

Attn Jeff Young 543-0397

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Dear Jeff Young,

I have been a resident of the Los Osos Community for 22 years. I own a business and a home in the moratorium area.

The town of Los Osos has come a long way since the old sewer/no sewer debates. We realize a sewer is necessary and desirable to protect the Bay and our water quality. We have a sincere desire to solve our wastewater problems in a sensible, sustainable and affordable manner. Don't blame the people of Los Osos for their predicament, it was the County who issued the permits years ago to build to the current level of housing density and too close to the bay.

I believe the original threat of fines that the State Water Quality Control Board wanted to impose on Los Osos was what paralyzed the former CSD board members, like a deer in the headlights they were frozen and the town got run over by an ill placed and ill conceived plan for a sewer.

The sewer as originally planned in the middle of town is placed right on the hillside above the very National Estuary and bay it is supposed to protect. A catastrophic event could cause ruptures and leaks that would dump thousands of gallons of untreated sewage into the bay. If the sewer was out of town in the farming area such a catastrophic event would not have the same effect.

The passing of initiative, Measure B must be respected to support the vote of the community to amend the project and funding so that the sewer plant will not stink up the tennis courts, catholic church, parks, the downtown and the residences that it would have been next to. Los Osos deserves better.

A plant out of town would facilitate water exchange with the farmers so they would not have to draw water from our severely depleted aquifers and the treated water they watered the crops with would then trickle down to the depleted aquifers.

A plant in town would require an expensive cement based structure whereas a plant out of town could be made on dirt.

A plant in town would require a dozen or more trucks a week to haul sludge to Santa Maria, the current dumping sight. If Santa Maria closes then where do we truck to? Nevada? How about we put it on a barge and let it float endlessly through time on the ocean? I don't think so.

The dirt based plant built out of town would not require the trucking away of sludge.

We trusted the Water Board's good faith to work with our newly elected board to solve the Los Osos long standing sewage disposal problems. A sewage plant in the middle of town is bad for the community.

Sincerely,

  
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