



**WEEKLY UPDATE  
DECEMBER 20 - 26, 2020**

**THIS WEEK**

**NO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING FOR 3 WEEKS  
CHRISTMAS RECESS**



**BUT MANY ISSUES:**

**COVID INFECTION RATE UP**

**COUNTY MULLING LAW SUIT AGAINST GOVERNOR ON CLOSURES**

**SUPPORT ASSEMBLYMAN CUNNINGHAM'S AB 108  
(STOP GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY POWER ABUSE)**

**WHISTLE BLOWER FILES OFFICIAL COMPLAINT:  
COUNTY PLANNER PROCESSED PERMIT FOR HER HUSBAND'S FIRM  
(THE DEPARTMENT THEN LOWERED THE FEES)**

**CENTRAL COAST POWER BOTCHES OPT OUT FORM  
(& DISCLOSES PERSONAL INFORMATION TO OUTSIDERS)**

**SLO TRIBUNE & PROGRESSIVE HIT MAN TOM FULKS ATTACK DA DAN  
DOW, SHERIFF PARKINSON, AND ASSEMBLYMAN CUNNINGHAM  
WHO ARE THEY PUSHING FOR THE NEXT ELECTION?**

## **LAST WEEK**

**COVID INFECTIONS GROWING  
COUNTY STILL LUMPED IN WITH LA FOR LOCKDOWN RULES**

**EMPLOYEES GET EXTENDED SICK TIME AND  
VACATION TO DEAL WITH COVID**

**SGMA PLANNING UPDATE  
COUNTY SUBMITTED PASO PLAN LAST JANUARY  
NO STATE RESPONSE YET**

**\$500K GRANT TO CAPSLO FOR HOMELESS APPROVED  
IN SPITE OF NO PERFORMANCE METRICS**

**DEFERRAL AND REDUCTION OF FEES  
FOR COVID HIT BUSINESS  
PROPOSAL WEAK AND INSUFFICIENT**

**SEWER SLUDGE MORATORIUM TO REMAIN  
ANY CHANGES KICKED DOWN THE ROAD TO 2026  
THEY WON'T BE SPREADING THE STUFF ON YOUR STRAWBERRIES**

**LOS OSOS GENERAL PLAN ADOPTED  
BUT YOU STILL CAN'T BUILD ANYTHING**

**SEVERE LOS OSOS VACATION RENTAL REGS ADOPTED  
ONLY 51 ALLOWED, 500 FT SEPARATION, LAND USE PERMIT REQUIREMENT**

**LAFCO CANCELLED**

# COLAB IN DEPTH

SEE PAGE 20

## SERF STATE, USA

BY JON COUPAL



## LIBERAL PRESS INTENSIFIES WAR ON SUBURBS

*Suburbs are not racist. They are not ecologically unsustainable. They are beautiful, and we need more of them.*

BY EDWARD RING

## NO PRIVACY, NO PROPERTY: THE WORLD IN 2030 ACCORDING TO THE WEF

BY ANTONY P. MUELLER

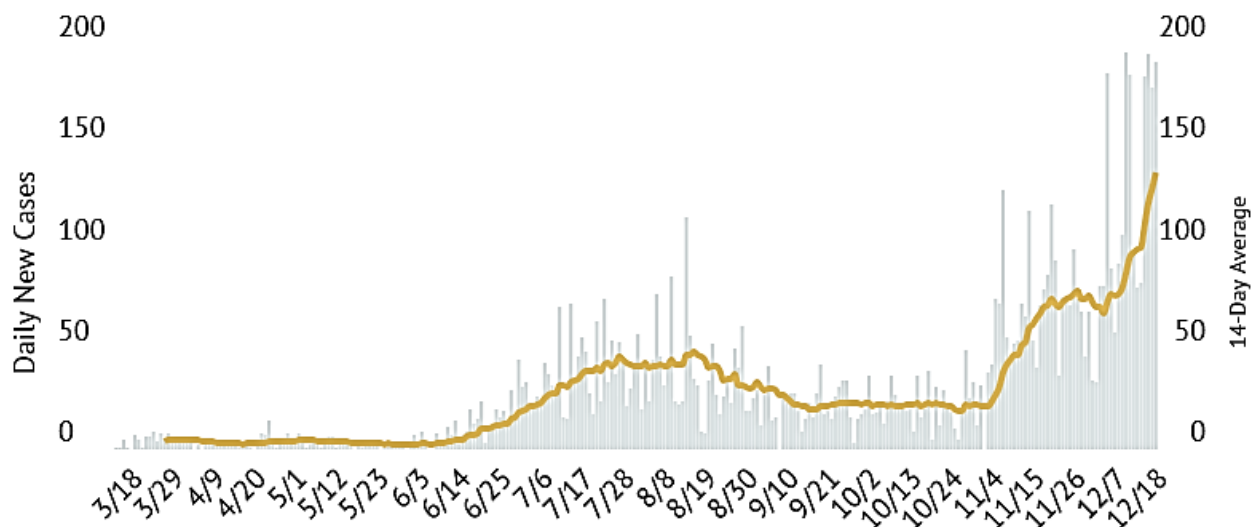
## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

No Board of Supervisors Meeting on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 (Not Scheduled – Christmas/New Year's Holiday Recess)

The next meetings are scheduled for January 4 (ceremonial swearing in of new and re-elected Supervisors) and January 5, 2021 regular Board meeting. Notwithstanding the absence of meetings due to the holiday vacation, there are a number of issues running in the County.

### Issue 1 - COVID Status and Community Frustration.

## Daily New Cases (and 14-Day Average)



### Currently Hospitalized

35 (of whom 8 are in ICU)

**Current Status:** Local officials are under increasing pressure to pursue independent action against the State. A growing number of desperate local business people are advocating filing a lawsuit enjoining the governor from issuing and enforcing executive orders mandating the closures. In fact San Bernardino County has petitioned the State Supreme Court to hear its complaint that the Governor's order has exceeded his authority and has subsumed the powers of the legislative branch. As of this writing we have not heard the Governor's response or the Court's willingness to consider the matter.

As of December 19, Great Britain has reported the spread of a new and more virulent (infectious) form of the virus. It is not known yet if it has greater morbidity or mortality. The British are frightened enough to have quarantined much of Southeast England completely. They did report that preliminarily they think that the new vaccines could be effective against it.

It has now been two weeks since the County requested State to separate it from the Southern California region for COVID lockdown purposes. So far the State has not even acknowledged receipt of the communication, let alone provided an answer. Meanwhile desperation is building locally from front line main street businesses such as restaurants, salons, and others. They are petitioning local officials to help them to be allowed to open. In this regard a new group called the San Luis Obispo

County Business Coalition has formed. Contact Brett Curle for more information at [brettcurle@att.net](mailto:brettcurle@att.net)

*San Luis Obispo County  
Business Coalition*

*Purpose statement*

*Our purpose is to unite like-minded businesses in our communities who choose to remain open despite Gavin Newsom's unsustainable Covid19 restrictions. The constant changes and severity of these restrictions are not based on facts. There is no scientific proof that dining out, working out at the gym, watching a movie in a theatre, etc., poses any health risk to our communities.*

*Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. We provide income for our municipalities, jobs for our employees, services to our cities, and support for local programs and events. For the sake of our livelihoods and the communities we support, we must take a stand and keep our businesses open.*

**Cunningham Steps Up Big:** Relatedly, Assemblyman Jordan Cunningham introduced a bill to limit the Governor's powers in emergency situations. CALCOASTNEWS provided a good summary:  
***Assemblyman Jordan Cunningham seeks to remove Newsom's emergency powers***

***December 18, 2020***

*Assemblyman Jordan Cunningham introduced a bill on Thursday to limit Gov. Gavin Newsom's ability to unilaterally enact or change laws or regulations 60 days after an emergency is declared under the California Emergency Services Act.*

*If passed, Cunningham's bill, AB 108, will require governors to obtain approval from the Legislature before making any changes to laws and regulations under the emergency act after 60 days have passed. Cunningham has been critical of Newsom's decision to include SLO County in the Southern California Region regarding the stay at home order*



*"For 287 days, Gavin Newsom has been unilaterally changing laws and regulations with zero input from the Legislature," Cunningham tweeted. "It's time to restore California to a constitutional democracy, and ensure that a governor no longer has indefinite, unilateral power." In response to Newsom's order for all mail-in-ballots, Republican assemblymen James Gallagher and Kevin Kiley filed a suit arguing that it is the legislature's role to change election law, not the governor's. In November, Sutter County Superior Court Judge Sarah Heckman ruled that even during a pandemic, Newsom does not have the authority to amend or change election law.<sup>1</sup>*

**Issue 2 - Alleged conflict of interest in Planning Department.** A whistle blower in the Planning and Building Department has filed an official County complaint alleging that Departmental management reduced an applicant's fee by \$14,775. The fee reduction was granted by staff on the grounds that the applicant had been told by the people who log in applications that the permit type

<sup>1</sup> Courtesy of CALCOASTNEWS.

would be a simple site plan review, for which the fee is \$6,225. Later the Department determined that the proper path should be a conditional use permit, which they estimated would cost \$21,000.

