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Central Coast Water Board Terminates Los Osos Enforcement Orders

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At its meeting on September 25, 2014, The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board decided to remove the septic system enforcement orders that have been in place against some individuals in Los Osos since 2006 and 2007.

After work stopped on a proposed wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system in late 2005, the Central Coast Water Board adopted cease and desist orders and cleanup and abatement orders against 38 individuals who lived in the area in which the use of septic systems has been prohibited since 1988. At that time, it was the Board's intent to extend orders to all property owners in the area.

Since that time, San Luis Obispo County has accepted the task of building the wastewater system and has made significant progress. The County expects to complete the system in 2016. At that time, residents will no longer need individual septic systems.

"Today is a new day," said Board Chair Jean-Pierre Wolff of San Luis Obispo. "The enforcement orders served their purpose and there is no longer any reason to unfairly single out a few residents for enforcement action."

The Water Board received assurances from County Supervisor Bruce Gibson that the County will strictly enforce the requirement for all residents to abandon their septic systems and hook up to the community wastewater facility when it becomes available.

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http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/2014/2014_agendas.shtml

The Central Coast Water Board is responsible for protecting and restoring water quality in the 300-mile-long coastal region from southern San Mateo and Santa Clara counties to the northern part of Ventura County.

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