



San Simeon Community Services District Newsletter December 2024

In May of 2024, the San Simeon CSD board adopted a resolution to dissolve the district and have the County manage all district services, including water, wastewater, roads, lighting, and weed abatement. The county would form a separate County Service Area (CSA) to manage these services. They already operate several CSAs for Cayucos and Santa Margarita water services.

The reorganization goals for a CSA are:

- 1) Providing long-term, stable, skilled, and legal governance for the community's critical services via cost-effective county management, administration, and operations.
- 2) Leveraging county grant funding and engineering skills for long overdue infrastructure improvements, including pipe bridge replacement, repair or replacement of new water meters, new water tanks, and ultimately Coastal Commission-mandated relocation of the wastewater treatment plant.
- 3) Competently managing construction and development moratorium-related studies and associated legal and other challenges with the county's expertise.
- 4) The process to dissolve San Simeon as a community services district and form a county service area is defined in State law and overseen by the San Luis Obispo Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO). It involves a year or more of study by the county and district, with ultimate approval by LAFCO and the community. The community will have hearings and other opportunities to respond, including at the monthly San Simeon CSD board, LAFCO Board, and County Board of Supervisors meetings.

Reorganization Status:

As mentioned above, in May of this year, the district submitted its application for dissolution to LAFCO. LAFCO then formally requested the county's consideration of the district's proposal.

At the October 22, 2024, San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors meeting, unanimous approval was given for the County's staff proposal to hire a consultant to help with the required reorganization studies. The county will now be issuing a bid request and hiring a consultant. The consultant will most likely start in the March-April, 2025 timeframe.

The district formed an ad hoc reorganization committee consisting of San Simeon CSD Board Director Holly Le, Director Jacqueline Diamond, Interim General Manager Patrick Faverty, and resident Hank Krzciuk. The committee reports at each month's San Simeon CSD board meeting.

Senior county staff has established monthly reorganization project meetings with the district's ad hoc committee.

Reorganization documentation and updates can be found on the district's website.