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Len Erickson, Chair
Midcoast Community Council
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September 27, 2011

Dear Chair Erickson,

We would like to thank the Midcoast Community Council (MCC) for sending us the request to re-evaluate the 1998 Incorporation/Annexation Fiscal Study. We recognize the time and energy that went into gathering opinions and crafting the letter. As incorporation and annexation are actions of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo), we asked LAFCo to review the MCC's request and provide a recommendation. A formal recommendation was provided on September 8. Upon review of LAFCo's response, we are in agreement that now is not the appropriate time to re-evaluate the 1998 fiscal study. In the response, LAFCo recommends that the fiscal study be conducted at a time when the economy starts to show strong signs of recovery. We will be happy to discuss the re-evaluation of the study at a later date.

However, as expressed in LAFCo's response, traditionally when unincorporated areas wish to conduct an incorporation or annexation study, they establish an Incorporation/Annexation committee consisting of local residents who are responsible for raising local funds to hire a consultant. In the event that residents of the Midcoast wish to establish an Incorporation/Annexation Committee to raise funds for the study, the Board will fully support the decision.

In the meantime, we would recommend that the MCC consider starting the discussion of consolidation between Montara Water and Sanitary District and Granada Sanitary District. As stated in the LAFCo response and promoted by Supervisor Horsley, this would be the appropriate first step in either incorporation or annexation. Once again, we would like to thank you for all of your work in helping the residents of the Midcoast.

Sincerely,

Carole Groom
President, Board of Supervisors

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