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Dear Mr. Young,

I am including a letter I sent to Ms. Cantu at the State Water Board regarding funding for the Los Osos Wastewater Project. I believe that Los Osos is being treated like second class citizens. We trusted in the State Board and they have betrayed that trust.

I have lived here since 1971, minus three years in Oregon. The RWQCB could have forced the county to build their project in 1997, but instead were convinced by the Solution's Group to delay the mandate to build a sewer treatment facility, thus wasting over two years on a project they already knew was doomed. All this was done to facilitate the installation of a Community Services District in Los Osos at the behest of some very powerful people in this community.

Now many of those same powerful people are attempting to overthrow our duly elected new CSD Board, causing only further delays to the project.

The RWQCB has stated numerous times that it cannot dictate the type of wastewater treatment plant or where we chose to build it. The vote on September 27, 2005 affirmed this community's desire to build an environmentally superior alternative sewer system away from the Morro Bay Estuary. This estuary is considered a treasure to all that have ever seen it or enjoyed it's many wonders. Indeed, it is not just a local treasure, but rather a state and national treasure. Yet our little community, Los Osos has been threatened with bankruptcy by a project that is deemed will protect the viability of this Bay for years to come. The cost of this project is simply much too heavy a burden to place on one little town to preserve a place that is visited and enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of people annually.

Los Osos needs help. Please save Los Osos and it's citizens from ruination. Your Board should not be an obstacle by threatening fines to so many in this town that live on fixed incomes and will surely lose their homes if there is not some intervention by state agencies. The prior CSD Board put an estimate of 30% of the population that will be uprooted by this project, yet these same people have paid taxes and in most cases, have been an asset to their community. Where is the concern for these people from a powerful state agency? Please act responsibly and do what you can to intervene with the State Board and retain our low interest loan.

Respectfully,



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*I attempted to put this in my own handwriting but alas,  
it is illegible. Vita Miller*

Celeste Cantu, Executive Director of the California State Water Board  
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Nov 7, 2005

Dear Ms. Cantu,

A legally binding election was held in Los Osos on September 27, 2005. The results of that election put in place a new CSD Board committed to inclusive government. It is not about stopping the construction of the mandated wastewater project, but rather to construct a project that protects both the community and the State's investment in resolving a decades-old problem.

Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee, two members of the newly elected CSD Board and representatives of the SWRCB negotiated all week in good faith to meet the demands of the state while attempting to stay true to the vote of their community for an environmentally sound, financially affordable sewer located out of the center of our town.

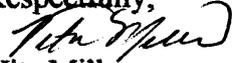
The State Board staff reached a mutual agreement with the CSD. We trusted the process. The new CSD was ready to restart construction of the sewer system and put the contractors back to work. The SWRCB decision to stop the funding and thereby cause by their own actions, a delay in the continuation of this project is an unreasonable and unconscionable action that will not expedite resolution of the community's need to resolve their wastewater dilemma.

On Nov 1st, Finance Division Chief Barbara Evoy of the State Water Board wrote the LOCSO claiming the new sewer deal was too risky. Apparently cleaning up the water, putting crews back to work and uniting the community did not constitute a reasonable agreement. However releasing state funds to a CSD Board back in August, 2005 facing a recall election in less than one month was considered a sound financial decision.

The prior CSD Board was intent on building a sewer system with hidden operating & maintenance costs and approved contract bids at 50% over their own engineer's estimate raising the costs an additional \$36,000,000.00, on environmentally sensitive land just a spill away from our estuary and near homes, a community center, library and church. The community, by their legal election, has rejected that plan.

I am confident that the newly elected CSD Board and community will work together for financing and to build a plant appropriately sited outside of town in accordance with Measure B. The CSD Board has restated publicly numerous times that they are committed to delivering a project to Los Osos.

**Please don't wait to restore our funding. The Citizens of Los Osos urge you to reconsider the proposal and will provide you with all assurances to carry out your mandate to protect the environment and the taxpayer's investment.**

Respectfully,  
  
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