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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,

On January 4, 2005, the State Water Resources Control Board made it very clear to Los Osos residents and property owners, that the low-interest loan is only for the existing project. It was stated that <u>any</u> changes would result in the loss of the loan. During the past few years, and most definitely in the last 12 months, your Board and Mr. Briggs have made every effort to inform the LOCSD that any delays of the project will not be tolerated.

We've just had a nine month recall battle which, unfortunately, just barely succeeded. Over the past year, local residents have been told the treatment facility was going to be open sewage vats producing horrific odors, and 40' tall buildings blocking all views. They've been told there will be "no fines" and the low-interest loan will be available to Los Osos at any time in the future. While very effective to win votes, as you know, these things are simply not true. Even with this propaganda, it was made clear in the recall election that 30% of our voters thought the project was ideal, 30.3% felt it was not, and the rest didn't care enough to vote. Out of town property owners were excluded from offering their opinion.

We have tried to comply with the law. We want to stop the pollution and protect our drinking water supply and Morro Bay, yet the new Los Osos CSD Board is now preventing us from doing so. Please help us finally move forward to solve our pollution problem by firmly supporting the current project and encouraging the LOCSD to begin construction on the treatment facility and collection system immediately. This will hopefully allow us to keep our low-interest loan, our existing contractors, save our bond, and potentially avoid fines.

We need your help in order to get the LOCSD to comply with the law.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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