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October 18, 2013

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mpoyatos@smcgov.org

**Re: San Mateo County Harbor District Comments regarding LAFCo File
13-05: Application for Reorganization of Granada Sanitary District**

Dear Ms. Poyatos:

This letter is written in regard to the May 14, 2013 letter from the San Mateo County Harbor District (Harbor District) regarding the above-referenced application to LAFCo. The crux of the Harbor District's letter is to request that the boundary of the proposed Granada Community Services District be redrawn to exclude all Harbor District lands. For the reasons outlined below, we do not believe that a change to the proposed boundary is either necessary or appropriate in this instance.

While it is true that the boundary of the newly formed GCSD would include Harbor District lands (as does the existing Granada Sanitary District (GSD) boundary), the types of services provided by the newly formed district would be *qualitatively* different from those provided by the Harbor District. As set forth in the Application to LAFCo, the proposed GCSD will continue the sewage and garbage disposal services and will additionally provide parks and recreation services within the newly formed District's boundaries. By contrast, the central mission of the Harbor District is to "assure that the public is provided with clean, safe, well-managed, financially sound and environmentally pleasant marinas." While the Harbor District's charge includes the provision of shoreline access and trails, such amenities are not the same as community parks and other such recreational opportunities.

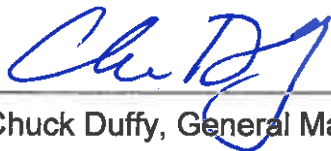
To be clear, GSD has no intention of "competing" with the Harbor District to provide park and recreation services with the Harbor District. If anything, the newly formed GCSD would welcome the opportunity to collaborate with the Harbor District to "enhance coastal access, recreation, research, and education

opportunities, and “support and expand coastal-dependent and coastal-related uses” as outlined in the County’s Plan Princeton study.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Granada Sanitary District



Chuck Duffy, General Manager



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Re: Application for Reorganization of Granada Sanitary District into Community Services District in order to add service of park and recreation – Request for Finding of Complete Application Filing

Dear Ms. Poyatos:

This letter is written in response to your May 17, 2013 Notice of Incomplete Filing (Notice) regarding the Application for Reorganization of Granada Sanitary District into Community Services District in order to add service of park and recreation (Application). The Notice indicated that the Application was in the proper form prescribed by LAFCo, and contained all information requested and required by LAFCo and State law, but that “additional time was required in order for affected agencies, organizations and individuals to provide comment and input necessary for preparation of the Executive Officer’s Report.” Based on the evidence and information outlined herein, GSD believes that there has been sufficient input by affected agencies, organizations and individuals for the EO Report. Accordingly, GSD requests that the Application be deemed complete, that LAFCo issue a Certificate of Filing, and the matter be set for consideration at the LAFCo November meeting.

Completed Public Outreach

The Proposed Reorganization Project was agendized and discussed at the following public meetings:

- County Parks and Recreation Committee, June 6, 2013
- HMB Parks Commission, August 28, 2013
- Midcoast Community Council, August 28, 2013
- Cabrillo Unified School District, September 12, 2013

In additional, District staff has informally contacted and sought input from the following public agencies and groups:

- County of San Mateo
- County of San Mateo Agricultural Advisory Committee
- County Farm Bureau¹
- City of Half Moon Bay
- Montara Water & Sanitary District
- Midcoast Park Lands
- Coastside Land Trust
- Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
- Highland Recreation District
- Golden Gate National Recreational Area
- Cabrillo Unified School District
- San Mateo County Resource Conservation District
- Half Moon Bay Fire Protection District
- Half Moon Bay AYSO
- Half Moon Bay Little League
- HMB City Council October 15, 2013
- County Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting, October 15, 2013
- GSD Special "Town Hall Meeting" at El Granada Elementary School, October 17, 2013 (See, *Exhibit A*, Community mailer)

Support Letters for Reorganization Project

Attached are letters of Support for the proposed reorganization Project:

