



June 9, 2026

Los Olivos Community Services District
Attn: Board of Directors / General Manager
PO Box 345, Los Olivos CA 93441

Re: Wastewater Infrastructure in the Public Right-of-Way

Board of Directors and General Manager:

This letter is a follow-up to questions regarding what is and is not allowed within the public road right of way (ROW). The public ROW is dedicated primarily to providing a controlled, accessible, and safe transportation system. It also serves as a corridor for utility transmission.

Collection systems operated by the CSD are generally permissible within the public ROW. While this includes transmission facilities, it does not include infrastructure that is specific to individual residences or features that could interfere with the roadway's primary function, limit the use of the ROW for other public works and utilities, or create additional maintenance responsibilities for the County. Systems that serve individual properties—such as STEP systems, infiltration areas, or septic leach fields—are not appropriate for placement within the road ROW.

Easements and land for pump station facilities must be provided outside the public ROW. Where pump stations are authorized, they must be located entirely on private property, with only the main connection extending to the public system.

We are available to discuss workable design alternatives and remain committed to supporting a successful project for the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Sneddon'.

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