
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

May 31, 2023

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via Electronic Mail

Dear Guy Savage:

LOS OLIVOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, LOS OLIVOS, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY – REQUIREMENT TO INSTALL AND SAMPLE GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) appreciates Los Olivos Community Services District's (LOCSD) recent efforts to evaluate impacts to shallow groundwater from septic systems. Central Coast Water Board staff reviewed GSI Water Solutions, Inc.'s (GSI) January 31, 2023 Technical Memorandum that was prepared for LOCSD.¹ The Technical Memorandum summarizes the results from installing and sampling two shallow groundwater monitoring wells in November 2022.² Central Coast Water Board staff agrees with the recommendation to install additional monitoring wells and to conduct quarterly sampling to evaluate shallow groundwater quality in the Los Olivos area.

Central Coast Water Board staff met with you and Tom Fayram, LOCSD president, on May 16, 2023, to discuss the need for the additional groundwater monitoring wells and sampling of those wells to determine the extent of the impacts to groundwater from septic systems. Consistent with the discussion, the Central Coast Water Board requires you to submit a map clearly depicting the locations of the proposed additional wells by June 30, 2023, along with a schedule for installing and sampling the wells and reporting the results. The wells may be installed and sampled in accordance with the March 22, 2021, Los Olivos Groundwater Monitoring Plan.³

¹ See: https://www.losolivoscsd.com/files/23a90eb1c/Well_Construction_TM_MW1_and_MW2.pdf

² See: <https://www.losolivoscsd.com/files/a94323f39/2023.11+MW-1+and+MW-2+Test+Results.pdf>

³ See: <https://www.losolivoscsd.com/files/61f8f5301/Groundwater+Monitoring+Plan+GSI+3.22.2021.pdf>

The Central Coast Water Board continues to support the LOCSD efforts to implement a community wastewater treatment system in coordination with Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to help achieve the long overdue objective of protecting the Los Olivos community's water supply and achieving a sustainable water future.

If you have any questions, please contact Thea Tryon at Thea.Tryon@waterboards.ca.gov or (805) 542-4776 or Harvey Packard at Harvey.packard@waterboards.ca.gov or (805) 542-4639.

Sincerely,

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