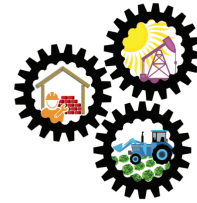




**WEEKLY UPDATE**  
**JUNE 6 - 12, 2021**

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## **THIS WEEK**

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

**SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ITEMS FOR JUNE 14TH  
SPECIAL PAY AND WORK RULES RELATED TO COVID FUNDING  
PENSION RATES TO INCREASE - BOARD HAS NO CHOICE  
COVID LOW AND STABLE SO FAR  
EXTENSION OF THE COUNTY'S HOUSING GROWTH LIMITS – WHY?**

**EXEC SESSION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL ON OCEANO DUNES  
LAWSUITS**

**THIS DISCUSSION SHOULD BE IN OPEN SESSION – WILL THE BOARD  
FIGHT THE COASTAL COMMISSION?**

**SEPTIC SYSTEM PATRONAGE – AND YOUR BIG NEW COSTS**

### **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

**COASTAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PERMANENT PLAN & EXPANSION  
MORRO SHORES MOBIL HOME PARK EXPANSION & AMENITIES**

### **IWMA – SAVE YOUR FISH GUTS**

**MAJOR NEW WET GARBAGE MANDATE READY TO HIT YOU  
GOVERNING DOCUMENTS TO BE UPDATED TO ALLOW NEW REGULATIONS  
IWMA IS CONTRACTING WITH MOVIE THEATERS TO SHOW TRAINING VIDEOS  
(HOWTO KEEP YOUR WET GARBAGE LONGER/OR EAT MORE)  
WILTED LETTUCE & COFFEE GROUNDS CAN BE USED MORE THAN ONCE**

## **LAST WEEK**

### **NO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

**SLOCOG PUSHES “EQUITY” TRAINING  
ISSUE WILL BE BACK ON AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup> / ARE ROADS RACIST?  
NEWSOME'S “TRANSPORTATION” FUNDING PLAN**

**PENSION RATES TO INCREASE  
UNFUNDED LIABILITY RISES**

**COLAB IN DEPTH  
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**THE WORST-KEPT SECRET IN AMERICA:  
HIGH INFLATION IS BACK  
BY MARK HENDRICKSON**

**THE NEW REGRESSIVE DARK AGES**

*Arrogance, wealth, and received authority are always the super-spreaders and force-multipliers of false knowledge, and none more so than in the present age.*  
**BY VICTOR DAVIS HANSON**

**THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS**

**Board of Supervisors Meeting of Tuesday, June 8, 2021 (Scheduled)**

**Item 3 - Supplemental Budget Information.** This is primarily a housekeeping item that updates estimates which have changed since submission of the Proposed FY 2021-22 Budget last month. The Board will begin its Budget review on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 9:00 AM. We will incorporate the relevant information in next week's Update. For those who would like to take a look at the schedule and the departments' requests for more funding and staffing than is included in the proposed Budget, please go to the link:  
[133444 \(ca.gov\)](https://133444.ca.gov)

**Compensation Items - In General:** Items 16 and 17 contain a complex Bundle of Employee Work Rule and Compensation Benefit Improvements, which are required by the 2 COVID related Federal Stimulus Laws, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

**Item 16 - Submittal of a resolution to establish an employer-paid cafeteria contribution for eligible temporary employees in Bargaining Unit (BU) 00 to comply with the employer mandate of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).**

**Item 17 - Submittal of two resolutions affecting employee hours and benefits related to the current declared emergency for COVID-19: 1) one resolution ratifying the additional leave provisions pursuant to SB95 and the American Rescue Plan Act, by 4/5 vote; and 2) a separate resolution approving A) the continuation of the voluntary schedule reduction program beyond FY 2020-21 and delegating authority to the County Administrative Office and Human Resources Director to continue, end, or reinstate this program, B) approving the reinstatement of the annual 960-hour cap on working hours for most temporary employees and granting the County Administrative Officer the authority to approve temporary employees to work above that cap based on department need, and C) terminating the temporary COVID-19 Catastrophic Leave program effective June 30, 2021, by 4/5 vote.**

Take a look at the Board letter for **Item 16** to understand the Gordian knot of the regulatory impact of these Federal assistance programs at the link:

[133170 \(ca.gov\)](https://www.ca.gov)

**Item 18 - Submittal of a resolution approving A) increases in employee-paid pension contribution rates and County-paid pension contribution rates based on both the January 1, 2020, Actuarial Valuation report and related recommendations and applicable memoranda of understanding and B) amendments to the San Luis Obispo County Employees Retirement Plan appendices.** This is being slid through on the consent calendar. It should be a regular Board business item and should be discussed by the Board members. They are the ones who agreed to the contract provisions with the employee unions and which underlie the ever escalating costs. Over all, the rates will increase for the table below:

San Luis Obispo Pension Trust-Rate Increases for Alternate Implementation Dates							
	Total Charged Rates at 12/31/2019	2020 Val.		January 1, 2021		July 1, 2021	
		Total ADC	Rate Change	Total ADC	Rate Change	Total ADC	Rate Change
<b>ALL CATEGORIES</b>	44.32%	47.92%	3.60%	48.30%	3.98%	48.45%	4.13%
All Miscellaneous	41.84%	45.25%	3.41%	45.61%	3.77%	45.75%	3.91%
All Probation	45.19%	49.85%	4.66%	50.25%	5.06%	50.40%	5.21%
All Safety	58.56%	62.96%	4.40%	63.46%	4.90%	63.66%	5.10%

Total Charged Rates at 12/31/2019 (plus 2.68% increase effective 7/1/2020)

The Total ADC is composed of a blended ER appropriation plus a distinct EE rate based on the individual normal cost of each member

As we noted 2 weeks ago, the pension contribution rates paid by both the County and the employees is going up. The staff report is inadequate, in that while it does indicate the amount of the increase in contributions (\$5,634, 000), it does not indicate the current cost. Thus neither the Board nor the lay reader will have any idea about the relative magnitude or fiscal impact of the legally required increase.

Per the 2020 Actuarial Report, the County (the taxpayers) paid \$48, 957 564 and the employees paid \$ 32, 983, 211 for a total of \$81, 940, 775.

The County's share of the cost is going up by the \$5.6 million, as noted above. Thus, its total cost in FY 2021-22 would be about \$54,557,564.

It is not clear if the \$5.6 million is included in the Proposed Budget. Per the table below, salaries and benefits will rise by \$21,521,220 from the current year to the new Budget year. If the \$5.6 million is included, it means that the actual salary costs and some other benefits will rise \$15,922,220. With about 2,800 employees, that means an average raise of \$5,686, per year.