**Lacey Minnick**

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**From:** Xzandrea D. Fowler  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:40 AM  
**To:** CJ Rudolph  
**Cc:** Lacey Minnick; Robert Fitzroy  
**Subject:** Snug Harbor (DRC2019-00099)

Dear Mr. Rudolph,

I am writing to you about the next steps for processing your Site Plan application DRC2019-00099.

Following considerable research and internal deliberation, I have determined that your project does not qualify for a site plan application. Per San Luis Obispo County Code §22.08.030, your project requires a conditional use permit application for the following reasons.

1. Your project proposes the construction of a 6.6-acre storage facility for recreational vehicles and boats. Storage facilities exceeding 40,000 square feet (0.9 acres) require a conditional use permit.
2. Your project will involve the disturbance of approximately 6.6 acres on a 10.2-acre site. Projects with site disturbance in excess of 3 acres require a conditional use permit.
3. Your project will result in approximately 5.3 acres of paved surfaces, for vehicular travel and parking. Projects with impervious surfaces in excess of 3 acres require a conditional use permit.

Therefore, Site Plan application DRC2019-00099 has been voided, and Conditional Use Permit application DRC2020-00142 has been created. This application will be heard by the Planning Commission on October 8, 2020. Per San Luis Obispo County Code §22.62.060.D, there is a 14-day appeal period following the hearing. If no appeals are filed by October 23, 2020, the decision will be final.

As a conditional use permit, this application would have cost approximately \$21,000.00, a significant increase from the cost of your site plan application (\$6,295.75). However, since the incorrect application type was prescribed by the Permit Center, I have determined that additional fees will not be required to complete the process.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have about this.

Respectfully,

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There are no written indicia that the applicant, CJ Rudolf, formally requested the reduction. Did he request one or did the Planning Department grant the reduction out of the goodness of its heart?

This is very peculiar since for years we have observed that the Department has no compunctions at all in up-shifting requirements and cost at any point during a permitting process. “Oh we discovered a rare insect,” or “Oh, we discovered that there is more grading than we first thought,” or “Oh we can’t confirm your antiquated subdivision lot – you will have to go through re-subdivision,”<sup>2</sup> or “Based on the water test you will have to do a full EIR”, or “Space aliens visited the site 50,000 years ago and it will require a Space Command study and assessment.” We have never heard of the Department lowering a fee on major a project because of an error by someone at the permit counter or anywhere else.

Relatedly, the legal doctrine of estoppel requires that when public agencies make a mistake and then discover it, they must not continue the mistake and its results. In this case they reduced the proper fee even after they knew that their initial categorization of the required permit was wrong. Apparently the applicant and its agent, RRM Design Group, had no problem producing the full conditional Use Permit Application, which must have taken considerable time and effort.

The product was scheduled for Planning Commission review on September 24, 2020. However, on August 18, the Planning Manager wrote to the applicant announcing the fee waiver. As of that date the application must have been substantially complete, since the staff would have to have time to review it prior to the Planning Commission meeting on September 24. The work must have been going on for some time. Why did the Planning Department wait until August 18, 2020 to notify the applicant of the fee reduction?

Further clouding the picture is the fact that Lacey Minnick, who was the County’s assigned case planner to review the application, is the spouse of Jake Minnick who is a professional, Arborist/Planner on the staff or RRM Design Group, the applicant’s consultant /agent.

As of this writing no one has reported that the County has answered the whistle blower directly. As of mid-November the County reported that it was investigating the matter and would get back. In the meantime, there are unsubstantiated (as of now) rumors that the whistle blower has been accused of being a problem employee. The alleged problem is not specified – i.e. performance, attendance, or what.

In any case, and given the assignment of Minnick to review a project for which her husband’s company is the consultant and facilitator is a conflict of interest. As a professional planner, she should not have taken the assignment. Management should not have given her the assignment. If Minnick actually encouraged, recommended, or persuaded management to grant the discount, she could be guilty of violation of Section 1090 of the Government Code:

*ARTICLE 4. Prohibitions Applicable to Specified Officers [1090 - 1099]  
( Article 4 enacted by Stats. 1943, Ch. 134. )1090.*

*(a) Members of the Legislature, state, county, district, judicial district, and city officers or employees shall not be financially interested in any contract made by them in their official capacity, or by any body or board of which they are members. Nor shall state, county, district, judicial district, and city officers or employees be purchasers at any sale or vendors at any purchase made by them in their official capacity.*

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<sup>2</sup> In this case and among other questionable acts, the Department specifically stated that the parcel in question was confirmed as it was created under prior State subdivision law. We have seen some nasty cases in the past where the Department has forced owners to resubmit for the subdivision instead.

*(b) An individual shall not aid or abet a Member of the Legislature or a state, county, district, judicial district, or city officer or employee in violating subdivision (a).*

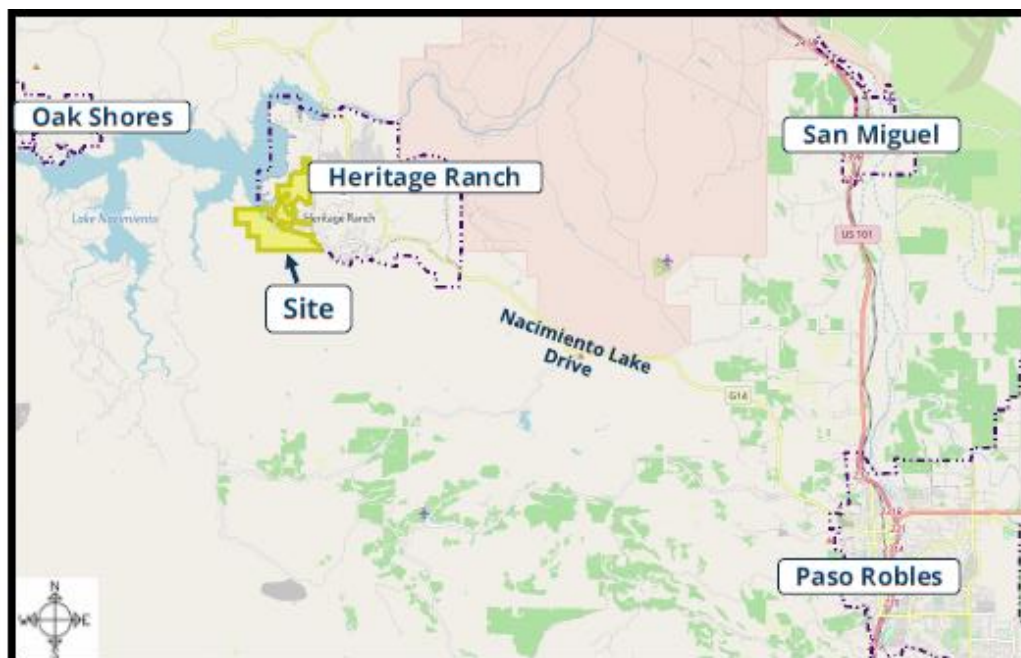
*(c) As used in this article, "district" means any agency of the state formed pursuant to general law or special act, for the local performance of governmental or proprietary functions within limited boundaries.*

**Project Background:** The project is extensive and contains a major boat and RV storage facility next to a residential neighborhood. The project applicant is Snug Harbor, LLC of Santa Monica. Snug Harbor is owned by CJ Rudolf, who heads many LLCs, heads a building supply company, owns many properties, and is a preeminent high end west side (LA) homebuilder. Rudolf also owns a famous established diner on Wilshire Blvd. in Santa Monica, Snug Harbor, which he patronized for years and then acquired.

