



Mr. Mike Reilly, Chair
California Coastal Commission
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July 28th 2004

Re: Appeal No. A-3-03-113 of Coastal Commission Development Plan Permit No. D020283D, Los Osos CSD Wastewater Project, San Luis Obispo County

Dear Chairman Reilly and Fellow Commissioners:

The Morro Bay National Estuary Program supports the decision by the County of San Luis Obispo granting a Coastal Development Permit to the Los Osos Community Service District for a wastewater treatment system, and therefore, recommends that you deny the appeal of that decision.

For decades now, there have been efforts to develop a sewerage system for Los Osos supported by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, the County of San Luis Obispo, your Commission and many others.

The MBNEP is not a government agency but a cooperative consortium of agencies, non-profits, businesses and volunteers working to protect and enhance the water quality and habitat values of Morro Bay.

The MBNEP developed--over five years of studies and with the help of hundreds of volunteers providing innumerable hours at public meetings--a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for Morro Bay. Among the actions spelled out in this plan is support for wastewater treatment in Los Osos. The CCMP does not specify any particular solution to the community's wastewater treatment problem, but rather calls for support of the locally-elected CSD in finding a solution suitable for the community.

To their credit, the LOCSD has held many public hearings and conducted appropriate studies, has considered numerous alternatives both in terms of methodology and location, and has made great progress toward implementation of a workable system. The MBNEP supports the LOCSD's efforts and recommends that you keep this important project on track by upholding the County's approval and denying the appeal.

Sincerely,
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