt. Plan	2020
Strategic Plan	2005
Capital Improvement Plan	annually
Wastewater Master Plan	2017
Rate Study	2021
Climate Plan	N/A

## FINANCES

The District prepares an annual budget and financial statement, which includes details for each of its government and capital project and replacement funds. The District maintains a separate capital fund for replacement needs, meaning that charges for services are intended to pay for the costs of providing such services. The District did not apply for Cares Act funding.

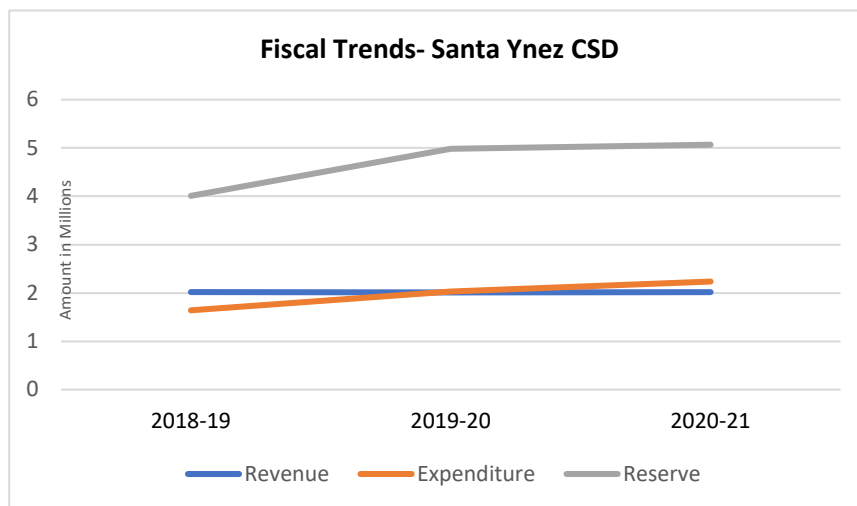
District Revenues				
	2019-2020		2020-2021	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
Service Charges	\$1,149,614	57.2%	\$1,217,750	60.5%
Benefit Fees	\$38,829	2.0%	\$38,863	1.9%
Other Charges for Service	\$29,089	1.4%	\$9,149	0.5%
Property Taxes	\$190,750	9.5%	\$197,017	9.8%
Voter Approved Taxes	\$1,799	0.1%	\$1,812	0.1%
Annexation Fees	\$8,762	0.4%	\$9,924	0.5%
Investment income	\$74,729	3.7%	\$22,848	1.1%
Indian Reservation Contract	\$517,543	25.7%	\$516,598	25.6%
<b>Revenue total</b>	<b>\$2,011,115</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$2,013,961</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

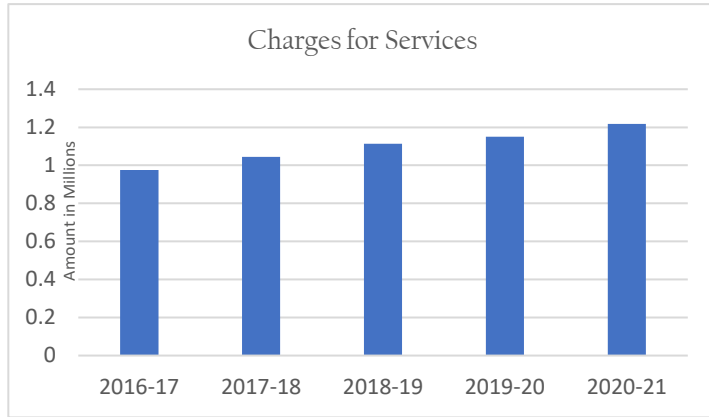
Source: Santa Ynez Community Services, Financial Statements, June 30, 2020 and 2021, Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – All Fund types.

### Fiscal Indicators

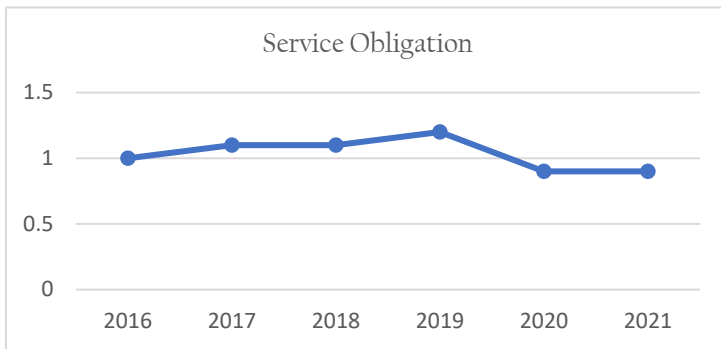
Select fiscal indicators are shown graphically below. Over the past three fiscal years, the District’s expenditures have increased in comparison to its revenues. The increase in expenditures was **primarily due to ...** The District’s reserve balances have sufficient funds to absorb relatively small revenue imbalances. The line graph below shows the current financial trend in millions. These indicators provide a measurement of the agency’s financial condition over time.

#### SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES





This indicator addresses the extent to which charges for service covered expenses. Charges for Services is the primary funding source for the District. Represented below a ratio of one or higher indicates that the service is self-supporting.



A Service Obligation ratio of one or more indicates if revenues were sufficient to pay for operations. It is calculated by operating revenues divided by operating expenditures.

Fiscal Year	Operating Revenues	Operating Expenditures	Ratio
2016	\$ 1,602,537	\$ 1,555,957	1.0
2017	\$ 1,804,878	\$ 1,549,958	1.1
2018	\$ 1,871,200	\$ 1,629,182	1.1
2019	\$ 2,018,606	\$ 1,641,246	1.2
2020	\$ 2,011,115	\$ 2,032,808	0.9
2021	\$ 2,013,961	\$ 2,236,523	0.9

### Post-Employment Liabilities

The two charts below identify the funding status and asset coverage of the pension and OPEB plans.

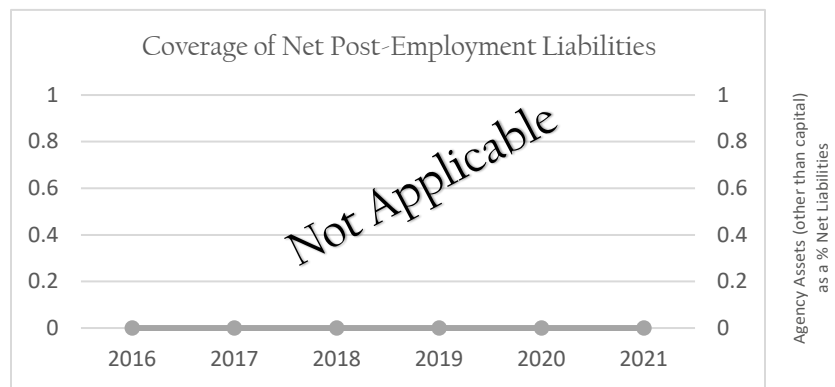
#### Pension

	2018	2019	2020	2021	Trend
Funded ratio (plan assets as a % of plan liabilities)	0%	0%	0%	0%	➔
Net liability, pension (plan liabilities - plan assets)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	

#### Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

Funded ratio (plan assets as a % of plan liabilities)	2021 year of OPEB reporting	0%
Net liability, OPEB (plan liabilities - plan assets)		\$ 0

The net liability amounts are essentially unfunded liabilities of the agency. The figure below shows if the agency has enough assets (other than capital) to cover the liabilities. A declining trend indicates liabilities continuing to exceed agency assets.



	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Agency Assets (other than capital)	\$2,702,050	\$3,011,822	\$3,412,060	\$4,068,726	\$4,397,253	\$4,897,041
Net Liabilities (pension & OPEB)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Pension Obligations and Payments*

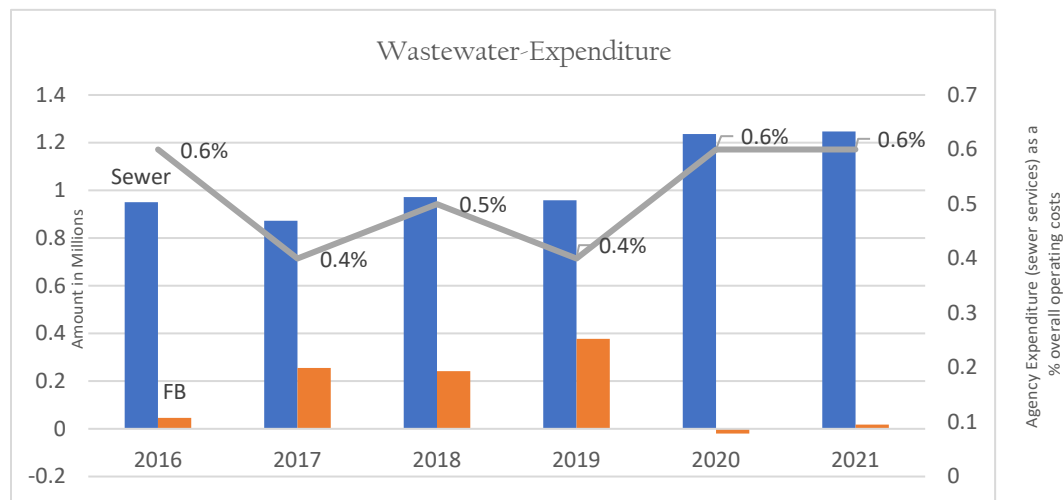
The District does not have any pension obligations.

