BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO



DON NOTTOLI SUPERVISOR FIFTH DISTRICT

July 28, 2022

Hood Septic-to-Sewer Conversion Project

- Aug. 11 Town Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- Return Your Participation Survey!

Dear Hood community member,

I am pleased to provide you with an update on the Hood Septic-to-Sewer Conversion Project which, as you likely know, is a unique opportunity to bring public sewer service to the Hood community. For nearly five years, the Sacramento Area Sewer District (SASD) has been working with the State of California in an effort to secure grant funding to construct the project. More recently, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved \$1,475,000 through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to offset costs of design and engineering this project.

Though there is still much work to be done, we are at an important juncture in the process and your help is needed. We are now asking property owners to state their interest in connecting to sewer service. Should most property owners express interest in connecting to sewer service, state funding approval could come within the next 12-18 months. However, if interest in pursuing this opportunity is not supported by the Hood community, then work to extend sewer service to Hood may cease altogether. With this in mind, I am respectfully asking you to give your attention to returning the enclosed survey card stating your interest in connecting to sewer service. Please return the survey even if you choose not to participate or are currently undecided.

At an upcoming <u>August 11 Hood Town Council meeting</u>, SASD representatives will be available to make a presentation and further discuss the project with community members. I also plan to be in attendance and encourage you to consider attending as well to learn more about the project.

Please understand that grant funding opportunities like this are rare and unlikely to be available in future years. However, whether you choose to connect to sewer is strictly a voluntary decision. Very importantly, this project is dependent upon strong interest and participation from Hood community members. You should also be aware that property owners who choose to remain on septic systems, in the event a system should fail or need repair, might very well encounter future regulatory requirements mandating connection to sanitary sewer.

Thank you to all those who thus far have been involved in this lengthy, but worthwhile pursuit. I am looking forward to continuing to work with you in bringing reliable sewer service to your community. Should you have any questions or desire further information, please feel free to contact my office by telephone at (916) 874-5465.

Sincerely,

Don Nottoli, Supervisor

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