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Cory Hahn  
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County of San Luis Obispo

**Subject: Proposed Growth Management Ordinance Amendments for Los Osos**

Dear Mr. Hahn,

The Golden State Water Company (“GSWC”), S&T Mutual Water Company (S&T) and Los Osos Community Services District (“LOCSD”) (jointly, “Purveyors”) would like to thank the Long-Range Planning Division for their coordinated effort in developing a viable strategy to allow for safeguarded new development in Los Osos. It is our understanding that the California Coastal Commission (Commission) staff is recommending that the Commission adopt an annual 1% growth rate for the community at their June meeting. After careful evaluation, the Purveyors are in agreement with the County’s draft strategy for implementing the 1% growth rate which includes the following elements:

1. Title 19 Retrofit-to-Build Program shall remain codified and continue to be enforced unless the program is determined to no longer be a necessary or appropriate component of the management strategy for a sustainable Los Osos Groundwater Basin.
2. Using a five-year rolling average, the following safeguards and controls will be utilized to ensure the sustainability of the Los Osos Groundwater Basin.

Basin Yield Metric	Growth Rate
80%	1.0%
81%	0.8%
82%	0.6%
83%	0.4%
84%	0.2%
85%	0.0%

3. Annually, Los Osos Basin Management Committee (BMC) will provide input to the Groundwater Sustainability Director (currently Blaine Reely), who would then provide a technical memorandum as part of the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on any changes to the growth rate.

The Purveyors would like to emphasize that the success of this proposal is tied to the agreed upon verification and monitoring processes in the amended Title 19 and the input from the BMC based on the data and results in the Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report.

Again, the Purveyors appreciate the collaborative effort between the Purveyors and the County to develop a Growth Management Ordinance implementation strategy that will ensure the sustainability of the Los Osos Groundwater Basin.

Sincerely,

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