

SAN ANTONIO BASIN WATER DISTRICT

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Dear Property Owner:

Please read this letter carefully as it discusses changes to the July 21st hearing on the San Antonio Basin Water District's proposed assessment.

You previously received a May 20th letter and enclosures from the District's Board of Directors advising you of the process underway concerning the District's proposed special benefit assessment.

This assessment ballot proceeding is subject to the procedural requirements of Article XIID of the California Constitution, which requires, in part, that the District conduct a public hearing on the proposed assessment. As we advised you in the "Notice of Public Hearing" enclosed with the May 20th letter, the public hearing on the District's assessment is scheduled to take place at 1:00 p.m. on July 21, 2020, at the offices of the Los Alamos Community Services District ("LACSD"), located at 82 North Saint Joseph, Los Alamos, California 93440.

Back in March, in response to COVID 19, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, which provides that a "local legislative body . . . is authorized to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body." Additionally, Santa Barbara County has adopted Order 2020-12 regarding the phased reopening of some businesses. Order 2020-12 applies to private businesses *and* public agencies such as the District, and establishes strict risk assessment, disinfection, social distancing, and other protocols designed to limit the spread of COVID 19. In light of Executive Order N-29-20 and Order 2020-12, and of the recent indications that the spread of COVID 19 continues to be a public health concern, the District's Board of Directors determined at its June meeting that it will be in the best interest of the District, its landowners, LACSD staff, and the general public, to hold the July 21st hearing telephonically.

Therefore, please be advised that the July 21st hearing will be conducted telephonically only.

Information regarding how to access the telephonic hearing will be posted on the District's Website no later than July 17, 2020.

District representatives will be present outside the LACSD office to receive new or amended ballots, but the building will not be open to the public for the purposes of participating in the hearing. **We encourage all property owners to submit their Proposition 218 ballots by mail prior to the hearing.**

The San Antonio Basin Water District encourages any individuals with disabilities to please contact the District so that reasonable modifications or accommodations, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act, may be addressed.

Should you have any questions, please call or write to: San Antonio Basin Water District, c/o Kari Wagner, PE, 612 Clarion Ct., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, KARIW@wallacegroup.us, (805) 544-4011.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to you calling in to our public hearing on July 21, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

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