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**Subject: LAFCO No. 2-R-24 | Dissolution of San Simeon Community Service District**

Dear Mr. Fitzroy,

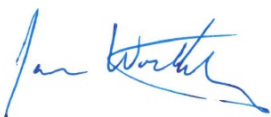
The San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) staff appreciates the opportunity to review the LAFCO No. 2-R-24: Dissolution of San Simeon Community Service District application. The State of California and Federal Highways Administration designate SLOCOG as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), respectively, for the region. While SLOCOG does not have permit or regulatory authority for land use proposals, SLOCOG is responsible for planning the long-term viability of the regional surface transportation system, and for programming funds to achieve the objectives of the adopted [2023 Regional Transportation Plan](#) (2023 RTP). The 2023 RTP is the blueprint for our region's future transportation system and thrives to accommodate growth while improving the quality of life for the region's residents.

After reviewing the application, SLOCOG staff does not have a position on the dissolution of the San Simeon CSD. However, the application mentioned that the district-maintained roads are "in disrepair as maintenance has not been properly funded." The application showcases a larger problem that is not inherent solely to San Simeon. Our region does not spend enough on transportation to maintain and improve our systems. Most of our cities are unable to keep up with needed road maintenance. Costs have increased, but revenues have not. The unincorporated county and its communities continue to see the average road condition decline. Since 2017, this decline has continued and will continue without an influx of new funding.

San Simeon is largely a visitor serving area and under the current unincorporated funding structure, visitors do not contribute to the repair of these local roads. Twenty-five counties in California have a dedicated funding source that is guaranteed for transportation and road maintenance. We don't. Earlier this year, SLOCOG polled and engaged with the public to consider developing a voter ballot measure that would result in new, dedicated funds for road maintenance and transportation improvements. Efforts were halted in May; however, the need for new funds persists.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide input. We wish you and all parties involved continued success. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (805) 788-2002 or [jworthley@slocog.org](mailto:jworthley@slocog.org).

Sincerely,



James Worthley, SLOCOG Deputy Director