The project summary states in part:

*Hearing to consider a request by Snug Harbor, LLC for a Conditional Use Permit (DRC2020-00142) to allow for the construction of a 6.6-acre private storage facility for recreational vehicles and boats, including an 8,500-square-foot, two-story building that will house a check-in area, office, caretaker residence, and maintenance shop. The project will result in the disturbance of approximately 6.6 acres, including 14,930 cubic yards of cut and fill, on a 10.22-acre portion of a 722-acre parcel. The project is within the Recreation land use category and is located on the east side of Heritage Road, approximately 800 feet north of Heritage Loop in the village of Heritage Ranch. The site is within the Nacimiento Sub Area of the North County Planning Area. Also to be considered at the hearing will be adoption of the Environmental Document prepared for the item. The Environmental Coordinator, after completion of the initial study, finds that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment, and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report is not necessary.*

It seems impossible that a professional planner looking at the map below would conclude that the proper application process would be a simple site plan.





## LEGEND

DAT STORAGE BOUNDARY  
(Not Parcel Boundary)  
WAYS AND DRIVEWAYS  
(Refer to Civil Plans)  
ALK AND PATIO  
(Refer to Civil Plans)  
AND GATES  
1475 LF  
CAPE AREAS  
( drought-tolerant planting  
IG TREES TO REMAIN  
( Biological Report  
ED TREES TO REMAIN  
( Existing Tree Inventory  
TO REMOVE  
( Existing Tree Inventory  
DSED TREES  
( drought-tolerant trees  
NG AREAS  
( Provided  
(red per Section 22.30.430f)



- NOTES:
1. See Civil Plans for utility and easements.
  2. No structures on adjacent property within 100 feet of the project boundary.
  3. The project will remove trees and will plant at least 1:1 replacement per impacted tree. Impacted trees will be replaced with a 2:1 replacement ratio of 2:1 in-lieu fees, and/or be on-site remaining projects.
  4. Actual tree impacts are assessed during construction preparation and construction will not exceed the inventory in the Existing Tree Inventory.

**Issue 3 - Central Coast Community Power discloses “customer’s” personal information such as name, address, utility account numbers, and personal phone numbers.** As readers know, the new government agency Central Coast Community Energy (CCCE) is taking over electrical service for all the cities in SLO County except for Atascadero, which did not join on behalf of its citizens. The County fortunately did not force its residents in the unincorporated area to join. The switchover occurs January 1 2021.

Under the State law all PG&E customers in the 6 cities that did join will be automatically removed from PG&E and placed under CCCE. To opt out one must request an “opt out” form from CCCE and pay a \$5.00 fee. Shockingly, it turns out that one of our business friends requested a form in order to fill it out. Instead of a blank form, she received a completed form from someone else’s business.

**It discloses:**

Its owner's name and address

Its business's addresses (headquarters and multiple locations)

PG&E account numbers

Private telephone numbers

We will not disclose this private information here, but we have the evidence if any one official challenges this report.

How could this happen? Is there some systemic glitch in CCCE's office processing which could have had this happen to hundreds or even thousands of customers? Or did hundreds or even thousands of people get a copy of the completed form instead of a blank form?

**Issue 4 - San Luis Obispo Tribune guest hit man Tom Fulks is leading the progressive attack on District Attorney Dow, Sheriff Parkinson, and Assemblyman Cunningham.** The Tribune has posted a number of its own highly biased editorials also attacking these officials. The underlying inference is that Dow is too Christian and a racist and that Parkinson is insensitive and unlettered in racial discrimination matters. They write off Cunningham as an irrelevant back bencher whom they rebuke for questioning Governor Newsome's overreaching COVID lockdown orders and intrusion into matters that should be under the control of the Legislative branch of government.

Essentially the Tribune is taking the position that if you are a minority, young, and an activist you should receive "get of out jail free" cards. Since the Trib no longer has property in the city or county, they could care less if someone smashes windows, steals merchandise, lobs rocks at the cops, throws a Molotov cocktail through your window, or obstructs free passage on the public streets and sidewalks.

What happens the next time if the Police, Sheriff, and Highway Patrol simply stand back? If lawbreakers will no longer be prosecuted, what is the point? Why take a rock in the head, a kick to the groin, or a bucket of sulfuric acid to the eyes on behalf of a decadent, submissive, and ideological Mayor and City Council?

Here is the classic Saul Alinsky tactic. Pick your issue, pick your victim, isolate the victim, attack the victim, and bury the victim. Once that victim is gone, pick your next victim. No doubt the Tribune tirade is prefatory to supporting candidates in 2022 for all 3 offices. The use of race hustling by these white elitists is stale vintage progressive hypocrisy which goes back to the 1960s. It has been a growing pandemic since then and has resulted in the virtual destruction and abandonment of entire sections of many American cities where successive mayors, councils, police chiefs, district attorneys, and courts have surrendered the communities to gangs and criminals .

None of these virtue signaling behaviorist apologists would dare ride the subway alone late at night in the South Bronx, West Oakland, Compton, or South Chicago, let alone live there. They wouldn't even live on the Berkeley flats and walk to the bus on San Pablo Avenue. In fact their very presence here, snugly ensconced in heretofore-isolated San Luis Obispo, suggests they want no part of the urban revolution however it is characterized from decade to decade or now.

Similarly, they also refuse to do anything real for the homeless on a scale sufficient to make a meaningful impact on the problem. Where are the single room occupancy apartments, homeless RV campgrounds, and manufactured home parks? God forbid that they would promote zoning of any such facilities into the City, let alone the 3,500 sq. mile county.

The current architecture of land use in California and its localities is the most serious barrier to the ability of disadvantaged people of all races to have a home with adequate space, cleanliness, privacy, healthy environment, and close proximity to education and a job. What do the Sheriff and DA have to do with creating and preserving the mountain of barriers that condemn millions to overcrowding, huge rents, and poverty?

When will Fulks and the Tribune support the end of land rationing and other abuses which prevent the private sector from developing homes?

**They have signaled their intent to promote candidates who will undermine the community safety in the name of racist doctrine.**

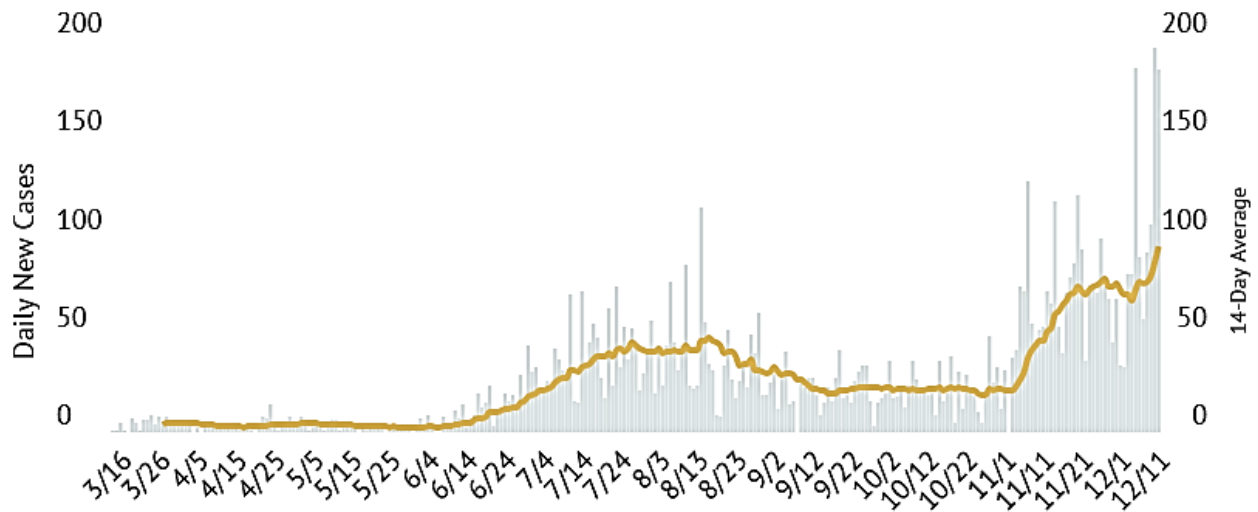
## LAST WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

### Board of Supervisors Meeting of Tuesday, September 15, 2020 (Completed)

**Public Comment System is a Failure:** The technology being used by the County for remote public testimony is clumsy and contains a huge lag for those citizens waiting to speak on the phone. Why not use ZOOM or equivalent like the Coastal Commission and the City of Grover Beach? Everyone can see each other, and it seems to be fully interactive temporally. The County spends tens of millions of dollars on communications and information technology each year. This thing should be whiz-bang. With Zoom, the public could simply log into the meeting and watch. When their turn comes up the Chair or technician could simply open up their mic and picture. The Coastal Commission also has a feature that shows the time left on the screen so that the speaker can see how they are doing.

