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**LOS OLIVOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
GRANTS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

Posted: 12-14-2023

December 22, 2023 – 8:30 AM

**St Mark's in the Valley Episcopal Church
2901 Nojoqui Ave, Los Olivos CA 93441**

Please observe decorum and instructions from the Subcommittee Chair

Subcommittee Members: Vice President Kennedy (Chair), Director Parks, and General Manager Guy Savage

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MEETING AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address the Board of Directors on any items of interest within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Board but not on the agenda today (Gov. Code - 54954.3). The public may also request future agenda topics at this time. Speakers are limited to a maximum of 3 minutes. Due to the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Board of Directors cannot take action today on any matter not on the agenda, but a matter raised during Public Comments can be referred to District staff for discussion and possible action at a future meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

All matters listed hereunder constitute an administrative / consent agenda and will be acted upon by a single vote of the Board. Matters listed on the Consent Agenda will be read only on the request of a member of the Subcommittee, in which event the matter may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item. Public may comment on any of the items prior to the vote being taken by the Subcommittee.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the minutes from November 20, 2023.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

All matters listed hereunder will be acted upon separately and public comment will be held for each item. As a Subcommittee of the full Board of Directors, Business Items may include one or more recommendations for further

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discussion or action at a full Board of Directors meeting.

5. CONSIDERATION OF GRANT OPTIONS AND SUBMITTALS FOR FUNDS FROM THE 2024 WATER RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT ACT (WRDA), CONSISTENT WITH LOCS D RESOLUTION 23-07

On Monday, 11, 2023, the District was notified by Congressman Carbajal’s office that a funding opportunity is available through the 2024 Water Resources and Development Act (WRDA). Consistent with LOCS D Resolution 23-07, the Grants Subcommittee will consider options and submittals of grant requests on behalf of the LOCS D. The discussion is anticipated to result in one or more actual submittals being made to Representative Carbajal by the January 5, 2024 deadline. All submissions will be brought back to the full Board of Directors for ratification at its next Regular meeting (likely January 10, 2024).

6. STATUS UPDATE FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WATER RECYCLING FUNDING (WRF) AND COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (EHS) GRANTS

The Subcommittee will discuss the District’s two outstanding grants:

1. State of California Water Recycling Funding (WRF) planning grant in an amount of \$150,000 (to be disbursed in two tranches each of \$75,000) and
2. County of Santa Barbara Environmental Health Services (EHS) grant to install three new groundwater monitoring wells and testing of the three new wells, plus the testing of the District’s two existing wells; in an amount up to \$121,445.

7. DISCUSSION OF WATER FX (WFX) PROPOSAL

The Subcommittee will discuss and consider making a recommendation on the attached engagement proposal and resolutions. As part of its submittal to the District, WFX also included a link to a water related video: <https://youtu.be/I5cH6sm77-I> that may be discussed. The WFX proposal was previously discussed at the Subcommittee’s July 2023 and November 2023 meetings. At the full Board of Directors meeting on August 24, 2023, the Board of Directors provided direction to staff to, “work with the Grants Committee and WFX on the engagement letter and resolution and bring them back in September.”

8. DISCUSSION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GRANT PLAN

The Subcommittee will discuss the development of a plan for funding known, future District activities. Discussion may include, but will not be limited to, potential grant opportunities that can be targeted for each activity, assignments related to pursuing grant opportunities, grant email lists, and existing meetings of other agencies where grants are discussed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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9. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

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10. ADJOURNMENT

ITEM 4A – MINUTES

MINUTES

Tom Fayram, President
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**LOS OLIVOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
GRANTS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

Posted: 11-16-2023

November 20, 2023 – 8:30 AM

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MEETING AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kennedy calls the meeting to order at: 8:35 AM

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Kennedy, Director Parks, General Manager Savage

Absent: None

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Chair Kennedy opens the floor to public comment.

No requests to speak.

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4. MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the minutes from September 18, 2023.

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Chair Kennedy opens the floor to public comment.

No requests to speak.

Motion to approve minutes from September 18, 2023.

Motion by: Director Parks, second: Chair Kennedy

Voice vote: 3-0

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GM Savage gives a brief summary of both grants. He notes that representatives from the WRF are engaged with the District to get the first half of the WRF grant. GM Savage adds that District Engineer Pike sent the State a series of invoices (bills) that could be used to justify the expenses on Friday, 11/17. GM Savage then adds that he will be sending County EHS the necessary signatures related to the groundwater monitoring grant later today.

