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Dear Los Olivos Residents, Property Owners and Friends,

One year ago today, Los Olivos residents voted overwhelmingly to form the Los Olivos CSD. Your elected board of directors has taken to heart the mandate given by 73.4% of our voters to develop an environmentally and economically responsible wastewater management solution. We are so grateful for the continued engagement and participation of our residents and the entire community.

A year into our existence, we are now poised to begin discussing potential solutions in the first half of 2019.

Our ad hoc Technical Committee, consisting of Directors Arme and O'Neill, and Interim General Manager Doug Pike, have been hard at work reviewing all the existing data that's been collected and studied over the past 10+ years and are developing a strategy for project selection. This process will include Board Input, public workshops, outside agency coordination, and some refinement of option cost analysis.

Additional work we've done in support of our mission since last fall include:

- Progressive development of a <u>DRAFT Work Plan</u> and a <u>DRAFT Schedule</u> addressing phases and required project milestones. These documents assume a project for purposes of planning only – Project Selection is in process.
- Gathering additional information on options to facilitate the selection process and the conducting of Public Workshops.
- Progressive Development of a Draft Financial Plan.
- A summary of Funding Options is being developed,
- Managed our first tax assessment cycle with on-target budget to take us through 2019.
- Held discussions/had presentations from the City of Solvang, Regional Water Quality Control Board, County Health Department, County Board of Supervisors and County Long Range Planning.
- Adopted new policies regarding committees (Finance Committee formed, ad-hoc Technical Committee created).
- On-going communications and coordination with LAFCO regarding progress toward a sewer treatment solution.

Folks have asked how they can get updates about the CSD's activities. Here are a few ways to stay informed:

Attend Public Board Meetings - 2nd Wednesdays, 6pm, Room 602 at <u>Los Olivos School</u>
Check the Website - https://www.losolivoscsd.com - for meeting agendas
Sign Up - for email updates

Contact the District - Interim Part-Time General Manager Doug Pike; losolivoscsd@gmail.com

We hope to see you at an upcoming board meeting - our next one is Wednesday, February 13.

Best regards, Doug Pike, Interim General Manager