**Item 1 - Update on COVID-19 in San Luis Obispo County, and consideration and discussion regarding 1) a letter to the Governor of California and 2) a healthy community's resolution.**

**Hospitalization Data as of December 11, 2020**



## Currently Hospitalized

23 (of whom 7 were in ICU)

During the discussion Supervisor Gibson reported that he had communicated with Supervisors from other counties. Apparently, there are a number which are requesting the State to rearrange the structure of the lockdown regions. He feels that this path is more productive than letters, lawsuits, and civil disobedience.

Supervisor Peschong made a plea to the Board to take more independent action. SLO County wineries are locked down, even though the activity is outside. Should the County rebel as the City of Paso Roble has and simply adopt the purple tier? The Supervisor stated that he had sent 5 letters to the Governor and has not received one response

### COVID-19 stay-at-home regions

*California's new stay-at-home orders are broken down by five regions based on ICU capacity within regional hospital networks. No region is under the order yet, but would be locked down if its ICU availability falls below 15%.*



Supervisor Ortiz-Legg called for a federally funded program to pay businesses which are required to be closed. She stated that other nations have adopted such assistance programs.

Supervisor Arnold proposed a Resolution somewhat critical of the State regulations. Supervisor Gibson objected to some of the resolved clauses, stating that it “was of limited perspective” and that portions lacked evidentiary backing. He further stated that it was really a political piece and gesture to a political base.

Supervisor Ortiz-Legg also objected. She did not like the tone.

Ultimately the Resolution passed 3/2 with Gibson and Ortiz-Legg dissenting.

**Item 13 - Submittal of a resolution continuing employee benefits related to the current declared emergency for COVID-19, by 4/5 vote.** The extension of the benefits was approved unanimously by the Board on the consent agenda. Its approval extends a provision which eliminates the cap on sick time for employees who may become infected. Other provisions pertain to vacation that employees have been unable to use because of severe work schedules demanded of some services during the COVID epidemic. Unfortunately, the item did not contain any statistics about how many employees have been infected, hospitalized, or quarantined.

Relatedly, the County either does not maintain statistics or does not disclose its lost time rate due to illness, workers comp, and AWOL. This is important data for the Board and public to understand basic attendance of the workforce, since a higher lost time rate means more overtime (with premium pay) and the need to hire more employees to fill the gaps. With nearly 3000 employees, a lost time rate of 5% would be the equivalent of losing the work of 150 full time employees over a year, or 312,000 hours, or about \$37,440,000. **Has COVID actually had any impact on this?**

**Item 22 - Submittal of a report on the implementation of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) efforts in eight local groundwater basins.** The report was received without question or comment on the consent agenda.

**Background:** The Board receives a detailed quarterly report on the status of compliance efforts required under SGMA. The details can be read at the link:

<https://agenda.slocounty.ca.gov/iip/sanluisobispo/file/getfile/128285>

It appears that the efforts are going forward on schedule and on budget. As we have been reporting over the past year, the Paso Basin Plan will take years to begin to be implemented.

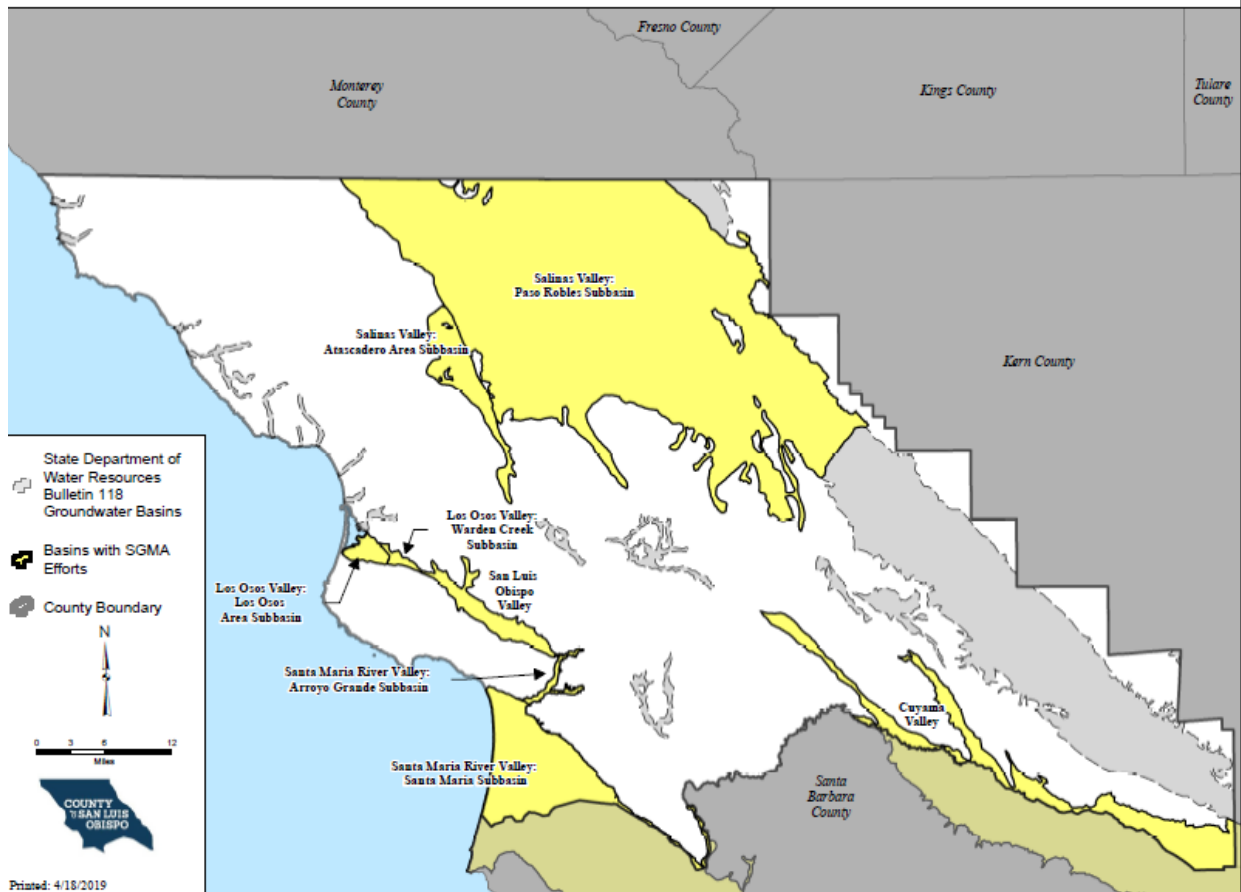
**Attachment 2  
FY 2020-21 Budget Status Update  
for SGMA Program**

as of 9/30/2020

The table below represents the County's SGMA Program FY 2020-21 Budget and expenditures by basin. Given the complexity of each basin's approach to funding the GSP development, this table does not attempt to depict the multi-year program costs or cost sharing/in-kind services contributed by partner agencies. See footnotes for other key elements of basin funding approaches.

Basin <sup>(2), (3)</sup>	GSP Development Phase Duration in Fiscal Years <sup>(4)</sup>	Current Fiscal Year Budget Status <sup>(1)</sup>			Total SGMA Costs to Date (7/1/17 - Current)
		FY 2020-21 Budget	FY 2020-21 Costs to Date	Remaining FY 2020-21 Budget	
SGMA Program		1,956,454.37		\$ 1,956,454.37	
Los Osos Basin & Warden Creek Basin	FY 17/18-21/22		\$ 17,524.62	\$ (17,524.62)	\$ 107,373.34
Cuyama Basin	FY 17/18-21/22		\$ 301.39	\$ (301.39)	\$ 70,195.18
Paso Robles Basin	FY 17/18-21/22		\$ 22,086.72	\$ (22,086.72)	\$ 1,071,749.53
San Luis Obispo Basin	FY 17/18-21/22		\$ 374.01	\$ (374.01)	\$ 893,680.79
Santa Maria Basin & Arroyo Grande Basin	FY 17/18-21/22		\$ 30.14	\$ (30.14)	\$ 47,701.47
Atascadero Basin	FY 17/18-21/22		\$ 572.63	\$ (572.63)	\$ 9,589.37
<b>County General Fund (GF) Contribution Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,956,454.37</b>	<b>\$ 40,889.51</b>	<b>\$ 1,915,564.86</b>	<b>\$ 2,200,289.68</b>
<b>General Fund Revenue:</b>					
Grants			\$ -		\$ 1,119,393.00
FCZG one-time (\$750,000) & Basin Partners			\$ 4,028.57		\$ 900,000.00
Total Revenue			\$ 4,028.57		\$ 2,019,393.00
Net General Fund			\$ 36,860.94		\$ 180,896.68
<b>Flood Control Zone General (FCZ) Contribution Total</b>			<b>\$ 212,380.13</b>		<b>\$ 3,946,457.54</b>
<b>SGMA Program Total (GF + FCZ)</b>			<b>\$ 249,241.07</b>		<b>\$ 4,127,354.22</b>

State Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 Groundwater Basins in San Luis Obispo County



**Item 23 - Request to approve an allocation award in the amount of \$392,218 of 2019 California Emergency Solutions and Homelessness (CESH) Grant funding to the Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo and its partner agencies for projects that assist persons experiencing or at-risk of homelessness in the County; and 2) reallocation of \$150,000 from the in 2018 CESH program funds for updating the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness, conducting equity analyses of homeless services, and strengthening coordinated entry services.** The item was approved unanimously without as much as a “whatsmattayou.”

**Background:** Over the years, millions of dollars in State, Federal, and local funding have been expended, yet the problem worsens each year. The summary of purposes for which the grant may be expended states:

*Rental assistance, housing relocation, and stabilization services to ensure housing affordability to individuals experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness.*

*Operating subsidies in the form of 15-year capitalized operating reserves for new and existing affordable permanent housing units for homeless individuals and/or families.*

*Flexible housing subsidy funds for local programs that establish or support the provision of rental subsidies in permanent housing to assist homeless individuals and families.*

- *Operating support for emergency housing interventions including, but not limited to, the following:*
  - o *Navigation centers that provide temporary room and board and case managers who work to connect homeless individuals and families to income, public benefits, health services, permanent housing, or other shelter.*
  - o *Street outreach services to connect unsheltered homeless individuals and families to temporary or permanent housing.*
  - o *Shelter diversion, including, but not limited to, homelessness prevention activities to connect individuals and families to alternate housing arrangements, services, and financial assistance.*
- *Systems support for activities necessary to maintain a comprehensive homeless services and housing delivery system, including Coordinated Entry System (CES) data, and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) reporting, and homelessness planning activities.*
- *Development or update of a CES, if the CoC does not have a system in place that meets the applicable HUD requirements.*
- *Development of a plan addressing actions to be taken within the CoC service area if no such plan exists. If an applicant requests funding to develop a plan, the applicant shall submit the plan to HCD prior to the expiration of the contract executed with HCD.*

There is no work program describing the actual services, quantities, velocity, or outcomes that the County expects CAPSLO to perform. At the end of the write-up the staff states:

#### **RESULTS**

*The funding will result in:*

- (1) At least 385 persons will be assisted with Coordinated Entry services.*
- (2) The County's Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness will be updated.*

This is much too vague and imprecise. The Board should have sent the item back for a rework. After all, the \$542,218 involved here came from the taxpayers. That's \$1,408 per homeless person "served" with "coordinated entry services." Entry services to what? How many unduplicated homeless people have already been "entered" and are currently being served? How many have "graduated" and no longer need service? How many of the county's estimated homeless people are already being served?

Moreover the County's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness was declared a failure several years ago. Why reinforce failure with a new one?

**Item 27 - Request to adopt a resolution authorizing and directing the County Health Officer, or her designee, to reduce annual application fees for certain health permits for Calendar Year 2021, extend the payment period, and prorate fees for certain businesses that provide notification of closure in response to COVID-19 during Calendar Year 2021.** The Board approved the item unanimously. There was no public comment.

When the Board adopted the fee increases for FY 2021-22, it directed the CAO to return with options for deferring and/or reducing County inspections and regulatory fees for businesses in the COVID hard hit sectors which are shut down and/or are operating at partial capacity. Now that the lockdown has been renewed, the situation is even more dire.

The write-up stated that the staff estimates that the reductions and deferrals will result in a \$253,000 budgetary shortfall. They further recommend that the amount be made up from general fund sources such as the property tax. This shift to the general fund did not bother them on the fee reduction to Snug Harbor outlined above.

1. First of all, and given the current worsening situation, the proposal is inadequate and under horsed.
2. If the staff has fewer businesses to regulate and many are shut down or only operating intermittently, would the County keep paying the staff? Certainly the restaurants, barbershops, bars, and other impacted businesses are not able to keep their staffs on board. Why does the County believe it is exempt and that it should not share the same burdens as its citizens? How about some rolling furloughs?

**Item - 28 Adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 8.13 of the San Luis Obispo County Code to extend the interim moratorium on the land application of treated sewage sludge/bio-solids to from March 31, 2021 to **March 31, 2026** or until adoption of a permanent ordinance, whichever occurs first.** This is a perennial controversy, which arises every few years as the County extends its ordinance regulating the spread of bio-solids on agricultural fields. There is a fairly detailed historical report, which can be read at the link:  
<https://agenda.slocounty.ca.gov/iip/sanluisobispo/file/getfile/128644>.

The current interim ordinance, which has been renewed over and over, seems to be working, and in fact the write-up indicates that no bio-solids are being spread on fields in SLO County at this time.

The recommendation was adopted and kicked the can down the road to 2026.

**Item 31 - Request to consider: 1) adoption of a resolution for the Los Osos Community Plan and the Los Osos Habitat Conservation Plan: approving an amendment to the Estero Area Plan – Los Osos Urban Area (“Los Osos Community Plan”); certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Los Osos Community Plan pursuant to CEQA based on the CEQA findings contained in this report; approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to allow mitigation activities; approve the form of the Los Osos Habitat Conservation Plan (LOHCP) and the Interim Adaptive Management and Monitoring Plan (IAMMP) and delegate authority to the Planning Director to execute final documents and accept amendments required by, and final terms and conditions of, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report.** The entire massive set of policies was approved unanimously after a very short question and deliberation period. The public comment was lengthy and mostly opposed, due to the residents’ fear of new development negatively impacting the water supply and seawater intrusion.

As the updated Plan and related supporting plans are in District 2, Supervisor Gibson took the lead in proposing approval. He was fairly succinct and defended the process as inclusive and highly rigorous. Something called the Basin Water Management Plan, which has several phases, will have to be adopted before any new development can actually be approved.



The County staff has been working on the Plan update, Habitat Conservation Plan, and other related documents including a phased Basin Water Management Plan, spreading the cost of water to new development, and numerous other obstacles.

**Background:**

1. Many residents are worried about water supply and do not want new development approved. Even with the new plan and the new \$200 million sewer treatment plan, it is not clear that any new development will be allowed.
2. Conversely, there are property owners who have been waiting for decades to build their home or sell a lot. There are tragic cases where the older couples died before they could ever get a permit.