Chair Kennedy opens the floor to public comment.

No requests to speak.

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The subcommittee discusses the Resolution put forth by WFX. Chair Kennedy leads a conversation about removing the comments about "regional solution" in the next to last Whereas and the Resolved statement. GM Savage takes direction to work with Counsel to get the Resolution to a District acceptable format and content. All agree that it should be brought back to the Grants Subcommittee prior to going to the full Board of Directors.

Chair Kennedy opens the floor to public comment.

No requests to speak.

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GM Savage starts the conversation about development of a grant plan by showing attendees the most recent District project plan. He points out several items that may require future funding, such as the 60% design, site identification, environmental, and more. He suggests that a plan be put together that ties each item to a specific set of funding opportunities.

The discussion then shifts to how to best engage the State in District efforts. GM Savage notes that the first step is to get a State "Project Manager" assigned. He describes how this could lead to the District being part of the State's future funding approaches. He notes that the State works on the 2-year timeline. He adds that planning has likely

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already begun for 2025. He adds that getting into the State’s planning cycle will increase the possibility of funding being available for projects and communities such as ours. Upon questioning from Chair Kennedy, GM Savage clarifies that influencing what gets funded is quite different from actually applying for grants. The former only requires us to know roughly what we are going to do and the make-up of the District. The latter will require detailed specifics about exactly how a grant’s funding would be used to further the District’s efforts.

GM Savage then describes that in addition to using the State, engagement with Federal representatives is also important. He adds that President Fayram and he both have relationships with Representative Carbajal’s office, from their prior county roles. He comments that in his experience, federal funding would more likely come in the form of an earmark.

Chair Kennedy notes that she updated a spreadsheet, which she will share with the subcommittee members, that she was keeping that highlights grants opportunities and how they might be used.

Chair Kennedy opens the floor to public comment.

No requests to speak.

After a brief discussion, GM Savage agrees to reach out to State representatives to get an example of what would need to be submitted to get a Project Manager assigned. Chair Kennedy agrees to use that sample to draft something for the District that could be submitted to the State.

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Director Parks – None

GM Savage – None

Chair Kennedy – Set a date/time for the next meeting. Attendees agree on December 8, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:16 AM.

Motion by Director Parks, second: Chair Kennedy

Voice vote 3-0

Respectfully submitted:



Guy W. Savage

General Manager – Los Olivos Community Services District

Approved:

Vice President Kennedy (Chair)

Director – Los Olivos Community Services District

ITEM 5 – WRDA GRANT OPPORTUNITY

WRDA GRANT OPPORTUNITY



Water Resources Development Act Resource Guide

2024 WRDA Instructions And Information

As the House prepares to develop a Water Resources and Development Act (WRDA) in 2024, Rep. Carbajal welcomes requests for local U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) projects. WRDA authorizes studies and projects within the Corps' Civil Works mission area, including navigation; flood, hurricane, and storm damage reduction; shoreline protection; and ecosystem restoration. Additionally, WRDA authorizes Environmental Infrastructure (EI) assistance to support local governments in the design or construction of specific water and wastewater infrastructure.

The House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee has indicated they will accept the following requests as they develops the 2024 WRDA bill:

- Requests to authorize or modify a Corps project or study;
- Requests to deauthorize an existing Corps project; and
- Requests to transfer, exchange, or convey lands or real property owned by the Corps, or to modify an existing easement held by the Corps over property.
- Authorization of specific Environmental Infrastructure assistance;

To submit a request for Rep. Carbajal's consideration for please fill out and email the corresponding form to [Johanna Montiel \(Johanna.Montiel@mail.house.gov\)](mailto:Johanna.Montiel@mail.house.gov). If you are looking to modify existing authorized projects or studies, please email Johanna Montiel directly for more information. **You may submit multiple requests.** If you do so, please rank your requests in order of priority. **Please submit all requests by 5pm PT, Friday, January 5, 2023.** Submitting a request does not guarantee that the Committee will include the request in the 2024 WRDA.

Additional information regarding WRDA is below, including further information on local cost share and EI assistance.

