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To: [Harris, Ken@Waterboards](mailto:Harris.Ken@Waterboards)
Cc: [Howard, Tom](mailto:Howard.Tom); [Villados, Michele@Waterboards](mailto:Villados.Michele@Waterboards); [Rose, David@Waterboards](mailto:Rose.David@Waterboards)
Subject: Fwd: Re: Serious concerns regarding Central Coast RWQCB staff
Date: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 1:16:27 PM

Mr. Harris,

I am asking for reasonable accommodation in regard to presenting a request for an action to the RWQCB. I would like to be able to submit my request in writing, rather than in person. Due to my disabling medical condition, it is impossible to predict my ability to function normally on any given day, so planning to attend any meeting is obviously problematic.

I would prefer to send my request for action to the Board members via email if possible, as this would save on copying costs. The actual request is just one page, but the supporting documentation is somewhat lengthy. The Board may or may not be interested in reading supporting documents, but I would like to provide them.

Can you arrange this accommodation for me? Thank you for any help you can provide in this regard.

Linda Stedjee

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Serious concerns regarding Central Coast RWQCB staff

Date: Sat, 28 Sep 2013 03:04:58 +0000

From: Howard, Tom <Tom.Howard@waterboards.ca.gov>

To: Linda Stedjee <lstedjee@charter.net>

CC: Howard, Tom <Tom.Howard@waterboards.ca.gov>, Harris, Ken@Waterboards <Ken.Harris@waterboards.ca.gov>, Villados, Michele@Waterboards <Michele.Villados@waterboards.ca.gov>, Rose, David@Waterboards <David.Rose@waterboards.ca.gov>

Ms Stedjee,

I believe you should ask Ken Harris for the reasonable accommodation. As I said, you must first request a specific action of the regional board. Normally, You would make this request during the public forum but you state that you cannot physically appear.

I have included in this email Michelle Villados and David Rose because they deal with disability and reasonable accommodation requests for the Water Boards.

Sent from my iPad

> On Sep 27, 2013, at 6:45 PM, "Linda Stedjee" <lstedjee@charter.net> wrote:

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> Mr. Howard,

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> Due to medical issues (I am legally disabled by a serious medical condition and and currently suffering a flareup) it is unlikely that I could appear at an RWQCB public forum or proceeding. I ask that reasonable accommodation be made for my disability by providing me with a means of submitting my specific request to the Board without being physically

present. Please tell me how this will be accomplished.

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> Regarding the fact that Mr. Harris's staff looked into the issue, if you read my two recent emails to Mr. Harris, then I believe the very serious logic flaws in the staff's work are glaringly apparent. Frankly, I am forced to conclude that either they are not competent, or that they were making a deliberate attempt to be deceptive.

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> If they are being deceptive, perhaps that is because RWQCB staff oversaw the MBTE mitigation effort and would thus be held responsible for the well nitrate problem if they admitted what is, to many of us, glaringly obvious.

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> I urge you to read the two emails sent to Mr. Harris. You were on the CC list. If you read them with an open mind, I believe you will clearly see the problem. I urge Mr. Harris to read them too. His staff's arguments are so illogical that they would be laughable were this not a serious situation. I say this as an educated person with a degree in mathematics and a 31-year career in software development. I can spot a logic flaw a mile away, and the RWQCB staff's conclusions contain some pretty serious ones. They also contain what can only be described as misinformation.

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> Meanwhile, please advise me how my disability will be accommodated so that I can make my request to the Board.

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> Linda Stedjee

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>> On 9/27/2013 5:34 PM, Howard, Tom wrote:

>> Ms Stedjee,

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>> I appreciate your interest in this issue. Ken Harris's staff looked into this issue and both he and his staff disagree with you.

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>> The State Water board does not review regional board decisions except through a formal petition process. The steps in the process are as follows. You must appear before the regional board at its public forum or some other appropriate proceeding and make a specific request of the Board. If the Board declines to act or you disagree with the Board's action, you can petition the action or inaction to the State Water Board. The State Water Board does not take all petitions to an order in front of the Board but we do review them to see if the matter has merit and should be reviewed.

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Linda Stedjee [<mailto:lstedjee@charter.net>]

>> Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2013 1:52 PM

>> To: Howard, Tom

>> Subject: Serious concerns regarding Central Coast RWQCB staff

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>> Mr. Howard,

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>> I copied you on my email to Ken Harris regarding his response to my concerns that nitrates in Morro Bay wells are from leaking sewage.
>> Frankly, I was appalled at the lack of accuracy and the apparent lack of knowledge and research demonstrated by the content of the letter I received.

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>> The claim that there is no hydraulic connection between the City well field and the Shell station site is ludicrous. The Central Coast RWQCB oversaw the entire MTBE remediation process and undoubtedly has a huge file on the subject. It does not appear that Mr. Harris' analyst looked at it. If he/she had, it would have been clear that there was a significant hydraulic connection even before the extensive excavations at the site.

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>> Mr. Howard, over the years there have been many complaints by Morro Bay residents and other residents of SLO County regarding the RWQCB. There have been many allegations that they are too closely tied to the local political machine and would do anything for that machine, including ignoring and even covering up violations. While Mr. Harris, as you told me, may bring a "new perspective", many people here believe that it is obvious that his staff still has the old perspective.

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>> The flawed analysis done by Mr. Harris' s analyst is just one example.
>> Another RWQCB staff member still refuses to do anything about un-permitted septic systems in the Chorro Valley - systems that are

malfunctioning and polluting ground water in that area. That same staff member refused to take action several years ago when I provided irrefutable evidence that storm water runoff was being deliberately funneled through a City park and dumped into a creek that flows directly to the ocean. He told me that, while that was not the right way to do things, he would not force the City or the developer who was responsible to fix the problem.

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>> Another RWQCB staff member steadfastly insisted on the accuracy of a consultant's report on the Morro Basin nitrates despite having serious logic flaws pointed out to him. I ask that, in addition to my earlier email on the subject, you review the attached documents. I believe you will see the problem.

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>> Please take whatever action is necessary to ensure that staff of the Central Coast RWQCB does not continue to allow the ongoing pollution of our groundwater. I believe that only intervention from your level will resolve this serious problem.

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>> Linda Stedjee

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