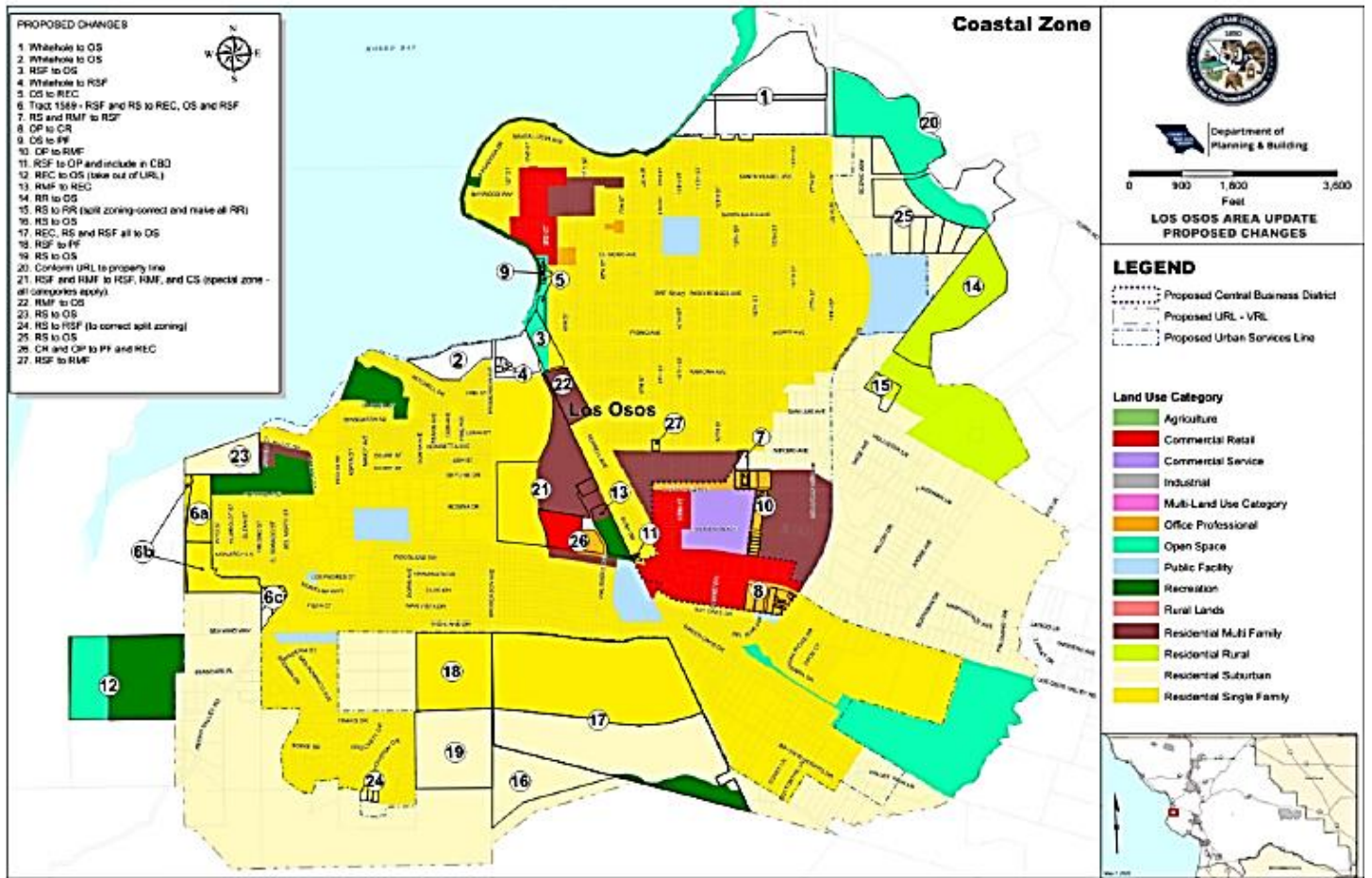
After a number of sessions, the Planning Commission recommended the Plan to the Board of Supervisor. The essential result is expressed in the table below:

**Table 1: Residential and Population Buildout Summary**

	Existing	Buildout Capacity	Potential Increase
<b>Dwelling Units</b>			
<i>Single-Family</i>	5,426	6,487	1,061
<i>Multi-Family</i>	895	1,695	800
<b>Total Dwelling Units</b>	<b>6,321</b>	<b>8,182</b>	<b>1,861</b>
<b>Population</b>	<b>13,906</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>4,094</b>

## Buildout – Non-residential

<b>Non-Residential Buildout Summary (in square feet)</b>			
<b>Land Use Category</b>	Existing	Buildout Capacity	Potential Increase
<b>Commercial Retail</b>	439,200	668,100	228,900
<b>Commercial Service</b>	221,100	284,600	63,600
<b>Office and Professional</b>	10,100	61,600	51,500
<b>Recreation</b>	0	10,000	10,000
<b>Public Facility/ Recreation</b>	0	10,000	10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>670,300</b>	<b>1,034,300</b>	<b>364,000</b>



## LOHCP Background

- Required by the LOWWP Condition #92
- Draft LOHCP and Environmental Impact Report released in October 2019 for a 45-day public review period
- Identifies Covered Activities
- Identifies Covered Species
  - Morro shoulderband snail
  - Morro Bay kangaroo rat
  - Morro manzanita
  - Indianknob mountainbalm

Hope that none of these guys are on or near your property

## Was it Worth It?

Supervisor Peschong asked how much the Plan cost over its 9-year project lifespan. Staff checked and responded that it was \$1.5 million for staff and consultants. This seems impossible, given 9 years of

work. It is not clear if that the cost number includes the required subsidiary plans such as the Habitat Conservation Plan, Adaptive Management Plan, and other documents and studies.

**Item 32 - Hearing to consider an ordinance amending Section 23.08.165 of Title 23 of the San Luis Obispo County Code, the Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance, to establish residential vacation rentals standards for the community of Los Osos. Exempt from CEQA.** The Board supported by the Planning Commission recommendation that the Board limit the number of short-term vacation rentals in Los Osos to 51 out of 5500 existing dwelling units. These would sunset upon transfer of the property.

### **Planning Commission Supported Regulations**

- Require a 500-foot buffer between new residential vacation rentals and existing residential vacation rentals and other lodging uses.
- Allow new residential vacation rentals to only be established in single-family dwellings.
- Require applicants to obtain Minor Use Permits to establish residential vacation rentals.

### **Planning Commission Supported Regulations (continued)**

- Limit the number of residential vacation rentals to a maximum of 55 (one percent of the number of existing single-family dwellings within the community).
- Establish that approvals of new residential vacation rentals be voided upon the transfer of property ownership.
- Limit residential vacation rental ownership to one per entity.

Here we have the government instead of the market deciding which group of people receives preference. In this case it is said to be long-term renters. However, it could be any class or group that the government chooses to benefit. The proponents argue that short-term rentals displace family rentals and prevent schoolteachers from renting. The government could just as well forbid property owners from renting to anyone above a certain income. It could require that persons from protected classes be given preference. This is just another brick in the socialist wall.

**Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Meeting of Thursday, December 27, 2020 (Cancelled)**

**Please be advised that the December 17, 2020, meeting of the LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO) has been canceled.** The next LAFCO meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2020.

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## SERF STATE, USA BY JON COUPAL

Huntington Beach was awarded the official title of “Surf City” by the U.S. Patent and Trade Office in 2006 based on its historical beach culture, music and active outdoor lifestyle. A great case could also be made to have the entirety of California designated as the “Serf State” based on its excessive taxation, burdensome regulations and poor government services.

Serfdom generally refers to the economic and legal systems in which a tenant farmer was bound to a hereditary plot of land and to the will of his feudal lord. For example, serfs in medieval Europe obtained their subsistence by working land that was owned by a “noble.”

“The Road to Serfdom,” written in the early 1940s by Austrian-British economist and philosopher Friedrich Hayek, remains one of the most influential works on free market capitalism. Indeed, many of today’s economic libertarians are known as adherents to the Austrian School of economic theory. This is distinguished from Keynesians who advocate for centralized control of the economy by “experts,” usually employed by government.

Hayek contended that Marxism or its slightly less poisonous variant, socialism, leads to poverty, oppression and loss of basic human liberties.

So, cutting to the chase, is excessive taxation a form of “involuntary servitude” (a phrase that actually appears in the U.S. Constitution) or at least serfdom? Of course, “excessive” taxation should not be construed to mean all taxation.

A level of taxation that is confiscatory can no longer be called civilized.

There is little doubt that California’s tax burden is rapidly closing in on a confiscatory level, if it isn’t there already.

Our state has the highest income tax rate in America, the highest state sales tax and the highest gas tax.

Even with Proposition 13 we remain in the top half of all states in property tax collections per capita.

Regrettably, California’s elected leaders care little about the tax burden that citizens and businesses are forced to pay and continue to pursue destructive tax policies.

Nothing makes this more clear than a proposal from Assemblyman Rob Bonta, D-Oakland, to impose a first-in-the-nation state wealth tax. His Assembly Bill 2088 died in the last session but he has promised to resurrect it in January.

Supported by public-sector labor organizations, the wealth tax would target California’s wealthiest citizens. It would impose a tax on a resident’s net worth, rather than on income or consumption.

Finally, the bill would attempt to extract the tax from residents who move out of the state for a decade. In short, this provision of the proposal would impose a tax on leaving California.

