

SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Loch Dreizler, General Manager
DATE: April 19, 2023
SUBJECT: The Chumash Proposed Administration Buildings – wastewater service has been preliminarily proposed to go to the Chumash Wastewater Treatment Plant

Proposed Motion / Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board discuss how the Chumash Proposed Administration Buildings wastewater will be best served.

Proposed Motion: That wastewater for the Chumash Proposed Administration Buildings be treated at the (Chumash WWTP or Solvang's WWTP), with additional written consideration if the wastewater is treated at the Chumash wastewater treatment plant (WWTP).

Policy Implications

- Santa Ynez CSD Sewer Service Code sections 104 and 301 (available at www.syicsd.com)
- Interagency Agreement between the District and the City of Solvang dated September 14, 1998 (Also, available at www.syicsd.com)

Fiscal Implications

Depending on the decision – there may be additional revenue from the District from capacity charges and monthly fees.

Alternatives Considered

Send wastewater to Solvang via the District's collection system.

Discussion

The wastewater committee and the Board discussed this item and recommended that staff meet with Solvang's staff. It is important to reiterate that the question is not if wastewater treatment services will be provided but who will provide them – through the Chumash treatment plant or Solvang's treatment plant via the Santa Ynez CSD's collection system.

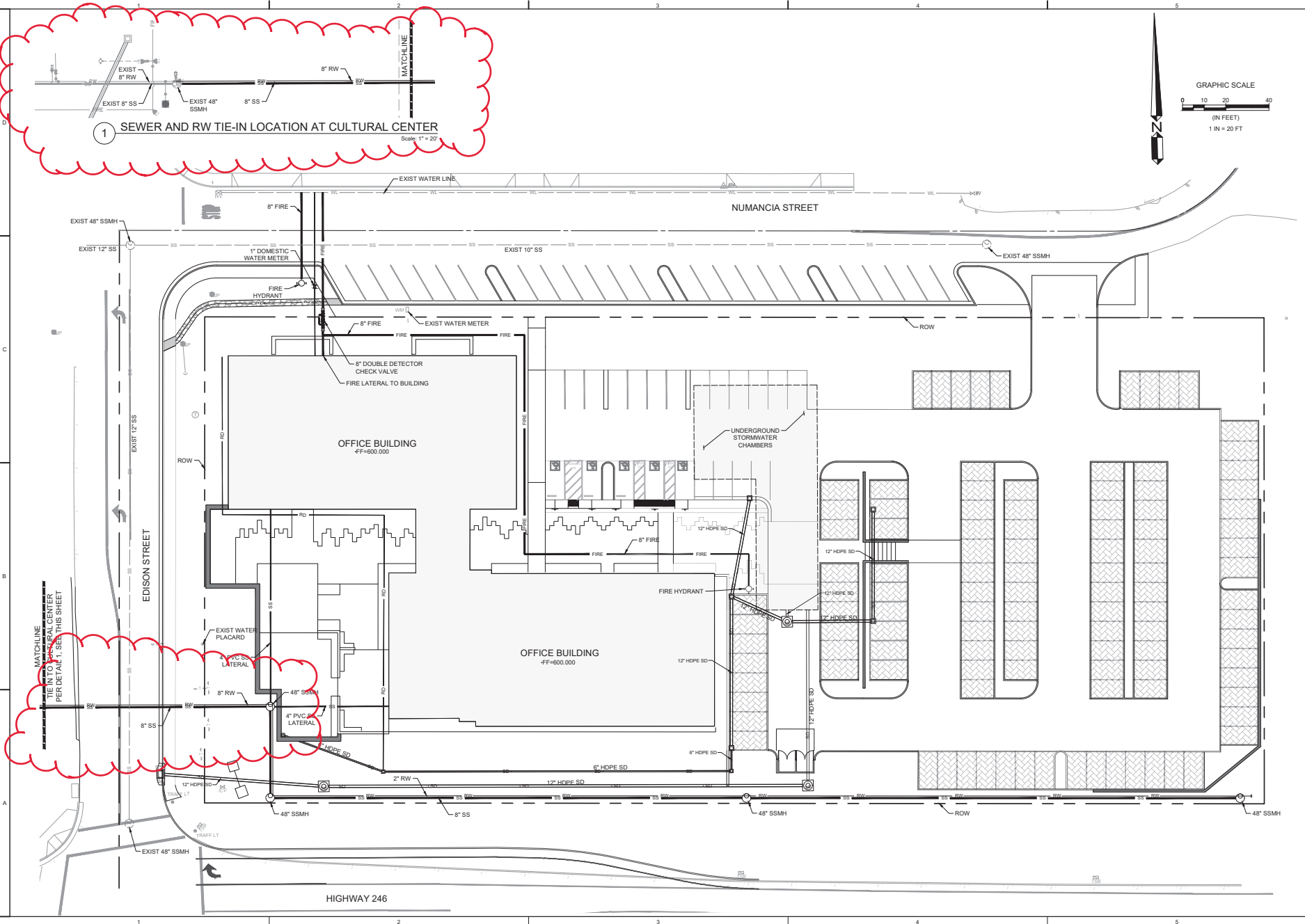
The committee discussed the possibility of the proposed project connecting as shown on the proposed utility plan - through the Chumash treatment plant and also considered the alternative, which would be for the District to provide collection and wastewater services. Regardless, sewer collection and treatment will be available for this proposed project in one of two possibilities (1) as proposed or (2) using our collection system.

This scenario is unique because the Chumash Cultural Center sends wastewater to the Chumash wastewater treatment plant; however, the Cultural Center is within the Trust. The Proposed Administration Building property is not within the Trust but part of the unincorporated portion of the County of Santa Barbara. However, both properties are within the District's sphere of influence.

1. The Chumash are planning new Administration Buildings and would like to transport the wastewater to the Chumash wastewater facility for treatment and recycling.
2. Rick Battles, the District's legal counsel, summarized the issues by describing several provisions in the Code and the District's agreement with Solvang. First, the existing agreement with Solvang is not definitive, and should the District and Solvang agree, it should be documented to recognize the unique circumstances.
3. The Directors discussed the advantages and disadvantages and agreed that Mr. Dreizler should meet with representatives from Solvang for further discussions.
4. Mr. Dreizler met with representatives from Solvang, and based on Solvang's staff's discussion between the Utilities Director and their City Manager, and they believe it is more of a decision best left for the SYCSD to decide.

Attachment(s): Draft Pre-planning – Utility Plan

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