Description	2018-19 Actual	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Final	2021-22 Recommended
<b>Financing Sources</b>				
<b>Uses of Financing by Type</b>				
Salary & Benefits	291,782,613	307,285,080	321,304,541	342,825,761
Services & Supplies	186,045,716	201,164,873	216,897,950	219,499,571
Other Charges	101,469,538	109,704,017	101,199,956	102,996,506
Fixed Assets	24,689,409	31,680,223	18,475,845	21,251,283
Transfers	(26,929,335)	(31,785,971)	(35,352,278)	(37,262,222)
Increases to Reserves/Designations	0*	0*	28,864,701	15,302,572
Increases/(decreases) to Fund Balance	17,032,302	33,264,954	0	0
Contingencies	0*	0*	28,035,891	28,723,663
*use of reserves and designations and contingencies are included in individual financing types				
<b>Total Financing by Type</b>	<b>594,090,243</b>	<b>651,313,175</b>	<b>679,426,606</b>	<b>693,337,133</b>

In any case, the employee costs increase relentlessly. It is only a matter of time until the current model of operating local governments will collapse. Otherwise, more tax increases will be required to sustain the system.

### Funding Progress Indicators Historic Comparison

Valuation Date	Valuation Assets <sup>1</sup>	Actuarial Liability <sup>1</sup>	Funded Ratio	Unfunded Actuarial Liability	Member Payroll	Ratio to Payroll
12/31/2010	\$1,000,169	\$1,282,058	78.0%	\$281,889	\$161,783	174.2%
12/31/2011	1,057,922	1,334,545	79.3%	276,623	161,055	171.8%
12/31/2011 <sup>2,3</sup>	1,057,922	1,378,549	76.7%	320,627	161,055	199.1%
12/31/2012 <sup>3</sup>	1,122,151	1,468,001	76.4%	345,850	164,299	210.5%
12/31/2013 <sup>4</sup>	1,182,924	1,518,751	77.9%	335,827	164,704	203.9%
12/31/2014	1,231,474	1,605,591	76.7%	374,117	167,695	223.1%
12/31/2015	1,248,328	1,686,497	74.0%	438,169	177,004	247.5%
12/31/2015 <sup>2</sup>	1,248,328	1,749,342	71.4%	501,014	177,004	283.1%
12/31/2016	1,268,405	1,827,342	69.4%	558,937	185,020	302.1%
12/31/2017	1,328,750	1,937,173	68.6%	608,423	196,848	309.1%
12/31/2017 <sup>2</sup>	1,328,750	1,945,681	68.3%	616,930	196,848	313.4%
12/31/2018	1,362,562	2,029,929	67.1%	667,368	200,537	332.8%
12/31/2019	1,416,763	2,116,700	66.9%	699,938	205,694	340.3%
12/31/2019 <sup>2</sup>	1,416,763	2,170,071	65.3%	753,309	205,694	366.2%

The assets increased by \$400 million. The liability increased by \$1 billion.

As noted in the table below, the County (You, the tax payer) pays for most of the increased contribution cost.

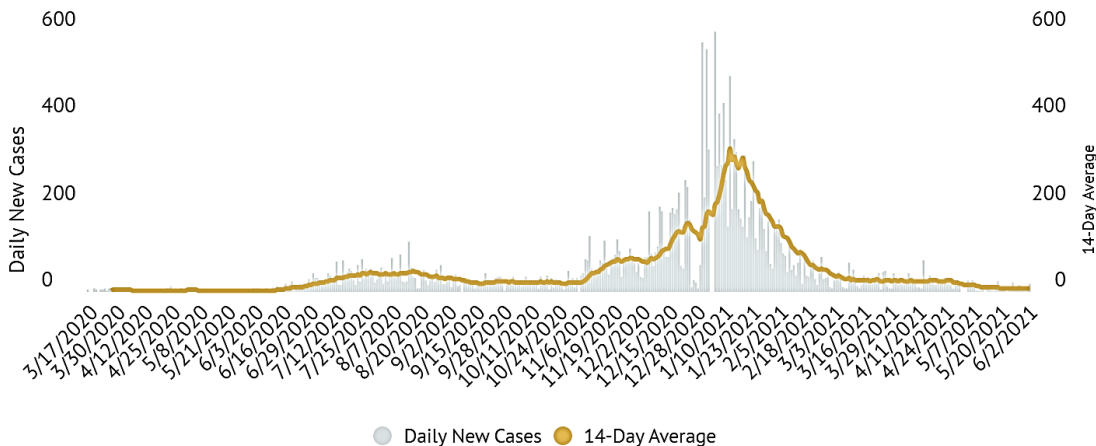
Employee Association	Bargaining Unit (BU) and Description	Full Pension Rate Increase	Employee Share of Increase	County Share of Increase
District Attorney Investigators Association (DAIA)	BU06, District Attorney Investigators' Unit and District Attorney Investigators' Supervisory Unit	All Tiers: 5.10%	All Tiers: 0.69%	All Tiers: 4.41%
Deputy County Counsel Association (DCCA)	BU12, Deputy County Counsel Attorneys	All Tiers: 3.91%	All Tiers: 0.46%	All Tiers: 3.45%
Deputy Sheriffs' Association (DSA)	BU03, Law Enforcement Unit BU14, Supervisory Law Enforcement Unit BU21, Non-Safety Law Enforcement Unit BU22, Dispatcher Unit	All Tiers: 5.10% (Safety) 3.91% (Misc.)	All Tiers: 1.00% (Safety) 1.00% (Misc.)	All Tiers: 4.10% (Safety) 2.91% (Misc.)

Sworn Deputy Sheriffs Association (SDSA)	BU27, Sworn Law Enforcement Unit BU28, Sworn Law Enforcement Supervisory Unit	All Tiers: 5.10%	All Tiers: 1.00%	All Tiers: 4.10%
San Luis Obispo County Employees' Association (SLOCEA) "Big Unit"	BU01, Public Services Unit BU05, Supervisory Unit BU13, Clerical Unit	All Tiers: 3.91%	All Tiers: 0.46%	All Tiers: 3.45%
San Luis Obispo County Employees' Association (SLOCEA) "Trades Unit"	BU02, Trades, Crafts, and Services Unit	All Tiers: 3.91%	All Tiers: 0.46%	All Tiers: 3.45%

San Luis Obispo County Probation Peace Officers' Association (SLOCPPOA)	BU31, Probation Unit BU32, Probation Supervisory Unit	All Tiers: 5.21%	All Tiers: 2.60%	All Tiers: 2.61%
San Luis Obispo County Sheriffs Managers' Association (SLOCSMA)	BU15, Sheriff's Management	All Tiers: 5.10%	All Tiers: 1.00%	All Tiers: 4.10%
San Luis Obispo Prosecutors' Association (SLOPA)	BU04, Deputy District Attorneys	All Tiers: 3.91%	Tiers 1&2: 1.95% Tier 3: 0.00%	Tiers 1&2: 1.96% Tier 3: 3.91%

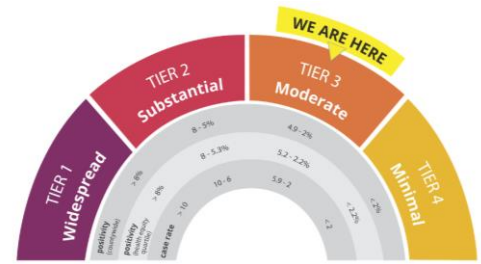
**Item 28 - COVID Update.** The daily new cases and hospitalizations remain low.