*OPEB Obligations and Payments*

The District does not have any post-employment obligations.

## Enterprise Funding

The District budget includes wastewater operating expenses. In FY 2019/2020, the District’s actual budget expense was \$1,236,717 and increased slightly to \$1,247,551 for FY 2020/2021. The following chart shows a six-year trend. The graph below shows the current financial trend in millions. This indicator provides a measurement of the agency’s expenditure over time.



## Asset Maintenance and Repair

The District’s budget includes improvement budgeting through its Capital Projects Fund #53. In FY 2020/2021, the District budgeted \$1,000,000 and increased that to \$1,515,000 for FY 2021/2022 and in FY 22-23, total expenditures for capital projects were \$650,000.



## Capital Improvements

The District has identified \$9.4 million in its Capital Improvement Program to be completed over the next ten (10) years to District system. The Wastewater Treatment Plant phase upgrades include an additional \$16.9 million in capital upgrades over the next ten-years. These include about \$15.9 million for Phases 2 & 3. A list of CIP projects for FY 21-23 are listed below.

### Projects Budgeted or Estimated 2021 to 2022

- ▶ Sewer Main Repair Projects (\$85,000)
- ▶ Future Expansion - West Side Ext, Hydrojetter (\$1,000,000)
- ▶ Solvang WWTP Upgrade (\$565,000)
- ▶ WWTP Water Quality Project - Phases 2&3 (\$6,000 SYCSD 20%)

### Projects Budgeted or Estimated 2022 to 2023

- ▶ Sewer Main Repair Projects (\$85,000)
- ▶ Force Main Bracing (\$200,000)
- ▶ Operations Vehicle (\$85,000)
- ▶ Sewer Camera (\$50,000)
- ▶ Manhole Cover Replacements (\$50,000)
- ▶ WWTP Water Quality Project - Phases 2&3 (\$180,000 SYCSD 20%)

## Long-term Liabilities and Debts

The District has no long-term debt. Compensated absence balance owed for June 30, 2021 were \$27,907.

## Opportunities for Shared Facilities

The District shares with the City of Solvang treatment and dispose of sewage effluent and under contract manages the Chumash Water Reclamation Facility. Otherwise, the District does not currently share facilities or services with other agencies, nor have any opportunities to do so have been identified by staff or in the preparation of this report. Although over the years it was recommended the District's consideration of shared wastewater facilities and service with nearby

communities including Ballard, and Los Olivos. It is unlikely that such a proposal would be feasible in the near future.

## Rate Structure

Sewer rates for the District were last updated and adopted by the Board of Directors in May 2021 per Ordinance O-21-01. The rates are based on a 2021 Wastewater Rate Study conducted by Tuckfield & Associates and undergo annual review and adjustment, per District policy.

Sewer Fees (Effective July 1, 2021)

Sewer Service Charges 21/22										
User	Flow/ Unit	Strength Factor	ERU Multiple	Current Charge	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	
Projected Rate Increase [1]					0.00%	4.25%	4.25%	4.25%	4.25%	
<b>Residential Fixed Charges</b>										
Single Family	215	1.00	1.00	\$76.67	\$76.67	\$79.93	\$83.33	\$86.87	\$90.56	
Multi-family	215	1.00	1.00	\$76.67	\$76.67	\$79.93	\$83.33	\$86.87	\$90.56	
Second Unit/Studios	160	1.00	0.74	\$57.06	\$57.06	\$59.49	\$62.01	\$64.65	\$67.40	
Mobile Home/Trailers										
Manager Residence	215	1.00	1.00	\$76.67	\$76.67	\$79.93	\$83.33	\$86.87	\$90.56	
Trailer Space	215	1.00	1.00	\$76.67	\$76.67	\$79.93	\$83.33	\$86.87	\$90.56	
Mobile Home Park Laundry	140	1.00	0.65	\$49.92	\$49.92	\$52.04	\$54.25	\$56.56	\$58.96	
Retirement Facility										
Manager Residence	215	1.00	1.00	\$76.67	\$76.67	\$79.93	\$83.33	\$86.87	\$90.56	
Rooms w/o Kitchens	100	1.00	0.47	\$35.67	\$35.67	\$37.19	\$38.77	\$40.41	\$42.13	
Rooms w/ Kitchens	150	1.00	0.70	\$53.49	\$53.49	\$55.76	\$58.13	\$60.60	\$63.18	

