

SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Loch Dreizler, General Manager
DATE: July 20, 2022
SUBJECT: Review Process for Activating Latent Powers

Recommendation

Review Latent Power Activation, Direct Staff

Policy Implications

California Government Code Section 61100 allows Special Districts to provide thirty-two different services. The District currently provides sewer collection and street lighting services. Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) activates and divests latent powers of local agencies.

Fiscal Implications

The cost to proceed with the committee and staff at this time is negligible

Alternatives Considered

None

Discussion

The Municipal Services Review (MSR) Committee met in June and of the thirty-two different services a Special District can provide, the following two will be considered for further discussion.

- Acquire, construct, improve, and operate recreation facilities, including, but not limited to parks and open space, in the same manner as a recreation and park district.
- Acquire, construct, improve and maintain streets, roads, right-of-way, bridges, culverts, drains, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks.

Recommended Staff Direction

1. Reconvene MSR Committee (Redfern & Van Pelt) to discuss latent powers discussions to date with the new General Manager.
2. Meet with LAFCO representative(s) to discuss some of the factors that LAFCO will consider including but not limited to:
 - a. Developing a service plan and getting voter approval for funding new taxes or fees.
 - b. The need for organized community services, the present cost, and adequacy, and probable future needs for District services and controls in the area.

- c. Probable effects of the proposal and alternatives on the cost and adequacy of services and controls in the area and adjacent areas.
 - d. The ability of the District to provide services to the area, including the sufficiency of revenues for those services.
 - e. Providing tentative approval of an activation of powers application pending voter approval.
3. Establish a preliminary outline for the activation of latent powers:
 - a. Expectations
 - b. Timelines
 - c. Estimated Costs
4. Update the Board at the September or October Board meeting.