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Dear Mr. Young,

The following is in response to Mr. Roger Briggs' letter to the new Los Osos CSD Directors, dated October 6,2005.

The former CSD Board of Directors betrayed their mission and the people of Los Osos with lies, propaganda, and trying to shove a project down our throats that was and still is unacceptable.

I did not trust our former CSD at all. I think they were protecting the wrong things (such as the developers pocket books).

I also question whether the RWQCB is being true to their mission by insisting that this poorly placed, poorly designed, energy gusseling, toxic waste producing, dinosaur technology, disastrous to the environment, the people and the economy of Los Osos, most expensive sewer per capita project, that the majority of the community does not want and that wastewater experts all over the country look at in disbelief (very expensive & at the same time very poor technology= very low value for your money).

Also I feel that it is irresponsible to send our solid waste to another community, when we should be taking responsibility for our own. This is not a sustainable practice. And we know that sludge acceptors are closing down, as Sta. Maria likely will in the near future.

In case you don't already know, by law a sewer project is a community decision. This community rejects the terrible TRI-W plan and has every right to do so. Also, it is extremely difficult to have a successful recall. And we did it!

Now, why on earth would you insist on that project that has been overthrown by the community, the people who will have to live with the project and are paying for it? I really question whether you have the environment, the water/watershed, sustainability and the people's best interest at heart, when you threaten to fine us now.

You know that the project should never have been started less that one month before the recall election and the Move the Sewer ballot initiative. We begged the state to withhold funding until after the election, which would have been the proper and ethical thing to do.

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At this time Measure B is still law, and so it is truly beyond the scope of the

current CSD board to order the project (as it was, ie, @ TRI-W) restarted.

Secondly, this board (all 5 of our Directors) ran on a Move the Sewer Out Of Town platform, and we elected them, so in order to be true to their community they must build a project out of town, that is much more environmentally friendly and also happens to be less expensive and a better solution in all ways.

Please do not fine us. This would not help us, nor would it be an ethical thing to do. You should support us and not work against us!

Our new board is sincere and earnest in their intentions and readiness to make real a project that is superior in every way. They also have much more expertise in this area than the former board.

Please give them and us the opportunity to do what is right for our community, and the land and water that give us life. I completely trust our new CSD to help us to choose the project that will take care of our water, our wastewater and waste, our watershed, our environment and our people for generations to come, and in a timely manner. This is truly what sustainability is about.

Sincerely,
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