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Greg Parks, Director
Nina Stormo, Director



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

Posted: 3-15-2023

March 22, 2024 – 9:15 AM

**(this meeting will start at 9:15 AM or after the conclusion
of the Technical Subcommittee meeting, whichever is later)**

**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: 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

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4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the minutes from January 2, 2024.

Los Olivos Community Services District, P.O. Box 345, Los Olivos, CA 93441, (805) 500-4098

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BUSINESS ITEMS:

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8. GENERAL DISCUSSION OF GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The Subcommittee will discuss any grant opportunities that have become available. No specific new grants have been noted prior to the posting of this agenda.

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10. ADJOURNMENT

ITEM 4A – MINUTES

MINUTES

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**LOS OLIVOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
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Posted: 12-28-2023

January 2, 2024 – 8:30 AM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Chair Kennedy, Director Parks calls the meeting to order at: 8:32AM

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Director Parks, General Manager Savage

Absent: Chair Kennedy

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Anna Marie Gott speaks.

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GM Savage comments on the minutes noting that there was not a full posting of the minutes before the meeting. He suggests they be held for a future meeting..

Director Parks opens the floor for public comment.

Anna Marie Gott speaks.

Motion to hold the minutes for a future meeting.

Motion by: GM Savage, Second: Director Parks.

Voice 2-0

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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, December 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). At the December 22, 2023 Grants Subcommittee meeting, the Subcommittee directed the GM to develop two draft WRDA proposals – one in the amount of \$300,000 for the 60% Design and the other in the amount of \$162,500 for EIR and groundwater monitoring well costs.

GM Savage comments on the posting and the interest Chair Kennedy stated in being in attendance to discuss the grant.

Director Parks opens the floor for public comment.

Anna Marie Gott speaks.

Motion to adjourn until 11:00 AM today.

Motion by: GM Savage, Second: Director Parks.

Voice vote 2-0

Meeting is paused at 8:39 AM.

Meeting reconvenes at 11:04 AM with Chair Kennedy present.

GM Savage introduces the two grant applications that were directed by the subcommittee for him to develop.

Chair Kennedy opens the floor for public comment.

Anna Marie Gott speaks.

Director Parks comments that they are appropriately vague. Director Kennedy asks about the specificity of the grant requests.

Motion to submit two grant proposals to WRDA.

Motion by: Director Parks, Second: Director Kennedy.

Voice vote 3-0

Items 6, 7, and 8 are tabled for a future meeting.

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Director Parks – None

Director Kennedy – Like to see some information from the Technical Subcommittee about what should be prioritized. GM Savage responds that he can prioritize the 2024 year as an item for the full Board to discuss.

GM Savage – None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at: 11:19 AM

Motion by: Director Parks, Second: Director Kennedy

Voice vote 3-0

Respectfully submitted:



Guy W. Savage

General Manager – Los Olivos Community Services District

Approved:

Chair – Vice-President Julie Kennedy

ITEM 6 – GRANTS PLAN

GRANTS 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/									

ITEM 6 – WFX ENGAGEMENT

WFX ENGAGEMENT



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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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
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