Background on the *Water Resources Development Act*:

The *Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)* authorizes studies and projects within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Civil Works mission areas, including navigation, flood damage reduction, hurricane and storm damage reduction, shoreline protection, and ecosystem restoration. Regular consideration of locally driven, rigorously studied, and nationally significant Corps infrastructure is key to preserving our nation's economy, to protecting our communities and businesses, and to maintaining our quality of life.

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has successfully enacted a bipartisan *WRDA* in each of the last five Congresses and is in the process of developing a new *WRDA* for 2024.

The Committee has indicated they will not consider requests for programs or activities outside of the Corps' jurisdiction for inclusion in *WRDA* for 2024.

General information regarding past *WRDA* legislation, Corps' reports, and other related information can be found on the Committee website (<https://transportation.house.gov/wrda-2024/>).

Overview:

Traditionally, *WRDAs* include provisions related to both **projects** (including studies) carried out by the Corps, as well as the underlying **policy** that guides how the Corps implements its civil works authority. Members can submit requests under both provision categories—project-specific requests (including requests for new or modified Corps’ studies) or general policy—using the electronic database. The enclosed instructions describe the process for submission of Member requests under both provisions.

Project-Specific Requests (including studies):

The Corps constructs projects for the purposes of navigation, flood control, hurricane and storm damage reduction and shoreline protection, hydroelectric power, recreation, water supply, environmental protection, restoration and enhancement, and fish and wildlife mitigation.

Typically, a Corps project begins with a Congressional request, enacted through a *WRDA*, for the Corps of Engineers to partner with a non-federal interest in conducting a feasibility study for one (or more) of the authorized purposes listed above. Member requests for new feasibility studies (or modification of existing feasibility studies) would be appropriate for consideration in a new *WRDA*.

A completed feasibility study is then submitted to Congress in the form of a Report of the Chief of Engineers (Chief’s Report)¹ that would also need to be enacted to proceed to construction. Member requests to authorize a Chief’s Report submitted to Congress would be appropriate for consideration in a new *WRDA*.

Other types of project-specific requests appropriate for consideration in a new *WRDA* would include:

- Requests to authorize or modify a Corps project or study;
- Requests to deauthorize an existing Corps project; and
- Requests to transfer, exchange, or convey lands or real property owned by the Corps, or to modify an existing easement held by the Corps over property.

In the *Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA)* of 2014, Congress directed the Corps to annually solicit and compile project-specific requests from non-federal interests for potential congressional authorization through future *WRDA* bills. These "Annual Reports to Congress on Future Water Resources Development" reports (more commonly referred to as Section 7001 reports) identify completed Chief’s Reports, proposed feasibility studies, and proposed modifications to authorized water resources development projects or feasibility studies, submitted by non-federal interests that are related to the missions and authorities of the Corps.

These Section 7001 Reports, which are required by law to be submitted to Congress by February 1 of each year, provide a valuable framework in the formulation of *WRDAs*.

¹ A list of pending Chief’s Reports is maintained on the Committee’s website.

The information contained in these reports serves as a baseline for locally- supported studies, projects, and project modifications from which the Committee can assess for potential inclusion in future *WRDAs*, including *WRDA* for 2024.

A list of Section 7001 Reports that have been submitted to Congress can be accessed through the Committee website (<https://transportation.house.gov/wrda-2024/>).

Policy Requests:

WRDAs also provide the Corps with statutory authority on how the agency carries out its general missions and authorities. Proposals to amend this authority, or to create new authority, would be considered policy requests, and can be submitted for consideration in a new *WRDA* bill. Generally speaking, if a Member request does not directly relate to a specific Corps study or project, it is likely that such a request should be submitted as a policy request.

Examples of policy-related provisions include:

- Changes in how the Corps utilizes its federal resources under the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF) or Inland Waterways Trust Fund (IWTF);
- Provisions related to how the Corps considers and evaluates future water resources development projects, including potential modifications to the Corps' benefit-cost ratios (BCR) or affordability guidelines;
- Provisions on how the Corps acts and reacts to emergencies, such as flooding, drought, and coastal storms, under its P.L. 84-99 authorities;
- Provisions related to how the Corps identifies and evaluates potential project alternatives in the formulation of projects (e.g., consideration of natural or nature-based features); and
- Provisions related to the role of non-federal interests in the development and funding of Corps' studies and projects.

