

November 9, 2005

Jeffrey S. Young, Chair
 California Regional Water Quality Control Board
 Central Coast Region
 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
 San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Re: Los Osos Sewer Project

Dear Chairman Young,

I am writing to you again, this time to ask for your continued patience with Los Osos. As a former LOCSD Board member, and former Chair of the LOCSD Wastewater Committee, I know how hard the past CSD Boards and Mr. Bruce Buel worked to get the current project designed, permitted and funded.

Please help us move forward with the existing project by NOT implementing fines IF the new LOCSD Board guarantees to restart all three phases of the wastewater project immediately.


I truly believe the new Board members did not have any understanding of the seriousness of the issues or the financial impacts losing the low-interest loan would have to the overall cost of the project. Despite the preponderance of documented evidence to the contrary, they had been lead to believe, by several local groups, that the SRF loan would be available to us anytime in the future, the RWQCB would never fine Los Osos, and there was plenty of time to redesign a new project at a new location.

I believe it is imperative that the LOCSD save the low-interest loan; keep the contractors in place; fight Measure B and prevent Los Osos property owners from being fined.

If you will support Los Osos in the continuance of the SRF loan and NOT implement fines, on condition the LOCSD immediately restarts the project, it will make the financial difference to many people of being able to keep their homes in Los Osos or be forced to move. More importantly, it will allow Los Osos to finally build a sewer now, comply with the law, stop the pollution and protect our drinking water. If we have to start over with conventional financing, it could be years before we will be able to build a sewer.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,


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