Daily New Cases (and 14-Day Average)



**3 (0 ICU)\*\***

SLO County Residents with COVID-19 in Hospital



**Item 32 - Hearing to:** 1) submit an annual review of the County growth rate for new dwelling units for FY 2020-21; 2) consider a resolution establishing the County maximum growth rate and allocation for new dwelling units for FY 2021-22, in accordance with the Growth Management Ordinance, Title 26 of the County Code; and 3) consider amendments to the Growth Management Ordinance, Title 26 of the County Code, (LRP2021-00002) to extend the 1.8% growth rate for the Nipomo Mesa area for FY 2021-22, to extend the 0% growth rate for the community of Cambria for FY 2021-24, and to extend the expiration date for deferred allocations on the Los Osos wait list until June 30, 2030. The Board will perform SLO County’s ritual annual adoption of its so-called growth management limits. This fetish virtual signaling paean to rationing housing was adopted years ago and has remains in place, even though the number of homes permitted never even approaches the actual limits. The staff recommendation states in part:

*Adopt the attached ordinance amendment to: a. Extend the 1.8% growth rate for the Nipomo Mesa area for FY 2021-22; b. Extend the 0% growth rate for the community of Cambria for FY 2021-24; and c. Extend the expiration date for deferred allocations on the Los Osos waitlist until June 30, 2030;*

Table 4: Maximum allocation of new dwelling units, FY 2021-22

Type of Dwelling Unit	Maximum number of new dwelling units allowed for FY 2021-22
Countywide*, Single-Family	643
Countywide*, Multi-Family	346
Nipomo Mesa, Single-Family	86
Nipomo Mesa, Multi-Family	46
Cambria, Grandfathered in New Units	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,129</b>

\*Excluding the Nipomo Mesa and Cambria and including Woodlands.

Why is the Los Osos development ban being extended for 10 years even though the \$150 million sewage treatment plant has been completed and is operation. Similarly, the new Los Osos Community Plan has been adopted. No doubt they are using lack of water as an excuse to prolong the shutdown.

**New Dwelling Units <sup>1</sup> by Planning Area/Sub Area, 2005-2021**

<b>Planning Area/Sub Area</b>	<b>05-06</b>	<b>06-07</b>	<b>07-08</b>	<b>08-09</b>	<b>09-10</b>	<b>10-11</b>	<b>11-12</b>	<b>12-13</b>	<b>13-14</b>	<b>14-15</b>	<b>15-16</b>	<b>16-17</b>	<b>17-18</b>	<b>18-19</b>	<b>19-20</b>	<b>20-21<sup>2</sup></b>
Adelaida	24	12	21	11	3	5	3	2	5	5	4	8	5	8	6	4
Carrizo <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
El Pomar-Estrella	90	53	33	14	9	11	10	20	38	16	28	19	22	26	15	12
Estero	19	15	13	6	10	8	3	6	13	8	7	18	6	10	7	7
Las Pilitas	0	6	5	2	5	1	3	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	2
Los Padres (North)	2	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nacimiento	43	32	18	11	7	9	10	33	50	21	20	25	27	18	14	9
North Coast	14	7	9	1	5	0	3	7	2	3	2	0	0	2	1	1
Salinas River	99	41	33	36	25	16	15	21	45	60	65	207	74	86	65	37
San Luis Bay Coastal	52	22	70	7	15	13	17	34	41	25	30	39	41	9	11	1
San Luis Obispo	11	9	11	2	4	4	5	6	9	2	4	10	5	8	12	10
Shandon-Carrizo (North)	28	28	11	5	2	4	6	2	4	0	4	4	3	6	5	12
South County <sup>4</sup>	71	34	77	19	17	40	35	114	157	116	113	161	131	118	102	116
South County Coastal <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>211</b>

1. Only including units subject to the Growth Management Ordinance. For 20015-2016, based on number of construction permit applications received in fiscal year. For 2017-2021, based on number of construction permits issued in fiscal year.

2. As of April 26, 2021.

3. Carrizo and South County Coastal Planning Areas were added to this chart for FY 21-22 and were not tracked in previous years' annual allocation reports.

4. Huasna-Lopez Sub Area was removed from this chart for FY 21-22 because it is included in the South County Planning Area.

Instead of promoting rationing, excruciatingly difficult permitting requirements, expensive fees, development exaction taxes, and the Housing-in-Lieu taxes, the Board should adopt a program to enable housing production.

1. What ever happened to the study to uncover new locations in the County which could be zoned for housing?
2. What ever happened to the idea of a bi-county feasibility study of industrial scale desalination?
3. What ever happened to the feasibility study of replacing the housing-in-lieu fee (really a tax) with more fair affordable housing revenue in which everyone has skin in the game?

**Item 34 - Executive Session with Legal Counsel.** Five sub-items, as noted below, pertain to various groups who are suing the Coastal Commission, the County, and the State Parks Department over the Coastal Commission's decision to ban off-road riding and camping at the Oceano Dunes State Park. We went onto the SLO County Superior Court's website to see if we could read the actual documents filed for the cases. It turns out that a citizen must either go to the Courthouse in person or send in a mail request. In either case, a fee is charged based on the



amount of material. This all seems a bit cumbersome in an age when you can buy a \$98,000 BMW on Amazon or book complex travel arrangements on AMEX in a few minutes.

Perhaps the Board of Supervisors could have the County Counsel post lawsuit complaints as an attachment to the agenda. It would not compromise the County's legal strategies to defend them.

In any case, the County should ally itself with the Friends of the Dunes and other pro-riding groups to overturn the Coastal Commission's arbitrary and illegal decision. The County could file Amicus briefs defending the people's right to ride and camp. A vote in public on this matter is important, in order that we know where each Supervisor stands.

An even better idea would be to conduct the deliberations on these suits in open session. There is nothing that requires that they be considered in closed session. This is a matter of huge public interest. Why exclude the public from the discussion?

*(5) Friends of Oceano Dunes, Inc. v. California Department of Parks and Recreation, et al., San Luis Obispo County Superior Court Case No. 21CV-0275;*

*(6) Friends of Oceano Dunes, Inc. v. California Coastal Commission, et al., San Luis Obispo County Superior Court Case No. 21CV-0246;*

*(7) Friends of Oceano Dunes, Inc. v. California Department of Parks and Recreation, et al., San Luis Obispo County Superior Court Case No. 21CV-0214;*

*(8) Ecologic Partners, Inc. v. California Coastal Commission, et al. San Luis Obispo County Superior Court Case No. 21CV-0219; and*

*(9) Protect Our County v. County of San Luis Obispo, et al; 21CVP-0061.*

**Item 36 - Hearing to consider 1) the Local Agency Management Program; and 2) the attached ordinance amending Title 19 of the San Luis Obispo County Code which will allow the County to enforce State regulations or standards for Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems.** Per State adoption of stricter regulations (Local Agency Management Program – LAMP), the County must adopt stricter regulations for septic systems.