User	Flow/ Unit (gpd)	Strength Factor	ERU Multiple	Current Charge	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
<b>Non-Residential Fixed Charges</b>									
Motel/Hotel									
Manager Residence	215	1.00	1.00	\$76.67	\$76.67	\$79.93	\$83.33	\$86.87	\$90.56
Rooms w/o Kitchens	100	1.00	0.47	\$35.67	\$35.67	\$37.19	\$38.77	\$40.41	\$42.13
Rooms w/ Kitchens	150	1.00	0.70	\$53.49	\$53.49	\$55.76	\$58.13	\$60.60	\$63.18
Laundrettes, per machine	160	1.00	0.74	\$57.06	\$57.06	\$59.49	\$62.01	\$64.65	\$67.40
Beauty & Barber Shops	215	1.00	1.00	\$76.67	\$76.67	\$79.93	\$83.33	\$86.87	\$90.56
Each Sink Over 2	100	1.00	0.47	\$35.67	\$35.67	\$37.19	\$38.77	\$40.41	\$42.13
Gas Station w/Restroom	325	1.00	1.51	\$115.91	\$115.91	\$120.84	\$125.97	\$131.33	\$136.91
Cocktail Lounge	430	1.00	2.00	\$153.35	\$153.35	\$159.87	\$166.66	\$173.74	\$181.13
Additional Seating	8	1.00	0.04	\$2.85	\$2.85	\$2.97	\$3.10	\$3.23	\$3.37
Market, Major	750	1.76	6.14	\$470.74	\$470.74	\$490.75	\$511.60	\$533.35	\$556.01
Convenience Market	215	1.00	1.00	\$76.67	\$76.67	\$79.93	\$83.33	\$86.87	\$90.56
Convenience Market w/Deli	270	1.76	2.21	\$169.47	\$169.47	\$176.67	\$184.18	\$192.01	\$200.17
Deli	260	1.00	1.21	\$92.72	\$92.72	\$96.66	\$100.77	\$105.05	\$109.52
Office & Retail	215	1.00	1.00	\$76.67	\$76.67	\$79.93	\$83.33	\$86.87	\$90.56
Units w/o Toilets	100	1.00	0.47	\$35.67	\$35.67	\$37.19	\$38.77	\$40.41	\$42.13
Restaurant Full Service	600	1.76	4.91	\$376.59	\$376.59	\$392.60	\$409.28	\$426.67	\$444.81
Additional Seating - Food	12	1.76	0.10	\$7.54	\$7.54	\$7.86	\$8.19	\$8.54	\$8.91
Additional Seating - Bar/Banquet	8	1.00	0.04	\$2.85	\$2.85	\$2.97	\$3.10	\$3.23	\$3.37
Coffee Specialty Retail	270	1.00	1.26	\$96.29	\$96.29	\$100.38	\$104.65	\$109.10	\$113.73
Restaurant - Fast Food	240	1.76	1.96	\$150.64	\$150.64	\$157.04	\$163.72	\$170.67	\$177.93
YMCA [2]				-	-	-	-	-	-

