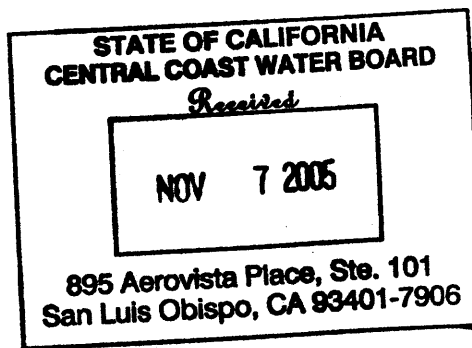


Mr. Jeff Young, Chair
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895 Aerovista Place, Ste. 101
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Nov. 4, 2005

Dear Mr. Young,

I have no doubt that by now you are thoroughly and painfully aware of the long and tumultuous history of the Los Osos Sewer War, and share your concerns that this matter be brought to a timely and equitable solution. As a homeowner and 26 year resident in the Prohibition Zone, I feel it urgent to express my thoughts on the current stalemate regarding the construction project at the Tri-W site, and the threat of fines by the RWQCB if this site for the treatment plant is abandoned.

The October recall election spelled out the will of the majority, and for the first time in recent memory installed a board that is qualified, sincere, and motivated to complete a sewer system that will meet the needs of the community without eliminating the population of those on fixed or marginal incomes (the elderly, the retired, the disabled), and working parents with children in the middle income bracket who never quite succeed in making ends meet. These worthy citizens do not need fear, intimidation, threats, bullying, penalties or fines to motivate them to support a viable sewer system. This is what we just voted for, and we need your cooperation and backing to get the job done. The handicaps of the 46% overbids, the deliberate rush to break ground prior to the election, and the urging of some minority voters to "stick it to" the majority, all can be overcome if the compromise plan sponsored by Assemblyman Blakeslee is followed in good faith. So far, good faith is not being demonstrated.

If your Regional Board needs any guidelines on how to proceed, I suggest you take note of recent efforts by mid-level government agencies involved in the restoration of services to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The efforts by some to blame the victims for their lack of foresight and resources did not succeed, and shifted the spotlight back to acceptance of government responsibility to serve the community by creative planning, teamwork, and financial coordination and support.

When this project is finished, for better or worse, someone is going to make a movie about it that is going to be around for a long time, and your agency is going to have a prominent role. It is time to begin living up to your responsibilities.

Sincerely,

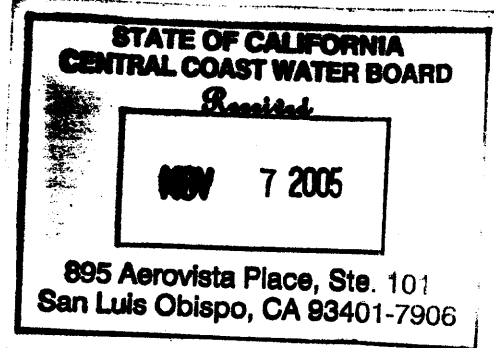
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Dear Mr. Young:

My husband and I have lived in Los Osos in the Prohibition Zone since 1980. We are both retired and living on Social Security.

In the special election of 9/27/05, under a democratic process, three highly qualified directors (all engineers with years of experience) were elected to serve on the board of the Los Osos CSD. In the same election, Measure B became the law of the land, presenting our community an alternative to a wastewater treatment facility in the middle of town.

Since the election and installation of the new board of the CSD that is trying hard to implement its mandate to build an environmentally safe, more affordable sewer system, our CSD board has received the threat of fines by the RWQCB and cancellation of the SRF loan by the State Water Control Board. These threats and actions are hampering the CSD from carrying out its mandate.

Our concern as residents of Los Osos is that we will be forced by government agencies to accept an outrageously expensive, poorly designed, outdated sewer system that is in conflict with the spirit of Measure B. Measure B reflects the wishes of the majority of the citizens of Los Osos. Why is Measure B, enacted into law by the democratic process, being ignored by our government agencies? Why are the citizens of Los Osos being punished with a costly sewer system (at present \$200 per month per residence is the quote)? Our CSD is trying to give us what the citizens desire and is being hampered at every turn.

Please convey to the members of your Board the pleas of Los Osos residents for fairness and justice in this matter. Please help our CSD Board carry out its mandate. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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