

October 7, 2013

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Dear Mr. Wallace,

It is with great support for the Pescadero Water Supply and Sustainability Project that I submit this letter. The construction of the new well, 140,000 gallon water tank, and initiation of the water conservation program is needed to ensure the rural community of Pescadero continues to have a reliable potable water system.

As Chair of the Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council, a locally elected advisory board to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, I have the privilege of working with the community of Pescadero. After the water outage in August 2011, it has been a top priority for the community to guarantee that water infrastructure upgrades are conducted in order to ensure long term reliability.

As demonstrated through the process established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and adopted by DWR, Pescadero has been declared a Disadvantaged Community (DAC). The very low median household income level in the community would make funding all or part of the necessary upgrades financially crippling for the community. For this reason, I urge DWR to waive the local match for the Pescadero Water Supply and Sustainability Project.

As proposed in the Proposition 84 Round 2 Implementation Grant Draft Funding Recommendations, I support the full funding of the Pescadero Water Supply and Sustainability Project. I also urge DWR to exercise its ability to waive the local match requirement as Pescadero has been designated a DAC. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ken Pessa, Chair
Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council