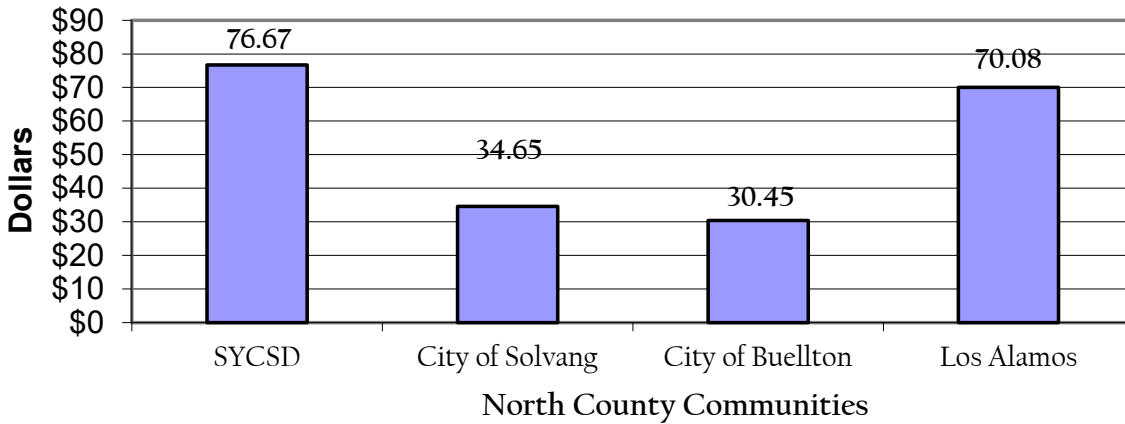
<b>Institutional</b>									
Church	215	1.00	1.00	\$76.67	\$76.67	\$79.93	\$83.33	\$86.87	\$90.56
Pre/Elementary School, Per Student	7	1.00	0.03	\$2.30	\$2.30	\$2.40	\$2.50	\$2.61	\$2.72
High School, per Student	9	1.00	0.04	\$3.21	\$3.21	\$3.35	\$3.49	\$3.64	\$3.79
Museum	215	1.00	1.00	\$76.67	\$76.67	\$79.93	\$83.33	\$86.87	\$90.56
Post Office	215	1.00	1.00	\$76.67	\$76.67	\$79.93	\$83.33	\$86.87	\$90.56
Public Park	500	1.00	2.33	\$178.31	\$178.31	\$185.89	\$193.79	\$202.02	\$210.61

Sewer Service Charges 21/22										
User	Flow/ Unit (gpd)	Strength Factor	ERU Multiple	Current Charge	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	
<b>Additional Sewer Service Charges</b>										
Senior Living										
Manager Residence	215	1.00	1.00	\$76.67	\$76.67	\$79.93	\$83.33	\$86.87	\$90.56	
per Bed	125	1.00	0.58	\$44.58	\$44.58	\$46.47	\$48.45	\$50.50	\$52.65	
Food Service	600	1.76	4.91	\$376.57	\$376.59	\$392.60	\$409.28	\$426.67	\$444.81	
Additional Seating (per seat)	12	1.76	0.10	\$7.53	\$7.54	\$7.86	\$8.19	\$8.54	\$8.91	
Recovery Ranch										
Manager Residence	215	1.00	1.00	\$76.67	\$76.67	\$79.93	\$83.33	\$86.87	\$90.56	
per Bed	70	1.00	0.33	\$24.96	\$24.96	\$26.02	\$27.13	\$28.28	\$29.48	
Food Service	600	1.76	4.91	\$376.57	\$376.59	\$392.60	\$409.28	\$426.67	\$444.81	
Additional Seating (per seat)	12	1.76	0.10	\$7.53	\$7.54	\$7.86	\$8.19	\$8.54	\$8.91	
Medical, Dental, Veterinarian										
Clinic or Building (per 1,000 sf)	300	1.15	1.60	\$123.03	\$123.03	\$128.26	\$133.71	\$139.39	\$145.31	
Billiard/Café (per 1,000 sf)	150	1.15	0.80	\$61.51	\$61.51	\$64.13	\$66.85	\$69.70	\$72.66	
Food Service	600	1.76	4.91	\$376.57	\$376.59	\$392.60	\$409.28	\$426.67	\$444.81	
Additional Seating (per seat)	12	1.76	0.10	\$7.53	\$7.54	\$7.86	\$8.19	\$8.54	\$8.91	
Cocktail Lounge with Food	430	1.76	3.52	\$269.88	\$269.88	\$281.35	\$293.31	\$305.77	\$318.77	
Additional Seating	8	1.76	0.07	\$5.02	\$5.02	\$5.23	\$5.46	\$5.69	\$5.93	
Car Wash	1,350	1.15	7.22	\$553.63	\$553.63	\$577.16	\$601.69	\$627.26	\$653.92	
Winery and Wine Tasting	270	1.00	1.26	\$96.28	\$96.29	\$100.38	\$104.65	\$109.10	\$113.73	
Wine Tasting with Food	430	1.76	3.52	\$269.88	\$269.88	\$281.35	\$293.31	\$305.77	\$318.77	
Additional Seating	8	1.76	0.07	\$5.02	\$5.02	\$5.23	\$5.46	\$5.69	\$5.93	

[1] All sewer service charges are effective July 1.  
 [2] The YMCA has a payment agreement based on annual flow.