Septic systems are now called Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS). Buried in the text is the provision:

*Whenever an OWTS is serviced, a Qualified Inspector shall examine the tank to look for signs of deterioration, corrosion, or evidence that the dispersal field has failed or is in the process of failing. In conjunction with the service, the Qualified Inspector shall prepare a written report that includes the property owner's name and address, a description of the system and any deficiencies noted during the inspection. The report must be submitted to County P&B within 30 days of the date of the servicing/inspection.*

Here, commercial licensed septic system installers are converted into County Inspectors of private septic systems. This creates a huge conflict of interest in that once they find a violation or other condition which must be corrected, the owner must comply. The septic company can then offer a price to repair the system or install a new system. The incentive to find problems is patently obvious.

It is the equivalent of having traffic enforcement police being paid a percentage of the traffic fines or hiring commercial electrical, plumbing, carpentry, and excavation contractors as Building Inspectors and Code Enforcement Inspectors. Of course, many old systems need a new dry well, tanks, and access covers. They can cost \$10,000 or more depending on the soils, topography, and other circumstances.

Worse yet, what if a system cannot be brought into compliance? Perhaps it was installed years ago, and standards have changed. Does this mean that your home becomes valueless and must be abandoned? What protections against abuse is the County proposing?

The ordinance adds various special geographic areas which have even stricter requirements than the regular ordinance provisions. These include “Groundwater Nitrate Loading Focus Areas” and “OWTS Prohibition Areas.”

In preparing the ordinance, did staff engage the civic groups and Area Advisory Committees in the extensive area subject to the LAMP?

**Integrated Waste Management Authority (IWMA) Meeting of Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 1:30 PM (Scheduled)**

**In General:** This will be a busy and perhaps tendentious meeting in that it contains amendments to the IWMA’s governing documents and amendments to the MOA between each of the member jurisdictions and the IWMA. The reason proffered for the need to amend these agreements is to conform the operation with requirements of SB 1383, which mandates the counties and cities to impose a whole new set of regulations on wet garbage. Suffice it to say that these are massive and will be costly to everyone, especially private business and agriculture.

Details can be seen at the link: [IWMA Board of Directors \(civicclerk.com\)](http://civicclerk.com)

Open the related items:

**Item 8 - Amendment to the San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority Joint Powers Agreement**

**Item 9 - Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Member Jurisdictions of the San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority and the Authorized Districts**

The Agency Board will also be reviewing the proposed “budget.”

*Item 10 - Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2021/2022*

<b>Budget break down for Auditor</b>		
<b>GL Account</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Budgeted Amount</b>
4150000	Interest Revenue	(36,000.00)
4200105	State Aid-St Awarded Grants	(80,000.00)
4350200	Hazardous Waste & Oil Fees	(20,000.00)
4350820	AB 939 Waste Tipping Fees	(2,042,201.17)
4350825	Site Waste Tipping Fees	(1,108,894.34)
4350955	Hazardous Waste Revenue	(53,000.00)
4450020	Other Services-Waste	(5,700.00)
4550065	Other Reimbursements	(1,000.00)
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>(3,346,795.51)</b>

*Expenditures:*

*Personal Services*

5001210	Regular Hours	632,691.07
5001507	Payroll Taxes	48,362.84
5001700	Cell Phone Stipened	4,158.00
5050035	Auto Allowance	5,400.00
5001561	Employee Health Coverage	138,392.84
5001522	Retirement	195,816.70
*500	<u>SALARIES, WAGES &amp; BENEFITS</u>	<u>1,024,821.45</u>

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*How much will SB 1383 cost the wineries.*

**Services and Supplies:**

5050015	Advertising	88,802.50
5050045	Cell Phone Charges	2,280.00
5050055	Clothing (Safety equipment)	40.00
5050070	Computer Software	75,900.00
5050075	Computer Equipment	4,000.00
5050085	Copying-Printing	141,680.00
5050095	Credit Card Fees	900.00
5050145	Hazardous Waste Disposal	663,700.00
5050160	Insurance	30,000.00
5050169	Janitorial Supplies	2,400.00
5050190	Maint Contracts	7,200.00
5050210	Maintenance-Equipment	14,000.00
5050220	Maintenance Structures	7,000.00
5050255	Memberships	14,708.00
5050260	Mileage Reimb-Co Employee	61,300.00
5050265	Mileage Reimb-Nonemployee	63,560.00
5050280	Office Expense	6,000.00
5050290	Other Minor Equipment	140,300.00
5050310	Other Purch Svc-Co Agency	7,770.00
5050320	Outside Legal Counsel Srv	150,000.00
5050335	Postage	96,800.00
5050340	Prof & Spec Svcs	586,475.20
5050360	Publication & Legal Notices	700.00
5050362	Public Outreach & Education	800,448.97
5050370	Registratr, Semnr, Trn	10,000.00
5050380	Rental/Lease Costs	21,600.00
5050400	Rents & Leases-Equipment	3,000.00
5050405	Rents&Leases-Struc	13,649.00
5050410	Safety Equipment	9,300.00
5050425	BOARD OF DIRECTORS STIPENED	13,200.00
5050430	Special Department Expense	200,000.00
5050440	Telephone	5,000.00
5050450	Travel Expenses	5,000.00
5050475	Utilities-Other	5,000.00
* 505-510	- SERVICE AND SUPPLIES	3,251,713.67
5500092	Cap Out-Ext-S&I	300,000.00
5500093	Cap Out-Ext-Equip	64,000.00
* 550	- CAPITAL OUTLAY (Modified)	364,000.00
Total Expenses		4,640,535.12
TOTAL		1,293,739.61

What is the list of services? Who are the contractors?

What is the detail for this \$200,000?

Why is this so much? What is included? It's IWMA's biggest expenditure. Let's see the breakdown. Who gets the patronage contracts?

**Item 13 - Movie Theater Advertising Agreement.** The IWMA is contracting with movie theater chains to show advertising spots to “educate” the public about SB 1383 requirements. Great! You sit down with your popcorn, Milk Duds and Coke. Then you are treated to a video on disposing of your garbage in the back yard and eating more wilted lettuce and reusing your coffee grounds. Wait until they get to the part about the cat box.

