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Subject: Comments on Draft Staff Report Regarding the Status of the Los Osos Wastewater Project

Dear Mr. LaCaro:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft staff report for your planned September 6, 2012, update on the Los Osos Wastewater Project. The County is looking forward to participating in the presentation of the update and would like to take this opportunity to provide several clarifying comments on the draft staff report.

Page 3: Dewatering

The first paragraph of this section incorrectly states that a dewatering plan is a requirement of the CDP. A dewatering plan is not a requirement of the CDP. The dewatering plan contained in the collection system construction contracts was prepared by the design engineer in order to provide background information for potential bidders. The plan contains estimated volumes of water, analysis of potential disposal options, and a recommended approach for managing dewatering disposal. The contractor is responsible to select means and methods for completing the work and must manage their construction schedule and operations to stay within the capacity of the disposal methods they elect to use.

It should be noted that that dewatering was considered in Appendix D of the draft EIR and found to have no significant impact on groundwater quality or quantity and that the CDP was issued without any specific restrictions on construction dewatering, except that the project must obtain and comply with an NPDES permit. The water extracted during construction dewatering operations is within the first several feet of the ground surface and is not potable water. An NPDES permit, which covered the construction dewatering activities, has been issued for the project.

Page 4: Recycled Water Management Plan

First paragraph – The final Recycled Water Management Plan was approved by the Coastal Commission on May 22, 2012. The primary objective for the recycled water

reuse is to mitigate seawater intrusion by offsetting pumping from the lower aquifer of the groundwater basin and to return recycled water to the basin through percolation.

Second paragraph – The County currently has a final agreement for urban reuse at four schools and will provide recycled water to its own facilities at the community park. The County has formalized program participation agreements with six agricultural parcels and is pursuing reuse agreements with the golf course and cemetery. As other potential users of recycled water in the basin are identified, either current or future development, the County has additional capacity to serve those demands.

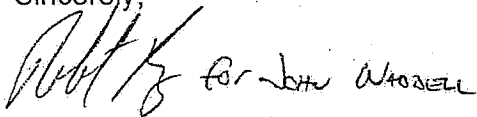
Third paragraph – A draft Title 22 Engineering Report was submitted to the California Department of Public Health on May 16, 2012.

Page 5: Water Conservation

The County has prepared a water conservation program for the project, which is a component of the Recycled Water Management Plan that was approved by the Coastal Commission on May 22, 2012. The County program is for indoor conservation, which will reduce wastewater flows, and is based on the most aggressive alternative recommended in the 2011 Maddaus Report. The County is in the process of implementing the water conservation program and expects to meet the goal of 50 gallons of average indoor use per person, per day, soon after the wastewater project is completed.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the draft staff report. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the project update.

Sincerely,



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