

# SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
105 East Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: County-Wide Ordinance for Safe Drug Disposal Program

Dear Board Members:

Santa Ynez Community Services District is in support of the Board of Supervisors exploring options for the proper disposal of unused pharmaceuticals to lessen the amount of pharmaceuticals flowing into the community's treatment plant. As the Board is aware, not all of the pharmaceuticals are removed in the biological process at the treatment plant and the remaining pharmaceuticals get discharged to the groundwater, rivers and ocean.

With recent changes in legislation that permit commercial pharmacies to collect unused and unwanted drugs, the District believes the Safe Drug Disposal Program is a step in the right direction to divert the drugs from the sewers and landfills of the county. However, the District does understand there is currently not a funding mechanism for this type of program and the Board of Supervisors will be considering a County wide ordinance that may help resolve the funding issues.

The District supports this effort and looks forward to helping as called upon.

Sincerely,

  
Jeffrey W. Hodge  
General Manager

