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Subject: Los Osos Wastewater Project

Debbie, Please provide the following comments to the following staff and board members:

19 October, 2005

Chairwoman Tam Doduc
Vice-President Peter Silva
Board Member Arthur Baggett, Jr.

Executive Director Celeste Cantu

Darrin Polhemus, SWRCB-DFA
Christopher Stephens, SWRCB-DFA

Dear Board Members and Staff:

I am a resident of Los Osos, a taxpayer, and a property owner in the Los Osos wastewater treatment project prohibition zone. For nine years I have seen the property owners of Los Osos have their interests for a wastewater project juggled between the various state agencies, the county of San Luis Obispo, the LOCSD, and numerous litigants to projects.

During that period, the property owners within the prohibition zone demonstrated in 2001 a commitment to solve the wastewater problem by approving bonds.

I participated as a citizen to review, along with three other Los Osos property owners, the Measure B initiative on the 27 September ballot. We presented to the voters ballot arguments against the proposed ordinance. To my regret and many others, Measure B passed by a slim margin.

Following the election, lawsuits filed in the interest of protecting expended funds were made, and those cases were dismissed in San Luis Obispo County courts. This has left the property owners within the prohibition zone once again in a juggling act between agencies.

I am writing you today to urge the State of California to consider the interests of property owners in Los Osos and their investment in the Los Osos Wastewater Project. It is my hope that the state can work with the present LOCSD board to facilitate construction of a compliant wastewater system in an expeditious manner.

Please provide any necessary guidance, consideration, and assistance to the LOCSD board and staff so that the potential effects of litigation with various parties do not overwhelm the current situation and the ability of the LOCSD to administer a permitted compliant project. I believe the State has a duty to insure that proper legal interpretations of Measure B are made, and hope that forward progress on a wastewater system that is in the interest of taxpayer investments to date and in the interest of protecting our groundwater will continue.

Thanks, and regards,
Joe Sparks,
Los Osos

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