Environmental Infrastructure Requests:

Since *WRDA* 1992, Congress has authorized the Corps to carry out environmental infrastructure projects to address local water supply, wastewater, and stormwater projects in partnership with non-federal interests.

In *WRDA* 2016, Congress specifically amended the requirements for the formulation of Section 7001 Reports to allow for the inclusion of environmental infrastructure project requests in future 7001 Reports.

2024 WRDA ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE REQUEST

Rep. Salud Carbajal (CA-24)

Note: Please submit a SEPARATE form for each WRDA request.

This form is ONLY to request the authorization of new Environmental Infrastructure assistance, such as assistance for a specific local water or wastewater infrastructure construction project. If this request is for authorization of a feasibility study or a Corps project, please use the corresponding form.

If this request is to modify an EXISTING Environmental Infrastructure authority, please email johanna.montiel@mail.house.gov instead of using this form.

Please return this request form by EMAIL to johanna.montiel@mail.house.gov by 5pm PT, Friday, January 5, 2024.

Sec 1. Requesting entity/organization (*name, type, address, phone number*):

Sec 2. Point of contact (*name, title, phone number, email*):

Sec 3. Request

1. Location of project (i.e., City of Salinas):

2. Type of project:

**(i.e., “water supply infrastructure,” “wastewater infrastructure,” “stormwater infrastructure,” etc.)*

3. Requested funding level:

4. Brief description of project:

5. Justification (why is the project important?):

6. Has the project been recommended by the Corps in an existing Section 7001 report?

**Previous Section 7001 reports are available at: <https://transportation.house.gov/wrda-2024/>. This is not a requirement but is helpful if it has been.*

a. If yes, what was the year of the Section 7001 report?

a. Was the study included in the Main Report that year or was it part of the Appendix?

7. Nonfederal sponsor (owner of the constructed facility):

a. Is the nonfederal sponsor prepared to meet any nonfederal cost share requirements, including future operations and maintenance expenses?

**Nonfederal responsibility under EI assistance is typically 25% for construction and 100% for future operations and maintenance.*

8. Connection to CA-24:

9. Is this request being submitted to other Congressional offices?

a. If yes, which other offices?

Sec 4. Priority number *(if submitting multiple requests. 1 indicating top priority):*

2024 WRDA NEW PROJECT REQUEST
Rep. Salud Carbajal (CA-24)

Note: Please submit a SEPARATE form for each WRDA request.

This form is ONLY to request the authorization of a new U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) project for which a study has already been completed. If this request is for authorization of a feasibility study or for Environmental Infrastructure assistance, please use the corresponding form.

If this request is to modify EXISTING statutory authority for an Army Corps study or project, or if this request is to modify national Army Corps policy, please email johanna.montiel@mail.house.gov instead of using this form.

Please return this request form by EMAIL to johanna.montiel@mail.house.gov by 5pm PT, Friday, January 5, 2024.

Sec 1. Requesting entity/organization (*name, type, address, phone number*):

Sec 2. Point of contact (*name, title, phone number, email*):

Sec 3. Request

1. Project name:

2. Location of project to be studied:

3. Brief description of project to be studied:

4. Justification (why is the project important?):

5. Corps Mission Area of the project:

**Options: navigation, flood damage reduction, hurricane and storm damage reduction, shoreline protection, and ecosystem restoration*

6. Does the project have a completed Chief's Report, a Corps-approved study prepared by a non-federal interest under Section 203 of the 1986 WRDA, or a Continuing Authority?

**If no, authorization of the project likely cannot be requested for inclusion in WRDA. Instead, please submit a request for a feasibility study for the project.*

a. If a Chief's Report, what year was the Chief's Report signed?

b. If a Corps-approved study prepared by a non-federal interest, please identify.

c. If authorized by a Continuing Authority, please cite the authority.

7. Nonfederal sponsor of the project:

- a. Is the nonfederal sponsor prepared to meet any nonfederal cost share requirements, including future operations and maintenance expenses, if applicable?**

8. Connection to CA-24:

9. Is this request being submitted to other Congressional offices?

- a. If yes, which other offices?**

Sec 4. Priority number *(if submitting multiple requests. 1 indicating top priority):*

2024 WRDA NEW STUDY REQUEST

Rep. Salud Carbajal (CA-24)

Note: Please submit a SEPARATE form for each WRDA request.