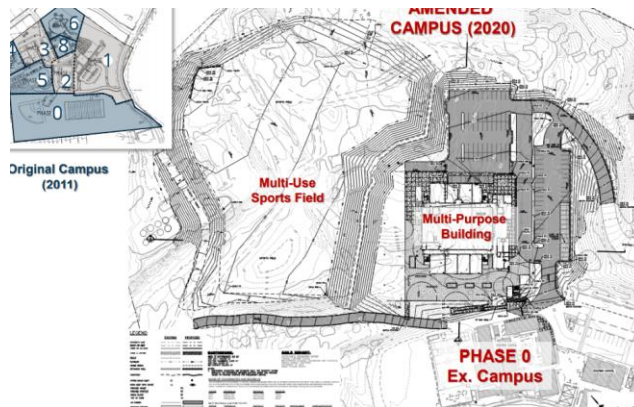
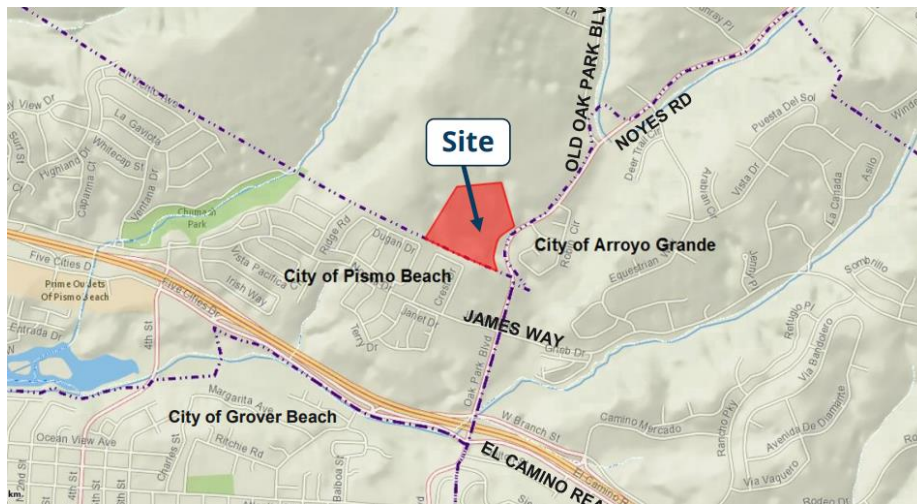
Location	Plays Per Movie	Movies Per Day	Showings Per Day	Showings Per Contract	Price Per Showing
<b>Atascadero</b> (10 Screens)	4	5	200	39,200	\$0.19
<b>Paso Robles</b> (8 Screens)	1	5	36	6,540	\$0.37
<b>SLO Downtown</b> (7 Screens)	4	5	140	27,440	\$0.19

**Planning Commission Meeting of Thursday, June 10, 2021 (Scheduled)**

**Item 4 - Hearing to consider a request by COASTAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL for a Conditional Use Permit (DRC2020-00144) to amend the existing Conditional Use Permit (DRC2008-00021) to allow the following modifications to the previously approved campus masterplan: elimination of all eight development phases, elimination of the 12-year limit to Phase 0 (temporary campus buildings) and allow continued use of the structures, elimination of a secondary access requirement, revision to campus layout with a new (consolidated) 39,103 square foot multi-purpose building, relocation of ancillary outdoor facilities and elimination of sports field night-time lighting and turf installation prohibition. No changes are proposed to previously approved 600 students/50 staff capacity at buildout and granted height exception allowing buildings up to 40 feet (from 35 feet). Requested modifications will result in reduction to previously approved number of building structures, square footage, and site disturbance. The project will result in approximately 9.6 acres of site disturbance over a 23.7-acre parcel. The project is located on the west side of Oak Park Boulevard between James Way and Noyes Road, (at 705 North Oak Park Boulevard). The site is immediately adjacent to the city limits of Pismo Beach and Arroyo Grande. The project application requests that the County drop conditions which made the original development temporary. The staff report indicates that this is feasible under the zoning and discretionary powers of the Commission. The quick project summary is displayed below:**

*Modification to previously approved Conditional Use Permit DRC2008-00021*

- *Elimination of all eight development phases & associated time-limits*
- *Elimination of 12-year limit to Phase 0 (temporary campus building) & allow continued use of the existing structures*
- *Removal of secondary access (no longer required, CalFire 2019)*
- *Revision to campus layout : one Multi-purpose Building (consolidated campus) & relocated ancillary outdoor facilities*
- *Request for multi-use sports field nighttime lighting • Request for turf to be allowed on multi-use sports field (only)*



There is no written opposition in the file.

**Item 5 - Hearing to consider a request by Morro Shores Mobile home Park, LLC for a Development Plan/Coastal Development Permit (DRC2020-00203) to allow 10 new mobile homes to an existing mobile home park (Morro Shores Mobile home Park). The project also includes the following amenities: new dog park, putting green, shade structure, and seating areas. The existing mobile home park consists of 164 mobile homes and associated improvements. The project will result in a disturbance of approximately 75,000 square feet of a 30-acre parcel. The project would provide 10 new manufactured homes and the enhancement of some of the park amenities. The staff has found it to comply with the regulations, and the community supports it. To comply with water regulations the park will convert to water saving devices. It is not clear how the proposal squares up with the Los Osos housing ban noted in Item 32 above. Perhaps it can be approved, as the park already exists and the added water use is diminimus.**

One hitch is that the Board-approved Los Osos General Plan is pending before the Coastal Commission. Plus the project itself could be subject to appeal to the Coastal Commission. These would be nice new homes for people who like the Los Osos ambience and proximity to the bay.



Beats the heck out of a lot of places. The grandkids can come and run around.



**LAST WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS**

**No Board of Supervisors Meeting on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 (Not Scheduled)**

The Board is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

**San Luis Obispo County Council of Governments (SLOCOG) Meeting of Wednesday, June 2, 2021 (Completed)**

**Item C-1: Staff Equity Assessment Update.** The report was received. The staff linked it to Federal requirements that the equity considerations as outlined below be incorporated into SLOCOG'S transportation priority setting and project selection.

**The issue will come to a head at the SLOCOG meeting of Wednesday, August 4, 2021 after 8:30 AM. A strong citizen comment group should attend the meeting to address the woke, racist, and classist doctrines being imposed. Please reserve this date and time on your calendar - County Administration Building.**

**Background:** The staff participated in training to reveal if they harbor any unconscious biases, as well as to inform staff how to respond to biases of others and how to address biases in the workplace. The write-up does not reveal whether any bias was found, how serious it is, or which officials exhibit it. According the write-up, there will be some sort of final report when the process is complete. It is not clear if any of the elected SLOCOG members took part or if the training is mandatory.

The theory is that if overt or unconscious bias exists, it could compromise various recommendations related to transportation plans and financing and their impacts on protected classes.

*The Equity Assessment project officially began on January 12th, 2021. Within weeks, a series of four one-hour trainings were scheduled. Kari Mansager, Cal Poly's Interim Director of Wellbeing, led these training sessions every Friday between February 19th through March 12th. Both staff and Board members had the opportunity to attend. The sessions included:*

- Part I: Implicit Bias 101-This workshop brought attention to the unconscious biases and provided some strategies for overcoming their impact at work and in relationships.*
- Part II: Stepping In and Stepping Up-This workshop continued the work from Part I by focusing on responding to biases individually and from others. Participants had the opportunity to dig deeper to develop and practice ways to respond to bias, even if the bias was unintentional.*
- Part III: Overcoming Implicit Bias-This was the final piece in the series. The training utilized information from Parts I and II which guided participants through various strategies of examining and addressing biases in the workplace*



•*Environmental Justice-This workshop covered the basics of identity and community. Participants discussed environmental issues in local communities, and the systems that create environmental racism. Participants also examined historical and current environmental racism examples, victories won through community organizing, and ways that organizing can build long-term climate change solutions in communities.*

**How many staff and Board members attended? Which Board members?**

*Focus Group Meetings in March, staff focus group meetings were scheduled to include the Leadership, Planning/Rideshare, Programming, Admin, and Equity Teams. These meetings established baseline information about what is already being done at SLOCOG and the desired outcomes of the Equity Assessment. Staff was given an additional opportunity to provide feedback by completing a web-based needs assessment. Suggestions from the information collected in both the focus group meetings and needs assessment will be included in the final report.*

SLOCOG hired local Cal Poly administrators to serve as instructor consultants. It is not clear who was paid what, as the write-up is confusing. As noted in the yellow highlighted section above, Cal Poly Interim Director of Well Being (your tax dollars and tuition at work) did training sessions, and another Cal Poly Administrator, Jennifer Pedrotti, served as “Equity Consultant.” The write-up indicates that these services cost \$15,000.

