

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

SUPPLEMENT SHEET FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 9, 2004

Prepared on July 2, 2004

ITEM: 19

**SUBJECT: Consideration of Enforcement Alternatives for Baywood Park/Los Osos,
San Luis Obispo County**

DISCUSSION

On June 29, 2004 staff received a letter (Attachment No. 1) from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region IX Regional Administrator Wayne Nastri to Governor Schwarzenegger. In the letter, EPA requests: "the Governor's support and advise in assisting the Los Osos Community Service District in obtaining California Coastal Commission (CCC) approval to build a long-needed wastewater infrastructure project next to the Morro Bay National Estuary in San Luis Obispo County". The letter goes on to state: "I believe a prompt approval of this project is vital to addressing the severe public health and environmental stresses upon the Morro Bay State and National Estuary and Los Osos Community. We, with our colleagues at the State and Regional Water Resources Control Boards, are extremely concerned about further delays in commencing this project (given CCC's prior delays of this project), and invite your or your cabinet's recommendations on how we may assist in obtaining the needed approvals". Staff believes such a letter, received from the main Federal Agency responsible for Environmental Protection, represents a positive step forward towards implementing the Los Osos wastewater project. Staff further hopes it will assist the CSD in obtaining CCC approval in August.

In addition, on July 2, 2004, staff received a letter (Attachment No. 2) from Bruce Buel, General Manager of the Los Osos Community Service District (CSD) regarding the CSD's position regarding possible enforcement alternatives described in the staff report for this item. Staff will more fully describe these alternatives, and the advantages and disadvantages of each, in its presentation to the Regional Board on July 9th.

ATTACHMENTS

1. June 29, 2004 letter to Governor Schwarzenegger, from U.S. EPA
2. July 2, 2004 letter to Regional Board from Bruce Buel, Los Osos CSD

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