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Jeffrey Young, Chair
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RE: The Los Osos Wastewater Project

Dear Mr. Young:

It is my understanding the *new* Los Osos Community Services District (LOCSO) directors are lobbying various local representatives, the State Water Resources Board, and the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) regarding their "plan" to move the Los Osos wastewater project out of town and avoid fines. As we all know, in reality, the *new* LOCSO Board has NO plan. Their delays are only increasing the project's costs, further polluting our drinking water and the bay, and endangering public health and safety.

As you are aware, members of the *new* LOCSO Board and the community were warned repeatedly by your Board and State Water Resources, in public meetings and through letters, that taking a new direction at this late date would have serious consequences. These consequences included the community risking their financing (i.e., the State Revolving Fund) as well as subjecting the LOCSO and the community to fines. Yet the *new* LOCSO Board ignored this information.

In fact, this group ran a Recall Election on a platform Los Osos could move the current project, the community would not lose the State Revolving Fund, and there would be no fines. They characterized the Regional Board as a "Paper Tiger." They indicated the Time Schedule Order could be ignored, we could have more time. Their election materials indicated they had a cheaper plan, and then, when elected they admitted they had no plan - and still do not have a plan.

After over thirty years of polluting our groundwater, Los Osos is running out of drinking water. As a community, we have killed two out-of-town wastewater projects sponsored by the County because they were too expensive, not in the proper location, or not designed right. These are the same arguments that are being used today to dismantle the current wastewater project that is permitted and ready to go. Each time we have delayed the project it has only gotten more expensive, our groundwater more polluted.

I am requesting that the RWQCB staff enforce state and federal clean water laws within Los Osos. Considering another alternative and/or postponing this project further will only increase the cost to each property owner in the prohibition zone making it even more difficult for us to do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Di Leo,
Prohibition Zone Resident