

ATTACHMENT 1

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL COAST REGION  
895 Aerovista Lane, Suite 101  
San Luis Obispo, California 93401**

**RESOLUTION NO. R3-2005-116**

**IN SUPPORT OF THE  
SOUTH COAST BEACH COMMUNITIES SEPTIC-TO-SEWER PROJECT  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the California Water Boards is to preserve, enhance and restore the quality of the State's water resources, and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations, and

1. The goal of preserving the quality of the State's waters is often to protect the public health, and
2. The Central Coast Water Board protects the public health by ensuring that the beneficial uses of the State's waters remain unimpaired, and
3. Water contact recreation (REC-1) in the Pacific Ocean's nearshore waters and in Rincon Creek and municipal and domestic water supply (MUN) in Rincon Creek are existing Beneficial Uses established in the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coast Region (Basin Plan), and
4. The Basin Plan contains recommendations for on-site soil absorption systems for separation to groundwater, loading rates, and other parameters, and
5. It is likely that no on-site system in the Rincon Point, Padaro Lane, Beach Club Road, Sandylane Cove or Sandpoint Road complies with all of the Basin Plan's recommendations for on-site wastewater treatment systems, and
6. The October 1999 *Lower Rincon Creek Watershed Study* (prepared for the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department and the County Water Agency) compared the sources of bacteria in water samples from the lagoon at Rincon Creek's outlet, the ocean at the beach fronting the homes, and an upstream culvert under Highway 101, and
7. Twenty percent of the total of 25 samples contained bacteria of human origin but no sample from the culvert in Rincon Creek upstream of the homes contained human bacteria, and
8. Homes downstream of the culvert likely discharged human waste into the creek and the ocean, and
9. All samples taken by County staff in January 1999 from seven stations in the creek and the ocean near the beach contained methylene blue active substances, which are in detergents and surfactants, and
10. Homes downstream of the culvert likely discharged human waste into Rincon Creek and the ocean, and.
11. The studies demonstrate impairment of the REC-1 and MUN beneficial uses in the Creek and the ocean by the discharge of sanitary waste from the homes on Rincon Point, and
12. A June 2003 sanitary survey included Rincon Point with areas least suited for on-site wastewater disposal systems and recommended the homes connect to the sewer, and

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13. Residents in the communities at Rincon Point, Sandyland Cove, Padaro Lane, and Sand Point Road have requested that the Carpinteria Sanitary District provide sewerage services to their communities, and
14. The Carpinteria Sanitary District has agreed to do so and has started tasks necessary to provide sewerage to the communities, and
15. In a February 11, 2004 letter to the Carpinteria Sanitary District Board, the Central Coast Water Board's Executive Officer supported the proposed septic-to-sewer project, and
16. In July 2004, the Carpinteria Sanitary District certified the Final Environmental Impact Report for the *South Coast Beach Communities Septic-to-Sewer Project*.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Central Coast Water Board strongly recommends that the Carpinteria Sanitary District provide sewerage service to the Rincon Point, Sand Point Road, Beach Club Road, Padaro Lane, and Sandyland Cove communities as soon as possible.

**I, Roger W. Briggs, Executive Officer**, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Central Coast Water Board on October 21, 2005.

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Executive Officer