

July 13, 2020

Kerry Brown
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Subject: Follow up clarification of our letters of June 26 and July 8 (re: Item 7—Los Osos Community Plan Update), and request for a formal correction of the record relating to affordable housing

Dear Ms. Brown,

The LOSG submits this follow-up letter to clarify a statement in our July 8 letter and a citation in our June 26 letter. We are also requesting a formal correction of the record relating to affordable housing and a staff response to a related comment by a public speaker at the July 9 meeting. Please add this letter to our June 26 and July 8 correspondence.

First, a line referring to the Los Osos Basin Plan in the conclusion of our July 8 letter may have inadvertently suggested that the Los Osos Basin Plan as currently written and implemented provides a means to correct the flaws and inadequacies we identify in the LOCP and related documents under review. Our position that improvements are needed in the Basin Plan and Basin Plan implementation should be clear from the content of our letters. However, we wanted to avoid any misunderstanding. Our December 2018 letter on the LOCP draft EIR, which we incorporate by reference, provides a partial list of general improvements we believe are needed for the Basin Plan and its implementation (e.g., Basin Management Committee actions) to be used as a basis for addressing some of the flaws and inadequacies we identify in the LOCP and related documents. We hope to provide a more complete list by the next hearing.

Second, we would like to clarify that the language we quote in our June 26 letter regarding affordable housing—that Los Osos could accommodate “...60% of all very low and low-income housing potential in unincorporated areas...” and “...Los Osos could nearly provide all needed affordable housing Countywide (404 units out of 407 required)” was taken from the FEIR, not the LOCP as we indicate--although the chapter we cite should have made the source clear.

Finally, we are asking you to correct the record regarding the FEIR statement above. When Cecile Surbeck spoke publicly on July 9, she cited the above language and made the points that affordable housing should be spread around the County and should not be exempt from water considerations. When a Commissioner asked you about the concerns, also expressed by others, you indicated the language is not in the LOCP implying that it doesn't exist. We request that you correct the record and address the related concerns of the public at the next meeting dealing with the LOCP.

Thank you for the work you're doing.
Sincerely,

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