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Dear Chair Young:

My wife and I are property owners and taxpayers who live in Los Osos, California. Our two properties are located within the wastewater discharge prohibition zone established by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and we are appalled at what is happening to our community.

A razor-thin victory in the recent recall election put in place a new Community Services District board whose main goal is to derail our approved sewer project. Less than 35% of the community voted to elect these individuals, and now they are pushing an agenda of financial and environmental ruin on our community.

We are gravely concerned about their actions, especially their order to stop work on the current sewer project without a coherent, realistic plan for an alternative. Each day this board delays, we, the taxpayers, are in increasing financial danger. For example, the Community Services District must pay for idle contracting firms each day the work is stopped. To date, the District has wasted over \$3,488,000 in taxpayer money because of their stop-work order.

They have no plan (only promises) for an alternative that will meet myriad local, state, and federal regulations. Consequently, we are now in danger of losing our state low-interest loan, facing lawsuits from contractors, and paying a massive fine threatened by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (\$11,000,000 to \$44,000,000).

Los Osos desperately needs the help of the state to resolve this problem. We are convinced that, given the scorched-earth agenda of this new CSD board, the problem cannot be solved on a local level. The community is too divided, and the CSD directors are supported by a group of people who believe they can exempt themselves from local, state, and federal law and regulation (witness the passage of our Measure B).

We ask for your direct intervention in this problem BEFORE the CSD board destroys what many Los Osos residents worked years to create—an affordable, approved, and well-designed sewer system situated on the Tri-W property in our town. Please help us by demanding the CSD board continue the construction of the approved sewer project.

Sincerely,



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