

FW: [EXT]BOS Letter

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Thu 6/3/2021 12:54 PM

To: BOS_Legislative Assistants Only <BOS_Legislative-Assistants-Only@co.slo.ca.us>

Cc: AD-Board-Clerk <ad_board_clerk@co.slo.ca.us>

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For your review. This is District 2 constituent. This item will be included in the Budget hearings and it was sent to the Clerk already. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Maria Brown

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From: Patrick McGibney <patindi@aol.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 10:30 AM

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Subject: [EXT]BOS Letter

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I have no idea what agenda number this is but it addresses the money received from the American Rescue Plan, which will be coming before the BOS on June 15, 2021.

Agenda item - American Rescue Plan
June 15, 2021

Honorable Supervisors:

In your deliberations on how best to allocate the \$55,000,000 the County has received through the American Rescue Plan, which would give the 5 districts about 11 million dollars each, there are two Districts that are in crisis and need the County's special help.

District 5, Supervisor Arnold's district, has promised for years (since 2017) that the County would clean up the public nuisance it allowed to be created by a lack of foresight and planning that permitted 300 + cannabis grows to get established in California Valley and other parts of the Carrizo Plain.

Since the Cannabis Ordinance went into effect, outlawing commercial grows in California Valley, 100's of these "farms" have been abandoned, leaving their trash, residual waste of pesticides, herbicides, and rodenticides, broken down mobile homes, fabric fencing, trailers and cars to litter the valley floor and leach into the groundwater basin.

Less than a month ago some of that sun-baked fabric fencing used on the cannabis farms blew up into the power lines, causing a short, shutting down all power, and causing a fire hazard, until PG&E was able to restore power hours later. A fire could have had devastating consequences.

Out of the hundreds of abandoned grows, only a few have been cleaned up. The excuse? No money to budget. Well now you have some money, and some of it needs to be used to keep the promise made to the community to clean up the mess left behind. This is a public health and safety issue, and could appear as a social justice issue - and could have lasting consequences to the community's only water supply, the Carrizo Ground Water Basin.

District 2, Supervisor Gibson's district, has massive expenses, caused first by building a waste water processing plant that was supposed to stem the tide of nitrates being deposited by septic tanks into the community's only water supply, the Los Osos Water Basin, and then the massive cost of saving the Basin. That Basin, which was classified at a Level 3 Severity back in the 80's from overdraft, has not actually improved or stabilized in the last six years of management, and is still experiencing advancing seawater intrusion and high nitrate readings, threatening the loss of the basin. Many things could be done to help save this basin, which again, is the only viable water supply the community, surrounding agriculture, and commercial areas depend on.

First, the LOWWP needs to be upgraded, enabling it to reprocess the recycled waste water to drinking water standards. That water could then be used to recharge the Lower Aquifer. This could be accomplished through multiple injection wells. It would have the benefit of: A. replenishing some of the water, and B: building up the "mound" of freshwater to block the intrusion of advancing seawater.

Second, all Ag and private wells need to be metered in order to accurately monitor them to establish a true "safe yield" for the basin. In the LOBP, metering is an option, but requires the County to create an ordinance. In the Basin Plan, it's estimated that \$150,000 would be enough to meter all private wells, but that would be a low estimate by now.

Next, all establishments still using septic systems, should be connected to the sewer. Doing this would eliminate the source of nitrates polluting the Upper Aquifer, which is slowly

recharging the Lower Aquifer with nitrate-laden water. This expense should be bourn by the users, but the County could have some peripheral expenses.

Another fruitful investment for the County would be to replenish the \$3,000,000 that was taken out of the \$5,000,000 allocated in the CDP Condition 5, that was supposed to be used for conservation measures, but the County used for "Administrative" costs. If there are conservation measures that could still be taken, like helping to replace old washing machines, toilets, shower heads, etc., use that 3 million dollars to do that instead of replacing water-wasting appliances for offsets in order to build more homes, that require more water.

These are just some of the projects that are needed that the community just can't afford and would go a long way to saving the Community Water Basin.

Thank you for your consideration,

Patrick McGibney
Resident of Baywood Park and California Valley.

FW: [EXT]LOCAC request for infrastructure budget consideration 6/15 (June 15 item 3 - ARPA)

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Thu 6/10/2021 01:10 PM

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For your review.

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From: Susan Morgenthaler <smrgnthlr@gmail.com>

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Supervisor Bruce Gibson

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RE: 6/15/21 - Request to receive and file a report on the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and provide direction to staff.

Dear Supervisor Gibson,

Referencing Agenda Item Transmittal by Guy Savage/Administrative Office and James Hamilton/Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector-Public Administrator for your June 15 meeting, we understand that money will be available for water infrastructure projects, (Investments in Water and Sewer Infrastructure [Nexus/Eligible Use #4]). Supervisors are to give staff direction.

You are a member of our Basin Management Committee so know well the needs that we face with protecting our only water supply. Please advocate for Los Osos that some cut of money in the preliminary \$6 million recommendation for water, sewer or broadband be assigned to the member entities of our Basin Management Committee for the many projects that they need to complete to keep our current residents in potable water. We realize that we are competing with many other worthwhile needs for the money, but raising water rates to fund BMC projects is a hardship on many of the residents in Los Osos.

Thank you for your consideration,

The Los Osos Community Advisory Council:

Chair Trish Bartel, Vice Chair Sandra Sarrouf, Secretary Sue Morgenthaler, Communications Officer Lynette Tornatzky, Larry Bender, Yael Korin, Jan Harper, Deborah Howe, James Bishop, Jim Stanfill, 1 member was absent/abstained.

The Land Use Committee:

Chair Larry Bender, Vice Chair Sue Morgenthaler, Secretary Trish Bartel, Lynette Tornatzky, Yael Korin, Paul Hershfield, Linde Owen, Robin McPeak. 1 member abstained.