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Mr Briggs,

It is difficult to tell what the "compromise" might be considered after reading the Telegram Tribune. I would hope the RWQCB would hold the course and finish the existing sewer plant that is already under construction. The track record of the existing CSD board would leave me to believe that even with a two year extension, they would not get their act together and build a plant out of town which would satisfy your requirements. They talk about "ag exchange" which I assume is voluntary on the part of the farmers. If their new plant, which would be located at the Andre site or similar site, creates tertiary treated water, then why do we have to exchange it for anything, especially ag water that might be high in nitrates from fertilizers and possible pesticide contamination.

The permit process is long, even on the fast track. Is there nothing to keep opponents of the "move the sewer" group from filing lawsuits as well, thus bringing the new project to a standstill.? The excavation at the existing site is extensive... looks like the beginning of a sewer plant to me. Since it was started before the passage of measure B, why is the existing plant not "fathered in"?

Every day leads to more confusion, more discontent in the community. The silent majority feels like they are hostage to the new board who does not have a plan, does not have a site, does not have funding, and is years from moving the sewer. I urge you to force, even through fines, the building of the sewer plant at the existing site. We have two houses in the prohibition zone and live in one outside of that zone. We would be severely affected by fines, but would be bankrupt if the CSD defaults on their "dreams" and we end up paying a much greater fee for sewerage Los Osos.

Stay the course, you have more supporters than you might believe.

Bob Ward

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