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California Water Commission
Attn: Mr. Joseph Byrne, Chairperson
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Subject: Objection to the DWR's Recommendation to Deny the Los Osos Groundwater Basin Boundary Modification

Dear Chairperson Byrne:

S&T Mutual Water Company as one of the three purveyors utilizing the Los Osos groundwater basin to supply its shareholders believe that the boundary revision that we requested is accurate and scientifically valid.

Together with the other two purveyors and the county of San Luis Obispo we have been working to measure and quantify our basin for many years. Many studies by experts in their field have validated that the boundary that we requested accurately describes the limits of the basin below our community and is represents our only water source.

Well before SGMA we realized that we needed to quantify our basin in order to manage its resources to overcome the increasing problems we were encountering due to nitrate contamination and salt water intrusion. The results of that effort are encapsulated in the Los Osos Basin Groundwater Plan.

I believe that we have shared with your staff the basis and results the many studies that have taken place over the years and we have begun the process of addressing the solutions. The actions that we are undertaking are completely in line with both the requirements and the spirit of the new SGMA.

Please consider this request in your final decisions.

Sincerely,

William Garfinkel

President S&T Mutual Water Company