This form is ONLY to request a *new* U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) feasibility study. If this request is for authorizing construction of a project for which the Corps has already completed a feasibility study (a “Chief’s Report”) or for Environmental Infrastructure assistance, please use the corresponding form.

Please note: authorization of a project may only be requested if the Corps has submitted a completed study to Congress (a Chief’s Report).

If this request is to modify EXISTING statutory authority for an Army Corps study, please email johanna.montiel@mail.house.gov instead of using this form.

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4. Justification (why is the project important?):

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6. Was the study recommended by the Corps in an existing Section 7001 report?

**Previous Section 7001 reports are available at: <https://transportation.house.gov/wrda-2024/>*

a. If yes, what was the year of the Section 7001 report?

a. Was the study included in the Main Report that year or was it part of the Appendix?

7. Nonfederal sponsor of the study:

- a. Is the nonfederal sponsor prepared to meet any nonfederal cost share requirements?**

**Typically a 50% nonfederal cost share is required for studies.*

8. Connection to CA-18:

9. Is this request being submitted to other Congressional offices?

- a. If yes, which other offices?**

Sec 4. Priority number (if submitting multiple requests. 1 indicating top priority):

ITEM 6 – WFX ENGAGEMENT

WFX ENGAGEMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 24-xx

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOS OLIVOS
COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT COMMITTING TO WORK WITH WATER
FINANCE EXCHANGE**

WHEREAS, the Los Olivos Community Services District (“District”) was formed to implement an effective wastewater treatment solution for parcels within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes that access to safe and clean drinking water is vital to healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, an effective wastewater solution for parcels within the boundaries of the District will contribute to safe and clean drinking water, not just for Los Olivos residents, but for all Santa Ynez Valley residents and visitors who share drinking water drawn from local wells; and

WHEREAS, one of the best ways to ensure cost effective and efficient water and wastewater solutions is to incorporate good management practices and resiliency into our existing and future water and wastewater systems; and

WHEREAS, collaborating with diverse experts in engineering, operations, regulation, and finance can provide value in planning and developing water and wastewater solutions; and

WHEREAS, good operations, data gathering, testing, and water and wastewater infrastructure can be combined to form a sound approach that supports healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, the District is aware that there are millions of dollars that may be available for water and wastewater infrastructure through programs such as the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, State Revolving Funds and other funding sources and that these funding opportunities represent a historic and generational opportunity to access low-cost funding that may not soon return; and

WHEREAS, the District understands that the best chance of obtaining a fair share of this funding is to work together with collaborative partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the District will benefit from the expert services of Water Finance Exchange and other consultants at no cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Los Olivos Community Services District does hereby commit itself to actively participate in local partners to identify, develop, and pursue water and/or wastewater focused projects and funding for the benefit of District parcel owners, residents, and visitors.

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I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Los Olivos Community Services District at a regularly scheduled meeting held on the **XXth** day of **YYY 2024**, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ATTEST:



Guy W. Savage
General Manager / Board Secretary

LOS OLIVOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

By: _____
XXX, Board President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
By:

Steve O'Neill, District Counsel

Whereas, access to water and wastewater systems are vital to healthy communities, and

Whereas, one of our central tasks as Los Olivos CSD, California is to ensure a healthy community with access for our citizens to these vital resources, and;

Whereas, communities and our environment depend on clean water and effective wastewater services, and;

Whereas, one of the best ways to ensure this access and service for our community is to incorporate good management practices and resiliency into our existing and future water and wastewater systems, and;

Whereas, collaborating with diverse experts in operations, regulations and finance can provide value in planning, and;

Whereas, good operations, data gathering, testing, and water and wastewater infrastructure can be combined to form a sound approach to sustainable healthy communities, and;

Whereas, we are aware that the billions of dollars currently available for water and wastewater infrastructure under the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act through the State Revolving Funds and other funding sources represent a historic and generational opportunity to access low-cost funding that may not soon return, and;

Whereas, we understand that the best chance of obtaining our fair share of this funding is to work together with collaborative partnerships, and;

Whereas, Los Olivos CSD is aware that a willingness to participate with other regional utilities in regional cooperation and collaboration can meet the many water and wastewater needs within our region, and;

Whereas, Los Olivos CSD will enjoy the expert services of Water Finance Exchange and other consultants at no cost, *therefore*;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Los Olivos CSD officially commits itself to actively participate in the local and regional process, to identify, develop, and pursue water and /or wastewater focused projects and funding for the benefit of all our residents.