- Letter from County Parks Commission, June 11, 2013 (*Exhibit B*)
- Letter from Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District General Manager, June 6, 2013 (*Exhibit C*)
- Letter from Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Board of Directors, July 1, 2013 (*Exhibit D*)
- Letter from Midcoast Community Council, August 28, 2013 (*Exhibit E*)
- Letter from Highland Recreation District, September 10, 2013 (*Exhibit F*)
- Letter from Coastside Land Trust, September 11, 2013 (*Exhibit G*)
- Letter from Midcoast Park Lands, October 16, 2013 (*Exhibit H*)

¹ Although not finalized, the District is currently working with the Farm Bureau and AAC on a draft Memorandum of Understanding which includes a provision that the Farm Bureau requests that LAFCo approve the District's application for Reorganization enabling the provision of parks and recreation services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Granada Sanitary District



Chuck Duffy, General Manager

EXHIBIT A

A photograph of a swing set in a wooded area. The swing seat is a black tire hanging from a chain. The ground is covered with brown leaves and dirt. The trees are tall and thin, with some bare branches. The text "Local PARKS?" is overlaid in white on the top half of the image.

Local PARKS?

**Provide your input on
OCTOBER 17th, 2013**



What kind of parks?
Located where?
Median strips?



On October 17, 2013 at 7:30 p.m., the Granada Sanitary District will hold a Town Hall Meeting in the multi-purpose room at El Granada Elementary School, 400 Santiago, El Granada for its Regular Board of Directors Meeting. The Board will hold a discussion and take public input regarding potential reorganization of the District into a Community Services District with park and recreation powers.

This is a public meeting where you will have the opportunity to voice your opinion on the future of parks in our area. Please participate on Thursday, Oct. 17th 2013. For more information, please call the Granada Sanitary District Office at (650) 726-7093.



Resident name

Address number and street
El Granada, CA 94018

EXHIBIT B

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Department of Parks

JIM NANTELL
INTERIM DIRECTOR

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June 11, 2013

Martha Poyatos, Executive Officer
San Mateo Local Agency Formation Commission
400 County Center
Redwood City, CA 94063

Dear Ms. Poyatos:

The San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission, at its regular meeting of June 6, 2013, considered the Granada Sanitary District's (GSD) proposal to become a Community Services District to provide park and recreation services in their service area as requested by your agency.

The Commission received public comment from the following speakers, all of whom expressed support for the GSD proposal.

- Leonard Woren, GSD Board
- Mike Ferreira, Sierra Club, Loma Prieta Chapter
- Lennie Roberts, Committee for Green Foothills
- Fran Pollard, El Granada

Individual Commissioner comments included:

- Need to consider needs of all midcoast visitors and not only GSD rate payers
- Potential loss of regional park services oversight and provision

The Commission by unanimous vote directed staff to transmit the following comments to LAFCo regarding GSD's proposal.

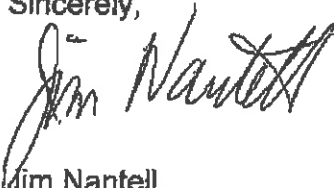
We applaud the Granada Sanitary District's proposal to use property tax revenues to respond to unmet midcoast parks and recreational needs. As proposed, the service area will not include the whole midcoast area and therefore will not be able to address all the needs noted in the Midcoast Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment. Approval of the proposal before LAFCO could be seen as a first phase towards addressing those needs; however, it should be considered in light of a long term vision relative to the most efficient approach to meeting the needs for the complete midcoast area.

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In order to address the midcoast park and recreational needs as efficiently as possible, some consideration should be given to expanding the service area for the parks and recreation services to include more or all of the midcoast or, at minimum, encourage the Granada Sanitary District to partner with other midcoast existing jurisdictions in the provision of these services.

On behalf of the Commission, Parks staff thanks San Mateo LAFCo for the opportunity to comment on GSD's proposal.

Sincerely,

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Jim Nantell
Interim Parks Director

cc: Parks and Recreation Commission
Gary Lockman, Parks Superintendent
Sam Herzberg, Senior Planner



Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

GENERAL MANAGER
Stephen E. Abbors

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Cecily Harris

6 June 2013

Ms. Martha Poyatos
Executive Officer
San Mateo County LAFCO
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RE: Granada Sanitary District Application for Park Powers as a Community Services District

Dear Ms. Poyatos:

We wholly support the application from the Granada Sanitary District (GSD) to acquire Park Powers through a Community Services District. Numerous County studies have reported the need for additional parks and recreational facilities on the Coastsides.

