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San Luis Obispo County
Public Works Department
976 Osos Street, Room 206
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Subject: Letter of Support from the Los Osos Basin Management Committee (BMC) to San Luis Obispo County (County) for Connection of Cabrillo Estates to the Community Sewer System

To Whom It May Concern:

Introduction

The Cabrillo Estates development is a residential development located in the southwestern area of Los Osos near the Sea Pines Golf Course and the Los Osos Oaks State Natural Reserve. The wastewater from the development is currently entirely treated by individual septic systems at each residence and the Cabrillo Estates Property Owners Association (CEPOA) is investigating the possibility of connecting the development to the County sewer system in Los Osos. This connection will serve as a long-term solution to replacing septic systems every 20-30 years and will provide additional source water for the Los Osos Water Recycling Facility.

Background

CEPOA received a $40,000 grant from the Rose Foundation in November 2024 to conduct a feasibility study and cost analysis of connecting the development to the County sewer system. MNS Engineering was contracted by the CEPOA and completed the Conceptual Design Report and Implementation Cost Opinion in April 2025, see the CEPOA Wastewater Webpage. While this wastewater connection is not mandated by any regulatory agencies, the County adopted more stringent requirements for replacement septic systems in the 2020 Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Local Agency Management Program (LAMP), which makes the already costly replacements (typically needed every 20-30 years) even more expensive. The LAMP is available on the County's Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Documents Webpage.

This sewer connection project would help minimize septic tank use in the community and may contribute to the effort to lower nitrate levels in the Upper Aquifer overtime. This project will connect ~250 parcels to the sewer and will provide additional source water to the Los Osos Water Recycling Facility. Recycled water is currently disposed of at the Broderson and Bayridge leach field sites and used for non-potable irrigation at the Sea Pines Golf Course and agricultural

use. There are additional potential future non-potable uses planned for the recycled water as well.

At the June 18, 2024 BMC Meeting, Deborah Howe on behalf of CEPOA requested the BMC provide a letter of support to the County for the connection of the Cabrillo Estates development to the County sewer system in Los Osos.

Conclusion

The BMC is providing this letter to the County in support of a future project to connect Cabrillo Estates to the County sewer system in the community of Los Osos. This project will provide valuable water quality benefits to the basin and additional source water for potable water offsets and other beneficial uses.

Sincerely,



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Mark Zimmer, Chair of the Los Osos Basin Management Committee