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Subject: Interested Party

I would like to be considered an "Interested Party" in the April 28, 2006 RWQCB Hearing. I am a Los Osos homeowner since 1982.

One of the objections I have concerning the CDOs is the individualization of blame for our water quality problems and the relative futility of the RWQCB staff's proposed interim solution to pump our septic tanks every other month.

The ACL #R3-205-0137 makes what seems to me a very questionable statement (4ii): "The CSD Board of Directors and employees simply represent, and derive all of their powers and authorities from, the voters in the CSD. In short, the voters are the CSD. The voters in this manner exercised their ultimate authority as decision-makers for the CSD.." The implication is that each individual is responsible for the actions of the LOCSD Board (the whole body politic), and therefore corrective and punitive/coercive [which will be denied by the water board staff as all agree this is illegal] actions are appropriate.

Who else thinks that individual citizens in a community are to be held individually responsible for decisions made by their representative government? Osama bin-Laden for one. He said in a Jan. 1999 interview: "Muslim scholars have issued a fatwah [a religious directive] against any American who pays taxes to his government. He is our target because he is helping the American war machine against the Muslim nation."

I am NOT comparing RWQCB staff's action to the terrorism of bin-Laden; I am pointing out that to go after the individual for the actions or inactions of their government, with which they may agree or disagree, is not a just decision.

I ask the RWQCB staff to please recind the request for CDOs against individual septic tank dischargers and instead cooperate with the LOCSD Board in its current efforts to develop a workable WWTP.

Thank You,
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