*Dr. Jennifer Teramoto Pedrotti was selected as the Equity consultant. Dr. Teramoto Pedrotti is the Associate Dean for Diversity and Curriculum in the College of Liberal Arts and Professor in the Department of Psychology and Child Development at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. She currently serves as the Interim Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs in the Office of University Diversity & Inclusion at Cal Poly. Dr. Teramoto Pedrotti included three main tasks leading up the Equity Assessment Report: training, staff focus group meetings, and document and process review.*

Cal State VPs are generally paid in the mid-\$250,000s, with benefits and special pays adding another \$120,000 for an average annual compensation of \$370,000. It is not certain what Pedrotti is paid, as she is listed as interim and there is no 2020 nor 2021 data posted as yet. Her salary and benefits in her prior position totaled \$176,024 back in 2019.

How many hours of training did she provide? What happens if an employee is found to be consciously biased?

Pedrotti appears to be the spouse of County Senior Planner Brian Pedrotti. At least they keep it all in the County family. Dr. Pedrotti has received high ratings from her students. Brian Pedrotti has managed complex permitting applications at the County. He recommended against a cluster subdivision on a small portion of property owned by the Leticia Winery in Nipomo.

**For the \$15,000, how many hours of training and consulting did SLOCOG receive?**

**Item F-3: State Legislative Update.** The Board received a brief summary of the issue. Supervisor Arnold actually had reservations about some of the proposals. The report provides a gruesome summary of Governor Gruesome Newsome’s “transportation” funding pork package:  
**Transportation Funding:**

• *Los Angeles Olympics—\$1 billion General Fund to deliver critical projects in time for the 2028 Olympic Games.* **They already spent \$4 billion on the Santa Monica-to-downtown light rail line, which runs past 2 stops at the LA Colosseum Sports Complex. The train is so slow and has so many stops that it takes an hour to get from Santa Monica to the Colosseum.**

• *Priority Transit and Rail Projects—\$1 billion General Fund for transit and rail projects statewide that improve rail and transit connectivity between state and regional/ local services.*

• *Active Transportation—\$500 million General Fund to advance projects that increase the proportion of trips accomplished by walking and biking, increase the safety and mobility of nonmotorized users, advance efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals, enhance public health, and benefit many types of users, especially in disadvantaged communities.* **Do you really want to show up at the office in your sweat soaked suit or have to take a shower and change, which means you would have to start to work much earlier?**

• *High Priority Grade Separations and Grade Crossing Improvements—\$500 million General Fund to support critical safety improvements throughout the state.*

• *High-Speed Rail—\$4.2 billion Proposition 1A to complete high-speed rail construction in the Central Valley, advance work to launch service between Merced and Bakersfield, advance planning and project design for the entire project, and leverage potential federal funds.* **This is the old 1950’s trick of building a major interchange out in the boon docks, which connects to nothing. The government cries that there are such large sunk costs that the project must be connected to a larger system.**

• *State Highway Rehabilitation and Local Roads and Bridges—\$2 billion (\$1.1 billion special funds through 2028, and \$968 million federal funds) to support the advancement of priority State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) projects, Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) projects, and local road and bridge investments. This amount includes \$912 million from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act that was enacted by Congress in March.*

• *Zero-Emission Rail and Transit Equipment Purchases and Infrastructure—\$407 million (\$100 million General Fund, \$280 million Public Transportation Account, and \$27 million federal funds) to demonstrate and purchase or lease state-of-the-art, clean bus and rail equipment and infrastructure that eliminate fossil fuel emissions and increase intercity rail and intercity bus frequencies.* **Where will the power come from for these electric vehicles?**

• *Zero-Emission Buses and Trucks—\$1.4 billion (\$1.3 billion General Fund, \$87 million Air Pollution Control Fund) to demonstrate and purchase or lease green buses and trucks. These*

*funds are budgeted outside of the transportation budget and are included and described in the Climate Resilience Chapter.*

• **Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure— \$826 million for a total of \$1.8B, and \$3.2B over three years for ZEV infrastructure.** This is simply a government subsidy to electric vehicle manufacturers and the community choice energy authorities. Where will the power come from for all the electric vehicles?

• **Litter Abatement- One-time funding of \$1.5 billion General Fund will be used for a three-year effort to clean up garbage statewide, beautify the state’s transportation network, educate the public about the harms of litter, and create long-lasting litter deterrents.** Why not make all the convicts that they are letting out of jail *do this work* instead of padding government budgets or hiring patronage contractors?

## COLAB IN DEPTH

IN FIGHTING THE TROUBLESOME, LOCAL DAY-TO-DAY ASSAULTS ON OUR FREEDOM AND PROPERTY, IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND THE LARGER UNDERLYING IDEOLOGICAL, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC CAUSES

## THE WORST-KEPT SECRET IN AMERICA: HIGH INFLATION IS BACK

BY MARK HENDRICKSON



To most people, “inflation” signifies widespread rising prices. Economists have long argued, as a matter of technical accuracy, that “inflation” denotes an increasing money supply. Frankly, though, most people don’t care what happens to the supply of money, but they care a lot about the prices they pay, so I’ll focus primarily on the numerous rapidly rising prices Americans are paying today.

Following are several examples of the current inflation:

[Corn, soybeans, and wheat have been trading at multi-year highs](#), with corn having risen from around \$3.80 per bushel in January 2020 to approximately \$6.75 now. [Chicken wings](#) are at all-time record highs. It is getting more expensive to eat.

Copper prices have risen to an [all-time high](#). [Steel](#), too, recently traded at prices 35% above the previous all-time set in 2008. Perhaps most famously, the [price of lumber](#) has nearly quadrupled since the beginning of 2020 and has nearly doubled just since January.

Naturally, with raw materials prices soaring, prices of manufactured goods are jumping, too. That is especially noticeable in the housing market, where the [median price of existing homes](#) rose to \$329,100 in March—a whopping 17.2% increase from a year earlier.

The cost of driving is soaring, too. According to [J.D. Power](#), cited in *The Wall Street Journal*, the average used car price has risen 16.7% and new car prices have risen 9.6% since January.

So, are you depressed yet? Perhaps you can take some comfort in Uncle Sam's official price indexes where the price increases seem (at least at first glance) less jarring. But remember that the most commonly cited inflation indicator, the Consumer Price Index (CPI), is computed on the basis of a mythical “urban basket of goods” that often bears little relation to what you and I actually buy. [The CPI, excluding food and energy, rose “only” 0.9% in March](#).

