

# County of San Luis Obispo

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**JIM GRANT**  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

October 28, 2011

# NOTICE TO CAMPER

**TO ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN, OR MAY BE INTERESTED IN, CAMPING OVERNIGHT ON THE FOLLOWING COUNTY PROPERTY:**

**The San Luis Obispo County-owned Property Immediately North Of Monterey Street, Between Santa Rosa Street And Osos Street, San Luis Obispo, California ("The County Property")**

**YOU CONTINUE TO BE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN LAWFUL DEMONSTRATIONS on a daily basis on The County Property between the hours of 7:00 AM AND 10:00 PM.**

**HOWEVER, YOU ARE HEREBY REQUESTED TO cease and desist from all of the following, effective tonight (October 28, 2011) at 10:00 PM.:**

1. **Camping overnight at The County Property**, By "camping," we mean staying overnight on The County Property. By "overnight," we mean the period of time beginning at 10:00 PM and ending on the following day at 7:00 AM.
2. **Urinating or defecating on the grounds**, or in the bushes, of The County Property at any time of the day.
3. **Discharging water** from food preparation, dish-washing, hand-washing, body-washing, or other waste or pollutants onto the surface of The County Property at any time of the day.
4. **Using electricity** from electric outlets on County buildings on The County Property at any time of the day.

OVER

**NOTICE TO CAMPERS**

**Re: County Property**

**October 28, 2011**

5. Using water from water faucets on County buildings on The County Property at any time of the day.

**THIS NOTICE IS BEING ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:**

1. The County recognizes that members of the public have a right to assemble in public places such as The County Property, and to exercise free speech rights.
2. However, the law clearly recognizes that the County has the right and duty to impose time, place, and manner restrictions to address health and safety hazards on its property. The following health and safety concerns have arisen since overnight camping began last week:
  - a. Human feces and the strong smell of urine have been discovered on the grounds of The County Property. Since this has significantly increased with the start of the overnight camping, it is presumed that the overnight campers are depositing feces and urine, which is a serious health and safety concern.
  - b. Water that has been used for food preparation and various washing uses has been discharged onto the ground. This amounts to an illegal discharge of waste that presents a health hazard.
  - c. Electric extension cords have been plugged into a wall outlet on the outside of a County building and connected to various devices by cords lying directly on the ground. On more than one occasion, the extension cords have been found in contact or close proximity to moisture from water faucets and or standing water on the ground level. On once occasion, the circuit breaker was tripped by your use. This amounts to an unauthorized use of the County's electricity in a manner that creates a safety hazard, i.e., electrocution.
  - d. Hoses have been connected to water faucets on County buildings on The County Property. This amounts to an unauthorized use of the County's water and contributes to discharge of waste and to the electric hazards noted above, those contributing to health and safety concerns.
3. The County believes that The County Property is inherently unsuitable for overnight camping because there are no 24-hour public restrooms in reasonable proximity to The County Property. Public restrooms are available at adjacent County facilities and at City Hall from about 7AM until about 5:30 PM and from about 7AM until 10PM near the Mission San Luis Obispo and from about 7AM until 10PM at the parking garage near the corner of Pacific and Morro Streets. There are no other public restrooms within reasonable proximity of The County Property that are open between the hours of 10PM and 7AM.

  
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JIM GRANT, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR