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Dear Mr. Briggs,

I am writing to let you know how much our community needs your support. We recently had a recall election of three members of our Community Services District Board in Los Osos, Ca. The new board is now seated and they are there because the citizens of Los Osos desire an amended wastewater project.

First, I will identify why the current project is deeply flawed. Second, I will suggest what you could do to assist us in moving forward with our amended plan. The amended plan not only solves our wastewater problems in an affordable and sustainable manner but also will be located outside of town, away from our community center, park, library, and homes.

Problems with current project:

1. It is unaffordable, mostly due to the downtown location. This location has required excessive mitigation dollars for environmental, visual, and odor reasons. The former CSD included a very expensive park in the plan, which the residents of this community never said they wanted to pay for. Many of us will be displaced from our homes due to the high cost of this bad plan.
2. It is not sustainable. It does not meet the very important project goal of water recycling or the goal of relief from saltwater intrusion. Ultimately, it requires imported water (not included in the costs), ridiculous for a small community of 15,000 people.
3. We have never had a say in this matter up until this point (the recall).

How you could help us move forward with the amended plan:

Help us retain the State Revolving Fund loans for work in progress.

Modify funding for the amended treatment project.

Request the RWQCB to update the Time Schedule Order.

And... intervene to suspend the discretionary fines threatened by the RWQCB.

Our new board is working diligently to get our wastewater project amended to reflect the philosophy of a community that truly cares about our environment, our water, our homes, our people, and our future. We know there are less expensive, more efficient alternative plans available for our community. We also know that an amended plan would put the wastewater facility outside of our town, where it should be. I hope you can place this difficult situation into a larger picture and understand our requests. We would greatly appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Stanford