Figures X-6 shows a rate comparison for four South County Communities. The following charts show the comparison of two Cities and two Community Service Districts. Overall, Santa Ynez Community Services sewer rates for residential customers are slightly **higher** than other communities in the Santa Ynez Valley area. The charts are based upon a sample billing using “10 units” as a basis.

Bill Comparison - Monthly Residential Sewer - 10 units  
 1 unit = 100 Cubic Feet of Water



## ORGANIZATION

### Governance

Santa Ynez Community Services District’s governance authority is established under the Community Services District Act (“principal act”) and codified under Government Code Sections 61000. This principal act empowers Santa Ynez CSD to provide a moderate range of municipal services. A list comparing active and latent powers follows.

**Active Service Powers**

- Wastewater collection
- Treatment
- Street Lighting

**Latent Service Powers**

- Water/Recycled
- All others listed in G.C. 61000

Governance of Santa Ynez Community Services District is independently provided through its five-member Board of Directors. In 2022, the District adopted Resolution 22-06 in favor of election system by Districts. The District declared its intention to transition from at-large elections to District-based elections pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10010 starting in 2024 election. Currently members are elected at-large to staggered four-year terms. Santa Ynez Community Services District holds meetings on the third Wednesday of the month. The meetings are held in the District Board Room located at 1070 Faraday Street, Santa Ynez, California at 5:30 p.m. A current listing of Board of Directors along with respective backgrounds follows.

Santa Ynez Community Services   Current Governing Board Roster			
Member	Position	Background	Years on District
Karen Jones	President	Healthcare	6
David Beard	Vice President	Business	4
Bob D'Ambra	Director	Construction	4
Frank Redfern	Director	Mechanical Engineer	3
Bradlee Van Pelt	Director	e-Bike Industry/Sports	1

## Website Transparency

The table, on the next page, is not an exhaustive inventory of website criteria required under current law. Rather, it identifies key components, required by the Government Code and/or recommended by the California Special Districts Association and other organizations, for websites to enhance transparency and accountability.

Government Code Sections 54954.2 and 54957.5 require agencies to post all agendas 72 hours in advance on their websites. Government Code Section 6253 requires that agencies post content most requested by constituents and most often requested via Public Record Act requests. Because of the difficulty for LAFCO staff to verify this information, these criteria are not included in the website checklist. However, agencies should address these criteria to comply with current website requirements.

Santa Ynez Community Services District Website Checklist website accessed 7/25/22 <a href="http://www.sycsd.com">http://www.sycsd.com</a>			
<i>Required</i>			
		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
Government Code §53087.8	Agency maintains a website with current contact information? (required for independent Special Districts by 1/1/2020)	X	
Government Code §6270.5	Agency has created an Enterprise System Catalog and posted it to website?	X	
Government Code §54954.2	Agency has current agenda posted to website homepage and is accessible through a prominent, direct link?	X	
Government Code §53908	Agency's website provides information on compensation of elected officials, officers and employees or has link to State Controller's Government Compensation website?	X	

<i>The following criteria are recommended for agency websites by a number of governance associations and organizations.</i>		
	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
Description of services?	X	
Service area map?	X	
Board meeting schedule?		X
Budgets (past 3 years)?	X	
Audits (past 3 years)?	X	
List of elected officials and terms of office?	X	
List of key agency staff with contact information?	X	
Meeting agendas/minutes (last six months)?	X	
<i>Notes: Carpinteria/Summerland Fire is an independent board-governed District. Refer to <a href="http://www.sycsd.com">http://www.sycsd.com</a> for the required checklist items.</i>		

### Survey Results

The table on the next page includes a list of questions asked of area residents by LAFCO to assess if satisfactory water, wastewater, and stormwater services met their needs and/or identify any unmet needs. The questions identify key components recommended by LAFCO staff.

#### Santa Ynez Community Services District Questionnaire Revenues, Types of Service, and Resources

Santa Ynez Community Services			
Responses by Respondence			
Questions	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Undecided
1. Overall, are you satisfied with the level of water, wastewater, or stormwater services?	-	-	-
2. Overall, are adequate staffing and equipment provided with the level of water, wastewater, or stormwater service?	-	-	-
3. Do you feel an adequate level of funding is provided given the level of service?	-	-	-
4. Personnel arrived in a timely manner and were professional?	-	-	-
5. Personnel was knowledgeable, answer questions, and were informative?	-	-	-

No responses were provided by the public related to Santa Ynez Community Services District at this time.

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