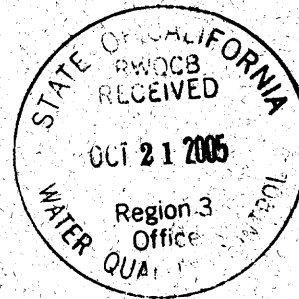


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Dear Chairman Young,

Six years ago my wife and I became residents, homeowners and taxpayers in Los Osos. Throughout this time the community has been embroiled in a continual chaotic turmoil over how best to comply with the State Water Board's and the RWQB's mandate that we end our reliance on individual septic tanks, and engineer and construct a community wastewater collection and treatment facility.

As you know, this summer, ground was broken at the Tri-H site for our "sewer" project, and most of us, we thought, saw it as a hopeful end to the long, bitter and divisive debate. Now we are faced with the illogical and intemperate actions of a narrowly-elected new CSD board who have pledged to stop the project then under construction at the time of their hairs-breadth electoral victory.

Blinded by their hubris, they don't seem to realize that their actions, if not reversed, will bankrupt the LOCSD and have vastly unpredictable consequences for us individual homeowners and taxpayers.

With your perspective of this divided community's malaise, we urge you to do whatever is within your power to attempt to persuade this stubborn LOCSD board that, in spite of their campaign promise to "MOVE THE SEWER", on balance, it would be in the community's best interest to immediately resume work on the existing project. This would ensure the continuance of the State Revolving Fund low interest loan, protect the Bond money, protect our permits, keep our contractors, save the potential \$35,000,000 WRDA grant and stop the pollution of the Bay and our groundwater. For the CSD to do otherwise, it seems to us, will doom the LOCSD to bankruptcy and force some other entity to pick up the project and complete it at an even greater expense than the project will cost if they simply re-thought their position and re-started the project that they've halted.

Maybe there's a glimmer of a chance that they can be convinced of the hopelessness of their campaign promise of a "faster, better, cheaper sewer out of town", if you and your colleagues continue the dialog with them. Stubborn they are, but they aren't completely stupid and ought to be encouraged to see the light.

Additionally, their bedrock (law of the people) "Measure B" is about to be declared invalid by the Appeals Court in Santa Barbara, perhaps as early as October 27.

Thank you for considering this letter.

Respectfully,

  
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