That doesn't sound like much, but it was the biggest one-month increase since 1981 when, for those of you too young to remember, annual inflation was [10.32%](#). As for the Producer Price Index (PPI), which generally precedes increases in consumer prices, it is increasing at the highest rate since 2010, [according to the Department of Labor](#).

The Federal Reserve (Fed) has assured the public that the current inflation is transitory and that they have it under control. I don't know the future any more than Fed officials do, but I do not share their confidence. I am skeptical because: first, the Fed since its inception has had [a terrible track record](#) accomplishing any of the tasks assigned to it by Congress; second, it's impossible for the Fed or any other entity to [control millions of prices](#) and therefore to control the rate of inflation (to believe otherwise is a central planner's conceit).

Tragically, the Fed has been trying for years to boost inflation to 2% annually. How [bizarre that our central bank](#) would deliberately strive to reduce the value of our money. At 2% per year, money loses half its purchasing power in 35 years. That would be half of your nest egg, Millennials!

Today's inflation is already problematical. A higher cost of living falls hardest on the poorest Americans. Given the present uncertainty about future prices, numerous businesses are struggling to determine how much to produce, and thus are more likely to over-produce or under-produce. Furthermore, if inflation causes foreigners to lose confidence in the dollar, there could be an exodus from the dollar that could end its status as the principal global reserve currency, thereby triggering an even steeper decline in the dollar's purchasing power.

The quantity of dollars already has risen [32.9% in the last 17 months](#) (mostly due to the [federal government's mind-boggling spending binge](#)). It's possible that we have passed a tipping point where prolonged inflation higher than the hoped-for and already-objectionable 2% is unavoidable.

Hang on tight, folks. We could be in for a rough ride in the months ahead.

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## THE NEW REGRESSIVE DARK AGES

***Arrogance, wealth, and received authority are always the super-spreaders and force-multipliers of false knowledge, and none more so than in the present age.***

**BY VICTOR DAVIS HANSON**

Once upon a time long ago, we agreed there were certain immutable laws of human nature. These laws were based on facts, reality, and data.

In other words, we accepted common sense about the way the world worked according to logical and even “scientific” principles. That assumption defined us as “enlightened” rather than Dark Age reductionists and ideological- or myth-driven zealots.

Not now. “Progressives,” especially the media, are most often regressive, anti-Enlightenment, and intolerant people, who start with a deductive premise and then make the evidence conform to it—or else.

### Regressives

For example, we used to believe that if the government printed more money without commensurate sudden rises in population or economic output, inflation followed. And money cheapened in value all the more so if the government simultaneously both incentivized labor non-participation through over generous entitlements, and promised or enacted higher taxes and more regulations. The latter inevitably would discourage production as demand from a stimulated economy rose.

In 100 days, we’ve either done all of those things or, at least sent messages to producers that we shall do so shortly. Why then are we surprised that monthly consumer prices are spiking after nearly 20 years of very low inflation? Why are our essentials such as lumber, gasoline, housing, appliances, and food skyrocketing? Is the current idea that there is no science of economics? Or is inflation good by “spreading the wealth” through decreasing the value of money for those who have too much of it?

Deterrence is also an ancient law. Humans make instant cost-benefit analyses and act accordingly—from nation states that weigh the advisability of war to potential criminals who gauge the chances of their arrest and punishment.

In deterrent terms along the border, what happens if the United States signals Latin America and Mexico that it will cease construction on an effective border wall, promise in advance blanket amnesties, reinstate “catch and release” rules, stop prior efforts to recalibrate easy “refugee status,” and pull back from detaining unlawful border crossers? Logically, would not potential illegal immigrants believe that the rewards of U.S. healthcare, safety, housing subsidies, entitlement support, education, and even affirmative action outweigh the increasing unlikelihood of meeting resistance at the border—or any later consequences for residing illegally in the United States?

The result is now true “chaos” at the border. Tens of thousands of unvetted immigrants illegally stream into the United States, in a fashion that is not diverse, not legal, not meritocratic, and not measured—the old foundations of rapid melting-pot assimilation.

Did the Biden Administration simply by fiat declare that such obvious human laws did not apply to their superior moral impulses? Or did it deliberately violate them to change the demography of the American southwest in ways that eventually will benefit the hard Left? Likewise, could it be that rising crime is due to efforts to defund or cut back police forces, or allowing criminals to be freed without bail, or district attorneys not prosecuting crimes deemed matters of social justice.

Nation-states, like people, acknowledge the laws of deterrence. Signal to the Middle East that crippling sanctions against Iran are ending. Assure the world that the United States will be cutting back on domestic fossil fuel development and thus inevitably will become more dependent on others who produce “dirty” oil and gas. Assume that America now trusts Iranian negotiators and thus will reenter the Iran nuclear deal. Attest that the Palestinians are again front and center in all Middle East diplomacy. Act as if Israel no longer enjoys the full support of the United States, as money pours into Palestinian coffers without audit. Deride the Abraham Accords. And, finally, treat Iran, Hezbollah, and Hamas as if they are the Middle East intersectional counterparts to marginalized people of color in the United States (Israel playing Derek Chauvin to Hamas’s George Floyd). Is not all that logic assurance that there would be a war within 100 days?

Surely, even the woke Biden Administration knows something about deterrence. So was it naïve—or simply “leveling the playfield” to ensure Shiites and Persians were affirmed to receive their “fair share” of Middle East respect and influence, while Israel and the Gulf States surrendered their unearned privilege?

### The War Against Science and Logic

To violate natural laws requires mocking empiricism, science, and data, or at least reducing them to irrelevance—for political, careerist, or ideological agendas.

Take the now infamous and pseudo-scientific “Steele dossier” and the “Russian collusion” mythography. From 2016 to 2018 Christopher Steele’s high school-like, jargon-filled, mish-mash folder was cited as near scientific “proof” of Trump’s perversions, treason, and various corruptions.

Steele, we were told, was a Russian “expert.” He was a “seasoned” British intelligence officer, albeit “retired,” with access to impeccable (though anonymous) sources.

CNN and MSNBC wheeled out all sorts of former FBI and CIA “professionals”—headed by ex-CIA chief John Brennan, and former Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, both previously known for admitting to lying to Congress under oath.

All our experts periodically “confirmed” Steele’s impeccable “credentials.” And then suddenly, 22 months after Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation was jump started in part by a leaked “dossier,” it folded. There was no evidence of actionable “collusion.” Abruptly, “expert” spy Christopher Steele offered *no* sources to substantiate his “data” or “revelations.” The cable news heartthrob quietly was reduced to the status of Ponzi-schemer Bernie Madoff. There were no more media “bombshells” and “walls are closing in” Steele dossier revelations.

Mueller, the architect of the dream team special investigation and himself a former FBI director, suddenly claimed under oath he had *no idea who Christopher Steele even was*, much less what his dossier said. James Comey, yet another revered ex-FBI director, whose leaks jump started the Mueller special counsel probe, claimed more than 250 times under congressional oath he could not remember, or did not know much of anything—often in reference to the information in or used as a result of the dossier. In the end, the sum total of the science, the dossier, the data, and the experts proved only to be what a group of corrupt bureaucrats, media ideologues, and Clinton partisans found useful for their own agendas.

