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Re: Comments as an Interested Party in the Los Osos Prohibition Zone.

We Gwyneth and George Taylor wish to express our views and objections in regards to the Cease and Desist Orders recently issued by RWQCB to our friends and neighbors in Los Osos.

The SWRCB's own enforcement policy states that CDO's regularly involve extensive capital improvements and may include restrictions on connections to community sewer systems. The entire policy with regard to CDO's is clear that the SWRCB did not anticipate using CDO's as an enforcement tool against private citizens. Citizens are not responsible for holding discharge permits and have no control over sewage or stormwater collection and treatment.

The San Luis Obispo County has historically had and currently retains control over individual septic systems and the planning and permitting thereof. The CSD is in the process of implementing an environmentally sound sewage and storm water system for the Los Osos area.

The Porter-Cologne Act specifically forbids the RWQCB and other water boards from issuing mandates. The RWQCB contends that the CDO's allow Los Osos residents to propose alternative means of compliance but the relative lack of technical sophistication of the residents put the proposed RWQCB's order is a de facto prescription for the manner of compliance and violates the Porter-Cologne Act. For this reason the CDO's should not be issued. Further, the CDO's in setting out the manner of compliance, cannot be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act as claimed.

We understand that the RWQCB tasked Mr. Briggs with bringing the individual CDO's Actions. No emergency existed to force

the RWQCB to act at the hearing and even if there were, the RWQCB failed to follow their own requirements for emergency situations, clearly this represents a lack of due process. Having Mr. Briggs and prosecution team members hearing the CDO,s, is like having the Fox hear the pleading of the hens in the Hen House.

It is clear, both in light of the evident bias of the supposedly neutral arbiter and in light of the legally unsupportable manner in which the prosecutions were initiated, that the prosecutions cannot continue.

If the SWRCB and RWQCB had such grave concerns regarding the pollution of the Los Osos ground water and waters of Morro Bay, why did it take 23 years and 3 different executive directors of the RWQCB to get Los Osos to the point of CDO,s?

Please be advised that we do not have a computer, so send copies of this letter to Lori T. Oken, and all members of the RWQCB and SWQCB.

Any and all help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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