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With a 3-0 vote the State Water Board adopted Staff Recommendation (pretty much as outlined in the TT today).

The only significant change/addition is that the State Board gave the CSD Board until close of business next Wednesday to accept the conditions. Board members made it crystal clear that this is not a negotiation - it is a last, best, and final offer. The Board may take it or leave it, but SWRCB must have an answer by next Wednesday.

As you saw in today's paper, one of the elements is a 218 vote of property owners to assess ourselves the cost of securing the loan. As of right now Taxpayers Watch is unclear on what the total amount of the assessment would be (what we currently owe, or the full amount of the loan commitment). We'll keep you apprised when we sort that out.

In the meantime, it is important for property owners in the prohibition zone to contact the CSD Board members and bolster their confidence that a 218 vote to secure the SRF loan would be supported.

The meeting tomorrow night and the Board deliberations over the next few days will be critical to the future of Los Osos.

Next important dates: December 2 - RWQCB fines hearing; December 14 - Measure B Appeal hearing (your Taxpayers Watch attorney will appear on our behalf).

FYI: AGP will rebroadcast the SWRCB meeting starting in the next day or so. DVD's will also be available.

Taxpayers Watch - An unincorporated association organized to promote efficient, quality local government services. We serve our community through research and advocacy on significant tax and spending issues affecting our quality of life in Los Osos.

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