Do we remember last year’s “science” behind the origins of the Wuhan virus? Our alphabetized bicoastal “medical professionals” followed the “science” in assuring us that the virus originated with bats—or were they pangolins?—in a “wet” meat market. The scientific chorus echoed the “impossibility” that the “viral sequencing” could ever have been altered by humans. To suggest so, was racist, xenophobic, Trumpian, and backward.

A lab origin theory was left only to Neanderthals and the-earth-is-6,000-years-old deplorables, of an “anti-science,” know-nothing sort. Yet just a short distance away from the supposed ground-zero wet market, there was coincidentally a Level-4 virology lab with ties to Chinese military. And it was known to engage in “gain of function” viral research of the most dangerous sort. The lab’s sloppiness had gained the attention of visiting U.S. medical professionals.

No matter. The unlettered who do not read the *New York Times* or the *Washington Post*, or follow the fact-checkers, or listen to NPR were further roundly disregarded when they wondered why, if the virus sprung naturally from innocent meat peddlers, did the Chinese Communist government go to such great lengths to lie about the dates of the virus’s likely birth, and the nature of its transmission? Why were they ostracizing, censoring, or “disappearing” any of their own scientists capable of giving an accurate account of what, if any, might be the connections between the lab and the virus?

For good measure, our own “scientists” and “professionals,” from the mendacious Dr. Anthony Fauci to multibillionaire tech wizard Bill Gates, assured us that China was transparent. They had

no reason to hide anything, they added. And, indeed, China was doing its best as a good global citizen to join in the global effort to stop this naturally occurring virus—albeit from time to time lying that the lab “hoax” was mostly either a racist Trump Administration talking point or a cover-up of the U.S. military’s creation of the virus.

Then suddenly . . . *poof!*

The faith-based “science” melted. Reason returned. The lab was suddenly seen as much more logically the birthplace of the SARS-CoV- 2 virus. Despite his protestations and denials from authority, Fauci, our epidemiological and virology “expert,” really did approve U.S. funds to be routed through Dr. Peter Daszak’s EcoHealth Alliance to help conduct gain-of-function research at Wuhan, despite Congress banning such funding.

We also learned, *mirabile dictu*, that Daszak had assembled an “international team of experts” to reassure the world that the Chinese research at the Wuhan lab—that he supported and had financially enhanced—had *nothing* to do with the COVID-19 pandemic. That “scientific,” explanation, a euphemism for an ideological and careerist-based cover story, is now inert. And Daszak has joined the likes of Fauci and WHO’s director Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus as those “experts” whose scientific judgment cannot be fully trusted because they proved all too human in their worries over careers, reputations, and politics.

### The Dark Age Mind

What can learn from the rise of this new Dark Age mindset?

- 1) Ignoring reason is easier than abiding by it. Printing money, for example, is easier than paying it back later—but easiest of all when we swear that there is no longer a need to pay it back at all.
- 2) Falsifying knowledge is always justified by higher moral purposes—in our case progressivism substituting for religious doctrine. Laws of human nature and logic are merely constructs when it is a matter of welcoming in the oppressed from Latin America or substituting race-based quotas for meritocratic criteria, or comparing Israelis to racist 1980s apartheid South Africans or Nazis.
- 3) Modernism is a poor cloak of age-old ignorance. Living in the 21st century is no guarantee that humans will not act as if they are in the 16th. Our modern-day inquisitors share the same anti-science fury as those who put Galileo under house arrest for the crime of Copernicanism. Claiming that “white supremacists” are responsible for current epidemics of violence against Jews and Asian-Americans—when most data and evidence point, in the former case, to Hamas supporters, and, in the latter, most frequently to African-American males, is our version of institutionalized geocentrism.
- 4) “Authority” is often a construct, if it is not based on, and continually audited by, meritorious achievement. Letter combinations like B.S., M.S., Ph.D., M.D., a string of alphabetically abbreviated agency affiliations, and name-dropped university ties are no substitute for humility, common sense, and a disinterested mind. Anthony Fauci is no more immune from Juvenal’s age-



old warning “Who will police the police?” than is Derek Chauvin, or, for that matter, the Marxist real estate investor and her fellow grifters at Black Lives Matter.

5) Balzac’s famous platitude “Behind every great fortune lies a great crime” can be applied to false knowledge: “Behind all pseudoscience is an agenda.” Christopher Steele really did despise Donald Trump. Steele felt his lies were noble as long as they empowered Hillary Clinton and his firewall employers. Ditto the legions of his aiders and abettors. The decision of our international pharmaceutical companies, and their government enablers, to insist that those with acquired antibodies from a prior COVID infection still needed to be vaccinated promptly—when available vaccinations were scarce in January and February and Americans were still dying in droves—was not predicated by the “science,” but either by groupthink or financial considerations.

6) The scientific/unscientific establishment stymies outsiders and claims they pay no attention to “proven science.” In classics, some of the greatest breakthroughs in knowledge about the ancient world came from Heinrich Schliemann, George Grote, Milman Parry, and Michael Ventris. All were eccentrics, and often non-classicists. Take away the supposed “nuts” like Generals William Tecumseh Sherman, Curtis LeMay, George S. Patton, and Matthew Ridgway and the United States would have lost tens of thousands of more lives in its wars as we listened to their supposedly more sober and judicious betters.

7) The enemy of science is always dogma. In the medieval period, dogmas were often ossified Aristotelian concepts that were institutionalized by the Church on the theory they enhanced Christian exegesis and ritual, or, if lost, would eventually lead to an erosion of authority. In our era, the new religion is progressivism that prohibits free discussion of most of the major issues of modern life: When is life established in the womb? What is the degree of man-made climate change versus natural, cyclical climate change? Which groups are most likely to commit hate crimes? Is sex biologically determined or culturally constructed? What is the role of cultural attitudes in crime and social dependency?

It may seem a stretch to suggest that the Left is leading us back to the pre-Enlightenment, given its corporate wealth, academic monopolies, Silicon Valley technological wizardry, and progressive sanctimoniousness. But arrogance, wealth, and received authority are always the super-spreaders and force-multipliers of false knowledge, and none more so than in the present age.

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

General Member: \$100 - \$249  \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Voting Member: \$250 - \$5,000  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sustaining Member: \$5,000 +  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Sustaining Membership includes a table of 10 at the Annual Fundraiser Dinner)*

General members will receive all COLAB updates and newsletters. Voting privileges are limited to Voting Members and Sustainable Members with one vote per membership.

### MEMBER INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### How Did You Hear About COLAB?

Radio  Internet  Public Hearing  Friend

COLAB Member(s) / Sponsor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### NON MEMBER DONATION/CONTRIBUTION OPTION:

**For those who choose not to join as a member but would like to support COLAB via a contribution/donation.**  
I would like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to COLAB and my check or credit card information is enclosed/provided.

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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