

SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Loch Dreizler, General Manager
DATE: March 15, 2023
SUBJECT: Santa Ynez West Sewer System Expansion Project, including engineer's cost estimate and graphic.

Proposed Motion / Recommendation

Staff recommends further community outreach to determine interest and support, along with additional research to determine if there are alternative funding resources.

Policy Implications

SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT SEWER SERVICE CODE 301 - Sewer Required. The owner of any building inhabited or used by human beings and in which any sewage is produced which is located within the District boundaries and abutting on any street in which there is now located or may in the future be located a public sewer of the District, is hereby required, at their expense, to connect the building to such public sewer within ninety (90) days from the time when such a connection can be made, provided that the public sewer is within two hundred (200) feet to the nearest point of the building.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the owner **shall not** be required to connect the building to a public sewer if the building's existing private disposal system remains operational in accordance with the County's Environmental Health Services definition of what is not a failing private system.

Fiscal Implications - Preliminary

Depending on the extent of the project

Alternatives Considered

The project could be done in phases, requiring additional cost analysis

Discussion

With recent rains, the District received multiple inquiries about connecting to the sewer system. These inquiries were due to increased groundwater levels that may have created negative impacts or additional concerns about existing septic systems.

In August 2016, Cannon Engineering prepared the *Santa Ynez West Area Study* that provided a preliminary focus area along North Refugio Road between State Highway 246 and Samantha Drive along Deer Trail Lane.

Santa Ynez CSD staff and Cannon Engineering will share a preliminary graphic and engineer's estimate tonight.

Attachment(s)

1. 2016 graphic from the *Santa Ynez West Area Study* showing proposed phases
2. 2023 graphic showing the proposed project area
3. Cost estimate - assuming the project is completed in a single phase
4. Conceptual public outreach and planning graphic