Here is where the analogy to serfdom is most fitting. Serfs had little opportunity to improve their lives or to leave the land to which they were bound. Bonta’s bill is an attempt to prevent Californians from escaping to lands more free — as millions have already.

The good news here is that Bonta’s “exit tax” is patently unconstitutional and everyone knows it.

The bad news is that, even if the proposal never gains serious traction, it still serves as a harsh reminder to the rest of the nation of how unhinged the previously Golden State has become.

Last week, Hewlett-Packard, one of the earliest tech companies founded in Silicon Valley, announced it was moving its headquarters to Houston, Texas.

Capital flight out of California is accelerating, as is the outmigration of productive citizens who have wisely decided that they will no longer be serfs to the political class who eat the bread made by others.

*Jon Coupal is president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. This article first appeared in multiple publications on December 14, 2020.*

## **LIBERAL PRESS INTENSIFIES WAR ON SUBURBS**

*Suburbs are not racist. They are not ecologically unsustainable. They are beautiful, and we need more of them.*

**BY EDWARD RING**

While conservatives routinely, and accurately, characterize the establishment media in America as being profoundly biased both against President Trump and, more significantly, biased against everything that is even slightly right-of-center, they don't generally consume this media. Because it is inescapable, they'll see an example of liberal media bias here and there, find it frustrating, and move on to One America News or the *Epoch Times*, or their favorite conservatives on Twitter.

This is a mistake. The major networks and the major newspapers don't just relentlessly poke at President Trump, they reinforce—also relentlessly—every piety and supposed axiom and premise of leftist ideology. Right-of-center people need to be aware of this and understand how it works.

Another powerful example of media bias is found in America's major cultural magazines: *The New Yorker*, *Vanity Fair*, *The Atlantic*, and *New York* magazine. Now routinely including feature-length articles on every conceivable public policy issue, these magazines hammer away, establishing certain truths as “beyond debate” where, in reality, there needs to be impassioned debate. The cumulative impact of these articles is a leftist intelligentsia in America that is increasingly closed-minded about an expanding array of issues.

### **“Suburbs” as Code**

A recent article in *New York* exemplifies the degree to which partisan propaganda has replaced impartial analysis about what is a deceptively mundane issue. In the article's subtitle in the print edition, “[The System—Segregation and the suburbs](#),” the reader is already subjected to an editorial opinion. The implication is suburbs are inherently racist and unjustifiably segregated.

The cover photograph, of an elderly white man using a gasoline powered mower to cut his front lawn, adds additional context designed to subconsciously reinforce a political message: Old privileged white people live in suburbs, burning fossil fuel to mow their water-wasting lawns. The already indoctrinated will infer even more from this photograph: Who does this old man think he is? What does he contribute? Why is his life so comfortable when so many people are in need? How can we correct this injustice?

Writer Zak Cheney-Rice leads off by stating, “To really understand the suburbs as imagined by Donald Trump and Joe Biden, you first have to understand that neither of them is really talking about the suburbs. They are talking about segregation.” Got that? “Suburbs” is code for “segregation.”

Cheney-Rice goes on to claim that late in Trump's campaign, the president fell back on appeals to racist suburbanites because he'd failed on the big issue which was to contain the COVID-19 pandemic. Through his article, Cheney-Rice recites arguments that are no longer questioned in polite company: suburbs equate to “white housing exclusivity,” the origins of suburbs were “white flight,” suburbs are a sanitized way to achieve racial segregation, and in turn, segregation is “a means of resource accumulation and protection.”

Most of what Cheney-Rice argues, however, falls short when compared to facts and history.

To support his arguments regarding white flight and intentional segregation, Cheney-Rice has to reach back to the early 1960s. Nobody disputes that segregation was a reality back then, but “back then” was *60 years ago*. The author uses Atlanta as a case study in white flight and segregated suburbs, but admits a few paragraphs later that Atlanta’s suburbs are now largely integrated.

And what about California’s suburbs? Most of them were built to accommodate new residents, as California’s population exploded during the 1960s and 1970s. Suburbs in California and throughout the American West were built because people liked living in detached homes with yards, and had absolutely nothing to do with “white flight.”

### **Big Progressive Lies**

The problem with articles that perpetuate the myth that suburbs are inherently racist is that it can be used to justify extreme solutions that are ultimately counterproductive. As Trump repeatedly pointed out in his remarks on America’s suburbs, overall, they are already over one-third populated by ethnic minorities. And while the media never reported it honestly, Trump would always go on to say how everyone living in suburbs, including ethnic minorities, worked hard to achieve that lifestyle, and *none* of them want to see their quality of life destroyed.

The progressive war on suburbs is one of the biggest issues of our time because this war relies on two big lies—that suburbs are racist and that suburbs are ecologically unsustainable. By accepting these lies, we will not only lose our suburbs, we will lose, in all facets of our lives, our property rights, our prosperity, and our incentive to work and achieve.

Cheney-Rice is correct that not one, but two generations ago, there were still parts of America where institutionalized segregation existed. But what Cheney-Rice and like-minded progressives cite as evidence of racism today is disproportionate outcomes, which they fail to attribute to other causes such as broken homes, corrupt elected officials, public schools ruined by the teachers’ unions, and an overall culture—encouraged by the mainstream media—that devalues education and disrespects law and order. It is perfectly normal for anyone, white or black, to move out of low-income neighborhoods as soon as they can afford to do it. It has nothing to do with racism.

To be clear: Cheney-Rice, writing for *New York*, is only one voice in a coordinated media assault on suburbs. Here are just a few recent examples from [The Atlantic](#), [New York Times](#), [Washington Post](#), [Chicago Tribune](#), [Los Angeles Times](#), [Detroit News](#), [Baltimore Sun](#), [NBC](#), [Associated Press](#), [Bloomberg](#), and [Time](#). It’s a bottomless pit of endless content, with one message: destroy the suburbs. If you object, you’re a racist.

The solutions that progressives are offering, especially when combined with the requirements of environmentalists, spell certain destruction for the suburbs. Basing their urban planning on the antiracist principle of “inclusion,” progressives intend to mandate subsidized housing in every suburb in America. In practice, this means that households where both parents work full time to have enough money to pay their mortgage and take care of their children, will find themselves with neighbors who don’t work, don’t have to get up early in the morning or quiet down and sleep at night, and who don’t have the same care of ownership for their homes.

### **Who Will Bear the Costs?**

How much reasoning does it take, how many psychological studies, how many examples from history are necessary to convince progressives that when people *don't* have to work for what they have, they don't value their possessions with the same care as those who *do* have to work for everything they've got?

“Inclusive” zoning, designed to sprinkle subsidized housing through America's suburbs, is a form of Communism. It has nothing to do with race. The question should not be, “are you a racist, or not?” The question should be “are you a Communist, or not?”

To pile on the misery that forced “desegregation” would impose on hard working suburbanites of *all* races, environmentalists have declared suburbs to be ecologically unsustainable. Consequently, they believe we cannot have any more of them. “Urban containment” is their mantra. This, too, does not get the attention it deserves from conservatives.

America's population is [projected to increase](#) from just over 330 million today to more than 400 million by 2060. If the environmentalists have their way, all of that population growth will occur [within the footprint of existing cities](#). Already, in a series of progressive/environmentalist legislation and ordinances passed at the state and regional levels, and spreading around the nation, officials are changing zoning laws to allow multi-family dwellings in neighborhoods that are currently single-family homes.

At this point, the role of libertarian enablers should be mentioned. Libertarians have an argument—not strong, but at least plausible—that owners of single-family homes should be able to do whatever they want with their property. This flies in the face of the zoning laws that everyone living in a neighborhood relied on when they invested their lifetime earnings into home ownership, but libertarians are purists.

How libertarians might adapt more productively to the conversation over urban planning is to *first* defend the right of owners of open land to develop their properties to build *new* suburbs, and then, and *only then*, defend the right of homeowners in existing suburbs to rezone their properties.

In any case, libertarians are not the enemy. They're just confused. The real enemy is the Communists, hiding behind overblown, distorted ideals of anti-racism and environmental protection. And as these Communists destroy America's suburbs, rest assured it won't be the wealthy enclaves of rich liberal idealists that end up with subsidized apartment houses plopped next to mansions with spacious lots and manicured lawns. Those people can afford to litigate. As usual, it will be the hardest working Americans, the middle class of all colors, who will pay the price for progressive idiocy.

