
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

December 21, 2012

Ms. Mary K. Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Chair Shallenberger and Commissioners:

COASTAL COMMISSION CONSIDERATION OF CDP APPLICATION FOR MORRO BAY/CAYUCOS WWTP (APPLICATION NO. A-3-MRB-11-001)

We appreciate the opportunity to comment again on the pending coastal development permit for Morro Bay and Cayucos Sanitary District's wastewater treatment plant. We understand that the Commission may hold a hearing regarding the permit at its January 2013 meeting in Pismo Beach.

After additional review and consideration of the potential hazards discussed in your staff's report, and especially considering the effects of climate change and corresponding sea-level rise on the current plant site, we are not opposed to allowing the city and sanitary district additional time to consider whether to move the plant to a new location. This decision has large implications on the cost and timing of construction, and should not be made without due consideration. Central Coast Water Board staff is willing to discuss the timing of plant upgrades and agrees not to recommend enforcement of the settlement agreement schedule for delays due to such a discussion.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (805) 549-3147.

Sincerely,

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