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Jeff Young, Chair RWQCB  
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Dear Mr Young,

I'm writing you as a concerned property owner in the Los Osos "prohibition zone". I'm also writing as a concerned citizen of this country who is continually losing faith in the way my government handles problems whether it be local or national. I am, however, very impressed and grateful for our democratic system when it is allowed to function as it was designed. Case in point, the ability for a community to stand together and say enough is enough when they are being taken far off point of their objective....in this case a sewer system far too expensive and to be built right in the heart of this town...by people and agencies that seem to have forgotten the directives of those who have to foot the bill for a project they never approved of. I'm very proud that the effort to stop this project was able to overcome the impetus to ram it down the throats of a community who's pockets aren't deep enough to support it.

Democracy! You gotta love it when it is allowed to work as intended.

Now, if we can just get the agencies overseeing this long overdue project to work with the will of the people instead of punishing them for standing up for their rights....to work finally towards the end we all want; An AFFORDABLE sewer system situated on the outskirts of the community that uses the best possible system and practices available today.....SOON!

I understand that this has been a long painful process for most all involved....all the while the water we depend on directly beneath us is growing more and more at risk of contamination via one form or other. I could point fingers at people who lead the community down a wrong path, who caved into pressure from corporate and/or agency pressure that put us where we are now, And the tenacity of those who are now at the controls of the present situation. But, it's all on record and you more likely have spent a good deal of time reading position pieces from both corners of the fight.

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For the sake of brevity, please encourage your board, your agency to work with the present LOCSD board members as they truly represent the wishes of the majority who live in Los Osos/Baywood Park....if DEMOCRACY has anything to do with the way things are run here in CA these days.

Fines(retroactive) and threats sounds like some draconian punishment that would emanate from some FASCIST regime; The iron-fisted glove smashing the opposition to what is mandated by "a government by the corporations for the corporations". Gentrification of this little hamlet to make room for more commercial development, "total build-out", greater revenues for the local coffers, mapped out from the game plans that have transformed so many similar communities by money-men bent on further lining their pockets... I hope that is not the situation coaxing the developments here!

I attended the Special Session Meeting last Thursday night @ the LO Community center where there was much public testimony from both sides of the fence. What really startled me however was that view given suggesting certain results in the special election (the mandate to move the site of the sewer facility from it's present location) of this democratic process be thrown out! Wow! Seeds of TREASON thrown into the breach!

I hope you will find it in your board's directive not to board the train of spite and fines...as has been suggested to you by some of the re-called LOCSD board members(I think we're all grown-ups and should know that punishment is for criminals and working together with a bit more patience is what adults do)...but the train bound for resolution of this matter in a manner that supports good science, good practice, fiscal responsibility to those mandated to pay for it, and common sense siting.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cliff Ward", written in a cursive style.

Cliff Ward

Cc Lisa Shicker, President LOCSD