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RE: Public comments made [2/07/12 Mike Winn's public comments at the San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors](#)

h:mm:ss	Notes on Comments made by Mike Winn
0:00:07	Good Morning chairman Patterson supervisors . My name is Mike Winn.
0:00:09	I do serve in Nipomo, in the Community Services District board as well as the chair of your Water Resources Advisory Committee WRAC
0:00:17	I have two issues briefly today of sort of environmental interest. First, we have sent letters on fracking
0:01:06	The second thing also briefly has to do with seawater intrusion in Oceano , I will not beat this to death.
0:01:14	If it were not for the fact that there are a number of people who continue to say this did not happen.
0:01:18	As you know well, it was amply documented.
0:01:23	It was done quite independently by your own staff.
0:01:27	It went to the court in the 2009 report, on page 29 in the second bullet, It's a legal document and it's real.
0:01:38	is it happening now, of course not because Oceano had supplemental water they cut back groundwater pumping
0:01:45	and as a result there has been recovery
0:01:48	and there is no seawater internal now, although it was as far as one half mile in.
0:01:54	In Nipomo as you know we are trying to do, get ourselves some more options so we can respond this same sort of threat in a timely manner. Thank you

Dear Supervisor Paul Teixeira and other Board members:

I have not been able to come to the San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors meeting as much as I would have liked.

I have spent a considerable amount of time following water issues in the south county. Of that I spent more then a decade the other side of “all the government reports”, “all the experts” and “all the studies” that stated the groundwater basin was currently in overdraft by a massive amount to tune of 20,000-30,000 AF/Year. As you might know it was only after a court hearing and about \$15 million dollars were spent that the “experts” were put under oath and all the evidence came out at trial. The court found that contrary to all the experts and reports that the basin was not currently overdrafted.

I find with a bit of irony that now the proposed “solution” is for Nipomo to pay Santa Maria (an amount that includes “revenue generating” for the city) to pump water out of the exact same “depression” area that was key to the “expert” claim of overdraft for two decades.

Based on the history of experts, I have been very suspicious of the claim that there “is seawater intrusion” in Oceano.

Investigation reveals that there is no public record, that I know of that have the actual test documents. There is no public record of exclusion of other causes of high readings. In this area there is a history of high chloride being used to claim “seawater intrusion” only to be disproved on through investigation. Please see attached 1/8/12 letter to Oceano CSD Board on several possible causes of high chloride that have not been excluded.

I think it's important to note that the The NCMA TG is not a public agency.

The only people allowed to attend a meeting must sign the settlement. The settlement also requires anyone who signs to support the Water Intertie project (WIP). (See [stipulation](#) and [operating rules](#)) Agenda's and minutes are not available to the public. There is no required compliance with the "[Brown Act](#)", "[Bagley-Keene Act](#)", "[California Public Records Act](#)" or any "conflict of interest" requirements. The members of the NCMA TG are not "under oath" and required to tell the truth because of the court.

Although the NCMA TG is called a "Technical Group" it is actually a "settlement meeting". And there is no way to know if any conclusion was based on a "technical" reason or a "political" reason.

The transcript of the Oceano meeting indicates that there was a "political" reason to allow a claim of seawater intrusion with out full investigation.

It also indicates that the gates may be propped open at times and allow seawater back into the lagoon like in 1960's

