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June 11, 2013

Martha Poyatos, Executive Officer
San Mateo Local Agency Formation Commission
400 County Center
Redwood City, CA 94063

Dear Ms. Poyatos:

The San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission, at its regular meeting of June 6, 2013, considered the Granada Sanitary District's (GSD) proposal to become a Community Services District to provide park and recreation services in their service area as requested by your agency.

The Commission received public comment from the following speakers, all of whom expressed support for the GSD proposal.

- Leonard Woren, GSD Board
- Mike Ferreira, Sierra Club, Loma Prieta Chapter
- Lennie Roberts, Committee for Green Foothills
- Fran Pollard, El Granada

Individual Commissioner comments included:

- Need to consider needs of all midcoast visitors and not only GSD rate payers
- Potential loss of regional park services oversight and provision

The Commission by unanimous vote directed staff to transmit the following comments to LAFCo regarding GSD's proposal.

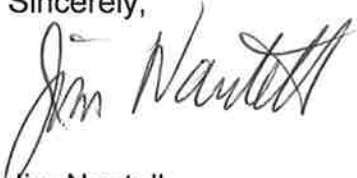
We applaud the Granada Sanitary District's proposal to use property tax revenues to respond to unmet midcoast parks and recreational needs. As proposed, the service area will not include the whole midcoast area and therefore will not be able to address all the needs noted in the Midcoast Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment. Approval of the proposal before LAFCO could be seen as a first phase towards addressing those needs; however, it should be considered in light of a long term vision relative to the most efficient approach to meeting the needs for the complete midcoast area.

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In order to address the midcoast park and recreational needs as efficiently as possible, some consideration should be given to expanding the service area for the parks and recreation services to include more or all of the midcoast or, at minimum, encourage the Granada Sanitary District to partner with other midcoast existing jurisdictions in the provision of these services.

On behalf of the Commission, Parks staff thanks San Mateo LAFCo for the opportunity to comment on GSD's proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Nantell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jim Nantell
Interim Parks Director

cc: Parks and Recreation Commission
Gary Lockman, Parks Superintendent
Sam Herzberg, Senior Planner