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Mr. Jeffrey S. Young, Chair
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Coast Region
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
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Dear Mr. Young:

The purpose of this letter is to ask you not to fine Los Osos if the LOCSD board guarantees unequivocally in writing that they will re-start and complete construction of the approved project on the Tri-W site, regardless of their interpretation of Measure B.

I am a member of a group of citizens that is trying to get the new LOCSD to cease their obsession with moving the sewer, and re-start the entire project on the Tri-W site. We all know, as does the new LOCSD board, that the low-interest loan is project and site specific. It is also obvious that they are using every manipulation possible to get around that stipulation so they can put another project on another site (neither of which have been clearly identified) and keep the loan.

At their Monday, November 7, 2005 meeting, their "Resolution"—which they claimed the Water Board requested, and is loosely based on their original negotiation statement that was faxed to them last week—was distributed. If they had not preceded the discussion period with a presentation on comparative costs of the STEP system, the current approved system, and their potential ponding system, we might have assumed they intended to re-start the approved project on Tri-W. Also, the wording in items 4 and 5 on page four seemed fairly clear.

However, I asked them direct before the cameras if they intended to resume the approved project at Tri-W and Lisa Schicker said "NO," that they were only doing cosmetic work on Tri-W, and the sewer would be out of town. I also asked if this "resolution" was going to be used as a basis to sue the State of California and she said no, that they had already decided to begin litigation. A COPY OF THIS TAPE IS ATTACHED. (*Note that video is unintelligible. - MBT*)

In an obvious attempt to reinforce the credibility of Measure B, the LOCSD has now resumed showing on government channel 20 their supporters' film presentation on Measure B—which was hosted by attorney Biggs, the same person who helped them prepare this initiative and is the same one they claim will sue the LOCSD if they re-start the project. You probably already know this. She is apparently also the person who helped them obtain their current attorney and project manager.

The knowledgeable citizens of Los Osos realize we are facing financial disaster and do not want to lose the project, the site, or the loan. So please bear with us as we continue to pressure the three men on the board who just may have a modicum of sense and who we may be able to convince to do the right thing.

Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

Joyce Albright