PASSED AND APPROVED on _____

ATTEST:

Mr. Tom Fayram
President of the Board
Los Olivos CSD



July 12, 2023

Mr. Tom Fayram
President of the Board
Los Olivos CSD
P.O. Box 345
Los Olivos, CA 93441

Re: Engagement with Los Olivos Community Services District to Support Wastewater Infrastructure

Dear President Fayram:

The Water Finance Exchange (“WFX”) is pleased to support Los Olivos CSD as it pursues funding for a wastewater infrastructure project. This engagement letter sets forth our agreement for the provision of consulting services, which will involve working with the Los Olivos CSD and any engineering firm(s) it may hire to assess sources of funding and financial options associated with this project including the implementation of a step system or the tie into the system at Santa Ynez - Solvang (the Scope). We would be happy to discuss expanding the scope of services at any time should Los Olivos CSD desire.


The WFX project team will be led by Rogelio Rodriguez and supported by other WFX professionals on an as needed basis. Mr. Rodriguez will serve as your primary contact. We understand that Los Olivos CSD is working in partnership with other organizations and, as such, Los Olivos CSD authorizes WFX and its representatives to communicate and coordinate directly with each of them as needed.

As mentioned previously, WFX’s services being extended to Los Olivos CSD are supported in part by our philanthropic funders. As a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization, WFX is also eligible under various state and federal funding programs, e.g., the State Revolving Funds, to receive technical assistance (TA) funding to support our efforts to help communities with their water and wastewater infrastructure needs. As such, we would request Los Olivos CSD work collaboratively with WFX to identify and seek potential TA funding to help offset our expenses. WFX agrees that Los Olivos CSD will not be directly responsible for any fees or costs associated with our services and that any such fees or costs would be paid solely through grants or loans for which Los Olivos CSD would qualify.

Los Olivos CSD or WFX may terminate this engagement upon 14 days written notice to the other. WFX often includes success stories of its clients in its marketing materials and, as such, we would ask Los Olivos CSD to authorize WFX to reference our work with Los Olivos CSD, including identifying Los Olivos CSD as its client, in WFX’s marketing materials intended to be provided to WFX funders and the general public for the purpose of describing the WFX’s role in supporting Los Olivos CSD.

We are very excited to be working with you on this matter. If the terms of this engagement letter are acceptable to you, please sign below and return to me.

Sincerely,



Rogelio Rodriguez

Agreed:

Los Olivos CSD

Mr. Tom Fayram

Date: _____

Cc: Hank Habicht, WFX
Brent Fewell, WFX
Mark Cubbon, RCAC
Charles "Drew" Lester, RCAC
Ari Neumann, RCAC

