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**Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board**

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Dear Sirs and Madam:

**REQUEST FOR INTERLOCUTORY STIPULATED JUDGEMENT PARTIES' PARTICIPATION IN STATUS UPDATE ON THE LOS OSOS GROUNDWATER BASIN**

The Central Coast Water Board requests your participation at its regular meeting on September 25-26, 2014, in San Luis Obispo. Over the years, Water Board staff has requested updates on the status and progress of the Interlocutory Stipulated Judgement (ISJ) Working Group's progress as it pertains to the management of the Los Osos Groundwater Basin. At this time, both staff and the Board members would like to learn about the current status at the Central Coast Water Board meeting on September 25-26, 2014. We would like you to describe the status of basin management to the Central Coast Water Board in the public meeting. We will coordinate with you to determine on which day of the two-day meeting works best.

As you are aware, the Governor declared a state of emergency due to extreme drought conditions in California. As such, the Central Coast Water Board and other water regulatory and resource agencies have increased their focus on groundwater resource management and protection.

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The Central Coast Water Board and the State Water Resources Control Board strongly support local solutions to these types of groundwater problems. However, the State Water Board has the authority and the responsibility to intervene in these matters (which includes its jurisdiction to adjudicate pumping in the basin) when local agencies are unwilling or unable to develop and implement solutions that solve the problem.

At the September Water Board meeting, following a presentation on status of basin management from the ISJ Working Group, the Central Coast Water Board may consider referring the matter to the State Water Board to determine if the State should intervene to manage the groundwater. The Central Coast Water Board will consider the status information provided and whether the ISJ Working Group demonstrates that it has identified and will implement timely actions to stabilize and protect the Los Osos Groundwater Basin.

Recently, the Water Board commented on the draft Los Osos Groundwater Basin Plan. Staff submitted a comment letter on October 22, 2013 (see attachment). However, we have not received a response to our comments. We continue to encourage the ISJ Working Group to provide more frequent progress reports and responses to comments to the community, as the effects on the primary drinking water source for the community is increasingly urgent; we understand seawater intrusion is occurring at a rate of up to 700 feet per year (according to Section 5.9 of the August 1, 2013 Basin Plan for the Los Osos Groundwater Basin).

I request that the ISJ Working Group (or a designated representative) participate in the Central Coast Water Board meeting on September 25-26, 2014 by providing a presentation that includes an update on the following issues:

1. Los Osos Groundwater Basin Plan implementation process and associated timeline,
2. Actions implemented or planned related to the management of the Los Osos Basin, specifically mitigation of seawater intrusion,
3. Status on seawater intrusion encroachment rates;
4. Identification of goals or targets (e.g., metrics), and associated timeframes to meet them, as indicators of implementation progress and effectiveness.

**Please affirm your willingness to present a status update to the Central Coast Water Board by contacting Lisa McCann at 805-549-3132 or at [lisa.mccann@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:lisa.mccann@waterboards.ca.gov) by September 3, 2014.**

If you have any questions please contact Lisa McCann at the above number or email address.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Central Coast Water Board Comments on the Los Osos Groundwater Basin Plan - October 22, 2013

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