It is nearly impossible to counter adequately the agenda-driven misinformation that comes out of America's establishment media, but their war on suburbs is a war that must be fought. Suburbs are not racist. They are not ecologically unsustainable. They are beautiful, and we need more of them.

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# NO PRIVACY, NO PROPERTY: THE WORLD IN 2030 ACCORDING TO THE WEF

BY ANTONY P. MUELLER

The World Economic Forum (WEF) was founded fifty years ago. It has gained more and more prominence over the decades and has become one of the leading platforms of futuristic thinking and planning. As a meeting place of the global elite, the WEF brings together the leaders in business and politics along with a few selected intellectuals. The main thrust of the forum is global control. Free markets and individual choice do not stand as the top values, but state interventionism and collectivism. Individual liberty and private property are to disappear from this planet until 2030 according to the projections and scenarios coming from the World Economic Forum.



## Eight Predictions

Individual liberty is at risk again. What may lie ahead was projected in November 2016 when the WEF published “[8 Predictions for the World in 2030](#).” According to the WEF’s scenario, the world will become quite a different place from now because how people work and live will undergo a profound change. The scenario for the world 2030 is more than just a forecast. It is a plan whose implementation has accelerated drastically since with the announcement of a pandemic and the consequent lockdowns.

According to the [projections](#) of the WEF’s “Global Future Councils,” private property and privacy will be abolished during the next decade. The coming expropriation would go further than even the communist demand to abolish the property of production goods but leave space for private possessions. The WEF projection says that consumer goods, too, would be no longer private property.

If the WEF projection should come true, people would have to rent and borrow their necessities from the state, which would be the sole proprietor of all goods. The supply of goods would be rationed in line with a social credit points system. Shopping in the traditional sense would disappear along with the private purchases of goods. Every personal move would be tracked electronically, and all production would be subject to the requirements of clean energy and a sustainable environment.

In order to attain “sustainable agriculture,” the food supply will be mainly vegetarian. In the new totalitarian service economy, the government will provide basic accommodation, food, and transport, while the rest must be lent from the state. The use of natural resources will be brought down to its minimum. In cooperation with the few key countries, a global agency would set the price of [CO<sub>2</sub> emissions](#) at an extremely high level to disincentivize its use.

In a promotional [video](#), the World Economic Forum summarizes the eight predictions in the following statements:

1. People will own nothing. Goods are either free of charge or must be lent from the state.

2. The United States will no longer be the leading superpower, but a handful of countries will dominate.
3. Organs will not be transplanted but printed.
4. Meat consumption will be minimized.
5. Massive displacement of people will take place with billions of refugees.
6. To limit the emission of carbon dioxide, a global price will be set at an exorbitant level.
7. People can prepare to go to Mars and start a journey to find alien life.
8. Western values will be tested to the breaking point..

## Beyond Privacy and Property

In a publication for the World Economic Forum, the Danish ecoactivist [Ida Auken](#) who had served as her country's minister of the environment from 2011 to 2014 and still is a member of the Danish Parliament (the Folketing) as elaborated a scenario of a world without privacy or property.

In "[Welcome to 2030](#)," she envisions a world where "I own nothing, have no privacy, and life has never been better." By 2030, so says her scenario, shopping and owning have become obsolete, because everything that once was a product is now a service.

In this idyllic new world of hers, people have free access to transportation, accommodation, food, "and all the things we need in our daily lives." As these things will become free of charge, "it ended up not making sense for us to own much." There would be no private ownership in houses nor would anyone pay rent, "because someone else is using our free space whenever we do not need it." A person's living room, for example, will be used for business meetings when one is absent. Concerns like "lifestyle diseases, climate change, the refugee crisis, environmental degradation, completely congested cities, water pollution, air pollution, social unrest and unemployment" are things of the past. The author predicts that people will be happy to enjoy such a good life that is so much better "than the path we were on, where it became so clear that we could not continue with the same model of growth."

## Ecological Paradise

In her 2019 contribution to the [Annual Meeting of the Global Future Councils](#) of the World Economic Forum, Ida Auken foretells how the world may look in the future "[if we win the war on climate change](#)." By 2030, when CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will be greatly reduced, people will live in a world where meet on the dinner plate "will be a rare sight" while water and the air will be much cleaner than today. Because of the shift from buying goods to using services, the need to have money will vanish, because people will spend less and less on goods. Work time will shrink and leisure time will grow.

For the future, Auken envisions a city where electric cars have substituted conventional combustion vehicles. Most of the roads and parking spaces will have become green parks and walking zones for pedestrians. By 2030, agriculture will offer mainly plant-based alternatives to the food supply instead of meat and dairy products. The use of land to produce animal feed will greatly diminish and nature will be spreading across the globe again.

## Fabricating Social Consent

How can people be brought to accept such a system? The bait to entice the masses is the assurances of comprehensive healthcare and a guaranteed basic income. The promoters of the Great Reset promise a world without diseases. Due to biotechnologically produced organs and individualized genetics-based medical treatments, a drastically increased life expectancy and even [immortality](#) are said to be possible. [Artificial intelligence](#) will eradicate death and [eliminate](#) disease and mortality. The race is on among biotechnological companies to find the [key](#) to eternal life.

Along with the promise of turning any ordinary person into a godlike superman, the promise of a “[universal basic income](#)” is highly attractive, particularly to those who will no longer find a job in the new digital economy. Obtaining a basic income without having to go through the treadmill and disgrace of applying for social assistance is used as a bait to get the support of the poor.

To make it economically viable, the guarantee of a basic income would require the [leveling](#) of wage differences. The technical procedures of the money transfer from the state will be used to promote the cashless society. With the digitization of all monetary transactions, each individual purchase will be registered. As a consequence, the governmental authorities would have unrestricted access to supervise in detail how individual persons spend their money. A universal basic income in a cashless society would provide the conditions to impose a social credit system and deliver the mechanism to sanction undesirable behavior and identify the [superfluous and unwanted](#).

## Who Will Be the Rulers?

The World Economic Forum is silent about the question of who will rule in this new world.

There is no reason to expect that the new power holders would be benevolent. Yet even if the top decision-makers of the new world government were not mean but just technocrats, what reason would an administrative technocracy have to go on with the [undesirables](#)? What sense does it make for a technocratic elite to turn the common man into a superman? Why share the benefits of artificial intelligence with the masses and not keep the wealth for the chosen few?

Not being swayed away by the utopian promises, a sober assessment of the plans must come to the conclusion that in this new world, there would be no place for the average person and that they would be [put away](#) along with the “unemployable,” “feeble minded,” and “ill bred.” Behind the preaching of the progressive gospel of social justice by the promoters of the [Great Reset](#) and the establishment of a [new world order](#) lurks the sinister project of [eugenics](#), which as a technique is now called “[genetic engineering](#)” and as a movement is named “[transhumanism](#),” a term was coined by [Julian Huxley](#), the first director of the [UNESCO](#).

The promoters of the project keep silent about who will be the rulers in this new world. The dystopian and collectivist nature of these projections and plans is the result of the rejection of free capitalism. Establishing a better world through a dictatorship is a contradiction in terms. Not less but more economic prosperity is the answer to the current problems. Therefore, we need more free markets and less state planning. The world is getting [greener](#) and a fall in the growth rate of the world population is already [underway](#). These trends are the natural consequence of wealth creation through free markets.

## Conclusion

The World Economic Forum and its related institutions in combination with a handful of governments and a few high-tech companies want to lead the world into a new era without property or privacy. Values like individualism, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are at stake, to be repudiated in favor of collectivism and the imposition of a “common good” that is defined by the self-proclaimed elite of technocrats. What is sold to the public as the promise of equality and ecological sustainability is in fact a brutal assault on human dignity and liberty. Instead of using the new technologies as an instrument of betterment, the Great Reset seeks to use the technological possibilities as a tool of enslavement. In this new world order, the state is the single owner of everything. It is left to our imagination to figure out who will program the algorithms that manage the distribution of the goods and services.

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Donations/Contributions do not require membership though it is encouraged in order to provide updates and information.  
Memberships and donation will be kept confidential if that is your preference.  
Confidential Donation/Contribution/Membership

### PAYMENT METHOD:

Check  Visa  MasterCard  Discover  Amex NOT accepted.

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

TODAY'S DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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