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ITEM 8 – GRANT PLAN

GRANT PLAN

Los Olivso CSD									
Grant & Funding Opportunities									
May 2023									
	2021 MHI \$84,097								
Agency	Contact	Program	Grant/Loan Info	Eligibility	Eligible Uses/Projects	Funding Limits	Terms	Filing Dates	Other Notes
US Department of Agriculture and Rural Development									
US Dept/ of Agriculture and Rural Development	Luis Andrade (760) 397-5949 x107 luis.andrade@ca.usd a.gov Marcos Ramos (805) 863-9938 marcos.ramos@usd a.gov	Water & Waste Disposal Grant & Loan Program	Loans and grants for clean drinking water systems, sewage and solid waste disposal.	Towns, communities, census designated places with population less than 10K.	Funds may be used to finance the acquisition, construction or improvement of sewer collection, transmission, treatment and disposal. Possibility of use of funds for legal, engineering, start-up, interest incurred during construction and other costs deemed necessary to complete project	None. Average Project size is \$3-5 million.	Long-term low-interest loan, may be combined with a grant. Loans with 40yr payback	Continuous filing via RD Apply	Has office in Santa Maria. Currently has \$1.2B for California. Likes to partner and co-fund with other agencies. Interest rates for loans are based on MHI..
	Al Correale, Santa Maria Office (805) 863-9938 al.correale@ca.usda.gov	Water & Waste Disposal	USDA guarantees loans made by banks.	Towns, communities, census designated places with population less than 10K. Also banks and other commercial lenders are eligible applicants.	Costs associated with planning design and construction of new or existing systems. Projects such as storage, distribution and source development.	None	Negotiated between borrower and lender. Fixed and variable interest allowed.	Continuous filing via RD Apply.	
www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/ca									
	Al Correale Marcos Ramos	Community Facility (CF) Direct Loan	Finance new construction or repair. Development of essential community services.	Cities, towns, unincorporated areas with population of less than 20K.	Construct or repair roadways (not including private roads).	None. Average size is \$3-5 million.	Loans 4.25%, 40 years.	Continuous filing.	
	Al Correale Marcos Ramos	Community Facility (CF) Guarantee	Guarantees loans to lenders.	Cities, towns, unincorporated areas with population of less than 20K. Also banks and other commercial lenders are eligible applicants.	Loans can be used for real estate, equipment, land acquisition.	None	Negotiated between borrower and lender. Fixed and variable interest allowed.	Continuous filing.	
	Al Correale Marcos Ramos	Community Facility (CF) Grant	For communities that cannot qualify for a CF Loan.	Cities, towns, unincorporated areas with population of less than 20K.	Grants can be used for equipment, public buildings, etc. Not for operating expenses, feasibility studies or community recreation facilities.	Average \$30,000	n/a	Continuous filing.	
www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/ca									
US Bureau of Reclamation	Nickie McCann (303) 445-3733 nmccann@usbr.gov	WaterSMART: Basin Study Program	Basin study projects with 50/50 share cost funding	Each FOA will specify eligibility requirements	Each FOA will list eligible uses	Each FOA will specify			This is an area with collaboration with the county is very probable for the needed basin studies.
https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/swep/index.html									
CA State Water Resources Control Board (CA Water Boards)	(916) 319-9978 DFA-OSWS@waterboards.ca.gov	Small Community Clean Water/Wastewater Funding	Loan financing, some principle forgiveness. Grants available for small disadvantaged communities.	Public agencies, 501(c)(3) non-profits -Communities with less than 20k populations, MHI less than 80% of statewide MHI -Eligible Wastewater Capital Improvement Projects	-Wastewater Treatment -Septic to Sewer Conversion -Wastewater Reclamation & Distribution -Stormwater Treatment -Combined Sewers	2023-24 Funding expected to be \$1.374B	Loans limited only by facility's ability to borrow -Repayment period 30 yrs., begins 1yr after completion of project	TBD	Planning grants up to \$500K, construction grants up to \$8 million. Potential for additional money if our ground water is part of source of drinking water (watershed).
	gwquality.funding@waterboards.ca.gov with subject line Prop 1 Groundwater Grant Program	Proposition 1 Groundwater Grant Program	Grants and/or low interest loans for small, disadvantaged communities.	Severly disadvantaged communities	Wastewater planning, design, construction, land acquisition.	\$900 million with \$670 million for groundwater contamination and prevention	50% Match of total cost	Continuous filing	Planning grants minimum of \$100k to max \$2m

