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Ms. Molly Brown
1871 Fearn Avenue
Los Osos, CA 93402

Dear Ms. Brown:

LOS OSOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (DISTRICT); WASTEWATER COLLECTION, TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL PROJECT (PROJECT); STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF) LOAN PROGRAM PROJECT NO. C-06-4014-110

Thank you for your October 10, 2005, letter to Dr. Alan C. Lloyd, Agency Secretary for the California Environmental Protection Agency. Dr. Lloyd has asked me to respond on his behalf.

Your letter asks for our position regarding the enforcement action proposed by the Executive Officer of the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board), Mr. Roger Briggs. You also request the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) support to allow the new District time to move construction of the treatment plant from the current site in town to one outside of town.

It would be inappropriate for me to direct Mr. Briggs to take other action. Mr. Briggs has a responsibility to implement the State's water quality laws, and those laws clearly specify the process to be used. I have confidence that the process will lead to the best outcome for all concerned.

The next step in the process is a hearing before the Central Coast Water Board on December 1, 2005. The Central Coast Water Board will consider, at the hearing, whether to uphold, reject, or modify Mr. Briggs' proposed action. This is a public hearing, and I encourage you to participate and make your views known to Mr. Briggs and the Central Coast Water Board. You may send correspondence to:

Mr. Jeffrey S. Young, Chair
Mr. Roger Briggs, Executive Officer
Central Coast Water Board
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

I recommend that you check the Central Coast Water Board's Web site at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/index.htm> for up-to-date information regarding the proposed enforcement action.

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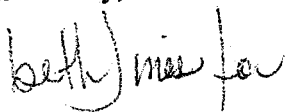
If the District is unhappy with the Central Coast Water Board's decision, it may appeal the decision to the State Water Board in Sacramento. The State Water Board would also hold a hearing to gather public input if an appeal is filed. You will also have an opportunity to participate in any public hearings held by the State Water Board.

As you are no doubt aware, the State Water Board has also been providing funding to the District through the State Revolving Fund (SRF) low interest loan program. The State Water Board, however, recently suspended loan payments to the District because the District indicated it would no longer pursue the project the loan is based on. The State Water Board very much wants to reach a quick conclusion to the current situation and find a way to rapidly complete a project that will protect Los Osos's water quality and provide the community with long needed wastewater treatment facilities.

I wish to emphasize that the State Water Board's first and highest priority is to protect public health and water quality in the Los Osos area. At the same time, we must also preserve the financial integrity of the SRF program. Thank you again for your letter and your support for resolving Los Osos's long-standing water quality problems.

Please contact Mr. Christopher Stevens at (916) 341-5698 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director



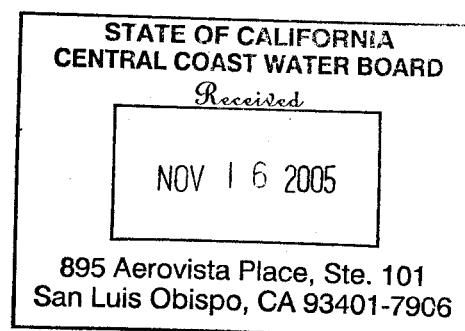
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