



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** August 9, 2016

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Water Resources Division, Public Works Department

**SUBJECT:** Authorize Out-Of-City Sewer Service Agreement For 529 Apple Grove Lane

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute an agreement for out-of-City sewer service for 529 Apple Grove Lane.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The owners of 529 Apple Grove Lane, in an unincorporated County area, have applied for a connection to the City's wastewater system. The applicant originally applied for connection to the City's sewer system in 2007, and Council approved such a connection; however, the connection was never completed, and the agreement between the City and the applicant concerning the connection has since lapsed.

The current request is motivated by a failing septic system serving a single-family residence. This unincorporated area is not served by any other sanitary district, and the property fronts an existing City sewer main. Multiple properties in this unincorporated area in the vicinity of Apple Grove Lane are already connected to the City's sewer system.

Connections to properties outside City limits require execution of a recorded agreement and approval by the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). LAFCO approved this property's connection to the City's sewer system in 2007, when the property owner first applied for a connection. The recommended agreement has been prepared in conformance with applicable resolutions and requirements of the Municipal Code, including the required Waiver of Right to Protest Annexation.

As part of the 2007 application, the City Planning Division determined that the project was categorically exempt from further environmental review. The City Environmental Analyst has confirmed that this determination remains valid. (CEQA Guidelines, Section § 15301(b)).

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:**

Connection to the City sewer system would eliminate the utilization of the existing on-site septic system at the property and reduce the environmental concerns generated by sewer effluent being released into the area soil.

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**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office