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Since the Coastsides is a recreational area for the entire county, this will benefit all citizens of San Mateo County.

The MROSD understands, but would like to confirm and maintain and keep current our understanding, should this change, that the Granada Sanitary / Community Services District would not be adding any new taxes, charges or fees in association with this reorganization. According to the application, the plan is to re-direct the existing property tax monies currently going to the Granada Sanitary District for this newly expanded purpose. If there is any other additional proposal, e.g. competition for property taxes, in the longer-term plans, we would very much like to be apprised of that and involved in discussions of how that might play out.

Thank you for consulting with us on this. We look forward to working with you collaboratively on increasing the level of open space and recreational options available to the region. Please add our voice to other Districts and Agencies that support this application.

Sincerely,

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Stephen E. Abbors, General Manager

cc: MROSD Board of Directors



Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

GENERAL MANAGER
Stephen E. Abbors

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July 1, 2013

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Sincerely,

Jed Cyr, President

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, Board of Directors

cc: MROSD Board of Directors
Stephen E. Abbors, General Manager



Midcoast Community Council

*An elected Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
representing Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Princeton, and Miramar
P.O. Box 248, Moss Beach, CA 94038-0248*

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August 28, 2013

Ms. Martha Poyatos, Executive Officer
San Mateo County LAFCO
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Redwood City, CA 94063-1663
(via email)

**Subject: Granada Sanitary District Application for Park Powers as
Community Services District**

Dear Ms. Poyatos:

The Midcoast Community Council (MCC) wholly supports the application from the Granada Sanitary District (GSD) to acquire park powers through a Community Services District (CSD).

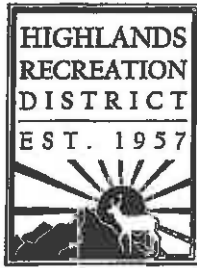
Numerous County studies have determined the need for community parks and recreational facilities on the Coastsides. GSD, as a local agency with an elected Board of Directors, staff, and economic base, can help fill that need. Adding park and recreation powers to GSD aligns with LAFCO's stated goal of encouraging multi-purpose districts.

GSD already owns acres of land in the Burnham Strip and can coordinate efforts to restore and beautify traffic medians throughout El Granada. The CSD could partner with the County for additional services at Quarry Park and/or Mirada Surf. Potentially, the CSD might be able to assist with maintenance of the El Granada School playing field.

Please add the MCC to the other districts and agencies that support this application.

Sincerely,

s/Laura Stein, Chair
Midcoast Community Council



Highlands Recreation District

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"Where Family Traditions Begin"

September 10, 2013

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Please add our voice to other Districts and Agencies that support this application.

Sincerely,

Pamela Merkadeau, Board Vice President
Highlands Recreation District



250 Main Street
1000 Box 3200
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019
Phone: 415 726 5199

September 11, 2013

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Since the Coastside is a recreational area for the entire county, this will benefit all citizens of San Mateo County, while local district with its own staff and economic base would not place a burden upon County staff and County economic resources.

Please add the Coastside Land Trust as a supporter of this application.

Sincerely,

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Jo Chamberlain
Executive Director





Midcoast Park Lands
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El Granada CA 94018

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*Park Projects
Director*

October 16, 2013

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RE: Support for Granada Sanitary District Application for Park Powers as a
Community Services District

Dear Ms. Poyatos:

The Board of Directors of Midcoast Park Lands, which established Quarry Park, strongly supports the reorganization of the Granada Sanitary District into a Community Services District (CSD) with park and recreation powers. The County's Recreational Needs reports in 2002 and 2007 both concluded that the Midcoast lacks sufficient park and recreational services. The proposed CSD would provide an effective local resource for Midcoast parks and recreation. It would be able to work effectively with other parks and recreation providers and provide funding to support neighborhood parks development and recreation services.

We urge you support the reorganization of the Granada Sanitary District into a CSD. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Len Erickson
Vice-President Development/Secretary