	(916) 327-9978 CleanWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov	Septic-to-Sewer Projects	Grants and low interest loans	Planning and construction grants with priority for small DACs.	Septic-to-Sewer	50% of Eligible Project Costs with max grant of \$25m. Max grant per household \$75k. Deputy Director of DFA can approve \$60k to \$175K for good cause	Loans at half of average paid by State on GO Bonds, lower rates may be available through Clean Water State Revolving Fund. 30yr repayment for loans.	Continuous filing	
www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/									
California Department of Water Resources	Kelley List (916) 651-9222 kelley.List@water.ca.gov	IRWM Grant Program	Public agency works with its local IRWM.	Projects consistent with goals and objectives of local IRWM.	Water recycling, watershed protection, sustainable groundwater planning and management, stream restoration,	TBD			Can apply for funding of a DAC within a community. Key is to get your project onto local IRWM's list of projects.
California Department of Water Resources	Kelley List (916) 651-9222 kelley.List@water.ca.gov	Sustainable Groundwater Implementation Grant Program	Provides funds for projects that address drought and groundwater investment to achieve sustainability such as groundwater recharge.	Public agencies	Development of groundwater recharge projects.	2023-24 TBD			Can apply for funding of a DAC within a community. Key is to get your project onto local IRWM's list of projects.
water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/Sustainable-Groundwater									
Ca State Water Boards Division of Financial Assistance	Connie Mallavia (916) 263-2711 Jon Diedsch (916) 263-2561	Wastewater Funding Programs: Clean Water State Revolving Fund	Grants to City or County (we would need County assistance to get this)	Cities or Counties that do not receive funding from HUD's CDBG entitlement program.	Funds for planning and construction projects such as wastewater treatment, sewers, sewer interceptors and water reclamation	Varies by activity	NOFA scheduled for release mid-2019		Since Los Olivos is not an incorporated city, we would need assistance from the County to request on our behalf.
CA Department of Housing and Community Development	Connie Mallavia (916) 263-2711 Jon Diedsch (916) 263-2561	Community Development Block Grant -Wastewater Funding Programs	Loan (planning/design grant funds are subtracted from construction funds). Forgiveness availability depending on MHI percentage. Loan rate currently 1.9% with .25% reduction for 20-yr or less	Population less than 20k, 80% of MHI funds 100% of project cost.	Pay for feasibility study, final plans, specs, site acquisition and construction, and grant admin costs. Rehabilitate or construct sewer/water lines and/or sewer lift stations. Pay for one-time assessments for low-income HH. Pay for installation of private laterals and hook-up fees for low-income HH.	Varies by activity	NOFA scheduled for release mid-2019	Ongoing via FAAST	Deputy Director may approve up to \$6m regardless of amount per residential connection and up to \$60k per connection for treatment/collection and up to \$175K per connection for septic-to-sewer projects
CA Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (IBANK)	loanprogram@ibank.ca.gov (916) 341-6600	Loan	Provides financing for public infrastructure projects such as water treatment, flood control and drainage, sewage collection and treatment.	Covers part or all costs of construction, renovation, and acquisition of land, structures, rights of way, licenses, easements. Demolition and construction costs, machinery, equipment, architectural engineering, costs. Financial costs such as interest expenses, provisions for working capital, reserves for principal and interest. Legal expenses and other expenses incidental to the project.	Cannot be used for housing, debt refinancing or privately owned infrastructure.	\$50K to \$25M. Larger loans available with board approval.	Useful life not to exceed 30years. Applications continually accepted. Interest rate based on MHI.		

CA Lending for Energy and Environmental Needs (CLEEN) Center	loanprogram@ibank.ca.gov (916) 341-6600	Loan	Provides financing for public infrastructure projects such as energy efficiency, renewable energy, water sector, alternative technologies and alternative fuels.	Applicants include local governments, special districts, cities, counties, JPAs and non-profits.	Water/wastewater, pipeline, mining/excavation and similar end-use process facilities, buildings and infrastructure.	\$500K to \$30M with larger loans available with board approval.	Useful life not to exceed 30years. Applications continually accepted. Interest rate based on MHI.		
www.ibank.ca.gov/ibank/programs/isrf and www.ibank.ca.gov/ibank/programs/what-is-clean									
CA Natural Resources Agency	bondsandgrants@resources.ca.gov	Proposition 68 Grants	Grants	100% of funds must benefit disadvantage communities and have a construction component with goal of reconnecting Californians to nature.	Creating, improving or rehabilitating green infrastructure with projects such as parkways, trails, greenways and green spaces. Alleyway conversions, bike paths, and restoration.	Varies based on project and need.	Not yet defined.		Could be useful to help with landscaping and beautifying the area around the package plant.
resources.ca.gov									
CA Rural Water Association	Kim Bennett kbennett@rcac.org (916) 508-3031 Yeng Lao ylao@rcac.org (916) 500-1260 HWW&SSP	Training, Specialized Services, Technical Assistance for water and wastewater utilities. Loan assistance. *Household Water Well & Septic System Program	Provides financing for public infrastructure projects such as energy efficiency, renewable energy, water sector, alternative technologies and alternative fuels. Utility rate studies, MHI Survey, engineering services, backflow testing.	Cities, counties, special districts, non-profits.	Training, specialized utilities services programs, insurance, technical/on-site assistance, operator training, on-site contract training. Hosts an annual education and exhibitor expo.	Membership based on number of connections. Ex: 200-499 is \$519. 500-999 is \$612 annually. HWW&SS max loan amt \$15k @1%	n/a		Resource could be helpful for MHI Survey, operation of solution.
https://calruralwater.org/									