Thank You



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h:mm:ss	Notes on Comments made
0:12:40	Roll call
0:15:33	Public comment, John Carter, Flood gates being repaired
0:16:33	Lori Agnello, We have had a problem with someone taking pieces of asphalt and blocking the gates and so
0:16:43	people are quite frequently going through and pulling that, it's not working, but they are putting rocks between the gate, you know pulling it really hard and putting cement there
0:16:55	and so most likely they were out there to clean those out once again
0:17:27	End of public Comment
0:18:07	Reports 7A
1:05:53	Reports 7C Report of OCSD operations
1:16:11	Tom Gleasien, All right I have, ever since I got here I talked about, that we weren't going to do business the old way anymore, there was going to be,
1:16:24	No secrete meetings, no back room deals, no private deals, we were going to base every thing on fact and we were going to allow as much sunshine in to this organization as we possibly can
1:16:41	We belong to a group called the NCMA TG, and I probably agitated there as much as I agitated other places as most of you know
1:17:01	Back in November there was the Nacimiento water project had about a \$8 million surplus,
1:17:09	Every agency in the world was trying to get there hands on that money, including our group, the NCMA
1:17:21	because we want to get part of that money to basically help fund our water management plan
1:17:31	We have a facilitator called WSC and they keep track of everything, they do a lot of the hydrology and collect all the data and everything
1:17:43	They produced a letter that was supposed to be private, That was supposed to go to Paavo Ogren, basically telling them we wanted part of that money and the amount we wanted \$850
1:17:58	The second or third paragraph there was a mention of the seawater intrusion we all hear about.
1:18:05	and I presented our data about how I personally feel about the seawater intrusion and how we as the Oceano board feel about the seawater intrusion.
1:18:22	and they basically said this is basically so we can get this money so we can groundwater plan so we will be able to collect even more data and be able to respond quicker
1:18:34	And so I signed that letter and I resisted signing it but I am always talking about being a team player and working together
1:18:45	I have been pushing for us not to be the rogue agency, work on team play and everything and so
1:18:55	Some how that letter got out to the public and so there's feed back saying your general Manager said this but he puts this in play in another deal and I want to clarify that to you on the board.
1:19:10	It was only supposed to go to there and it was so we could get additional funding to make the NCMA stronger and more accurate report.
1:19:27	In retrospect I probably should have stuck to my guns and said no I am not signing with this paragraph in there. but at the time it was the decision I made
1:19:40	and I am standing by it but it does not change the opinions I have it was all in the effort of being a team player
1:19:47	I probably should have brought a copy of that letter to you as well as Molly knows what goes on in that deal is attorney client confidential
1:19:58	and I am not suppose to speak on that, because if I ever do I get all these attorneys calling up and given heck to me and telling Molly to keep my mouth shut
1:20:09	But tonight I just wanted to you guys to know that, and I did do it.
1:20:15	I made a mistake I should have held fervor to my principles but in the interest in team play
1:20:21	and getting along with my Neighbors and other water contractors. I felt it was the thing to do at the time
1:20:50	It came back with an email that he basically said all the things I said before I signed it.
2:30:44	10D Saltwater Intrusion letter
2:48:43	Take 15min and write it
3:13:00	Read Draft Letter
3:13:02	Please be advised that on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Oceano Community Services District, (delete later)
3:13:06	the official position of the Oceano Community Services District is that (delete later)
3:13:09	The Oceano groundwater supply is not threatened with seawater intrusion.
3:13:14	We are aware that there has been information provided to the public that Oceano's groundwater supply is

	threatened by seawater intrusion.
3:13:20	The Board's position is that the incident in 2009 exhibited characteristics of saltwater intrusion
3:13:25	but it has since to be repeated and it also should be noted that the well in question was in great disrepair.
3:13:32	This was corrected by the county maintenance crew and at no time since has it exhibited anymore characteristics of seawater intrusion.
3:13:39	At the time that this well was tested, there were significant external contaminants.
3:13:44	The Board at the time was directed by its contracted engineer(, the Wallace Group, added later) to take a position that the event was actually a
3:13:51	benefit because it would elevate the priority level in case of any state water contractor allocation cutbacks
3:13:57	This same engineer is on contract with several San Luis Obispo agencies to which this information has been exploited to their benefit.
3:14:05	We normally would have accepted this without comment, but the (amount of, deleted later) exploitation of this anomaly has reached critical mass and is being quoted from
3:14:14	everything from commercial development, other agencies needs and willful suspensions of the truth.
3:14:20	Sincerely
3:14:28	Comments on letter
3:15:19	It's important to put Wallace in
3:17:01	An Attachment to this too, will have a picture of the well in question and the New Well and we will all so the running data
3:17:21	General Manager,
3:17:27	We will Take 6 packets of this to the board of Supervisors
3:18:34	Public Comment
3:19:23	Motion to approve letter
3:19:51	Roll call vote, all yes