

Additional Correspondence

Agenda Item F10b

A-3-SLO-10-039

San Luis Obispo County Public Works
Department

Re: Appeal A-3-SLO-10-039

F10b staff report Scheduled for Friday March 11, 2011

Re: Opposing the Resolution for a finding of No Substantial Issue

Dear Coastal Commissioners,

Attached please find, two images- one with the proposed alignment and the other with an alternative alignment.

As you can see, the alternative utilizes the existing ROW and has far less of an impact on the creek. The resulting structure will better retain the curvy- twisty- bendy-windy rural road setting within the Coastal Zone.

The proposed alternative would be build in two longitudinal halves. The crossing would be constricted to one lane during construction. The southern half would be built first, immediately south of the existing bridge. (The existing pier footing could remain in place to lessen the impact its demolition would have on the creek bed.) Traffic would then be switched over to the new half while the existing bridge was demolished and the north half was being built. Once the two halves were stitched together the completed bridge would be opened to two-lane traffic.

The above construction method is being utilized to replace an existing deficient crossing along Porter Creek Road over Porter Creek in Sonoma County, which is a very heavily traveled two-lane rural road.

It therefore seems appropriate to find Substantial Issue for Appeal A-3-SLO-10-039 because there is an alternative alignment that meets current bridge codes, better retains the aesthetics of the rural roadway and is significantly less harmful to the riparian habitat and ESHA.

Thank you for considering this information regarding my appeal.

Sincerely,

Lynne Harkins
Appellant
Cambria, CA
805-927-7271

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Alternative
Alignment

APN 013-151-043
JOYCE WILLIAMS

APN 013-151-043
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CREEK

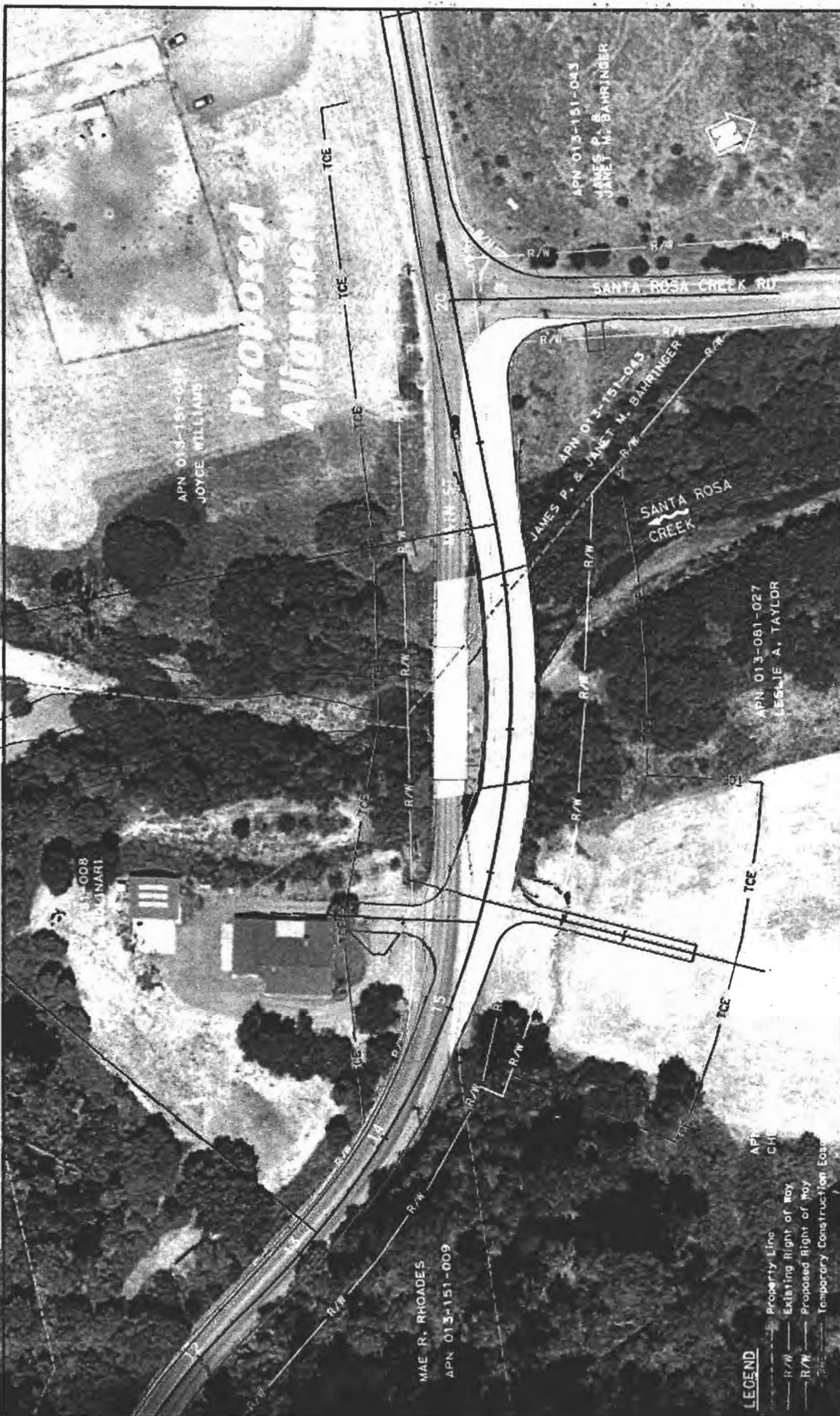
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LESAJE A. TAYLOR

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APN 013-151-009

SANTA ROSA CREEK RD

- LEGEND
- APN Property Line
 - CH Existing Right of Way
 - R/W Proposed Right of Way
 - Temporary Construction Easement

<p>MAIN STREET BRIDGE AERIAL EXHIBIT ALTERNATIVE 1</p>		<p>Francis Brimphard, Inc. 42040 Cypress 3731/2017 2021 Study Date Sacramento, CA 95845</p>
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Proposed Alignment

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Tina S. Dickason,
Cambria, CA 93428

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Cambria, CA 93428

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Rev. Denice K. Leslie,
Mrs. Shirley C. Partridge
1501 Radcliff
Cambria, CA

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I believe this course of action is warranted because there is a distinctly superior alternative to San Luis Obispo County's bridge plan. A consulting engineer has offered an alternative that better preserves coastal resources by staying within the County's existing bridge right-of-way when constructing a replacement bridge. A De Novo hearing will allow full examination of this alternative, which certainly appears to be in the best interests of coastal resource protection.

Those of us fortunate enough to be residents of small rural towns in California rely on the Commission to act whenever possible to support preservation of the scenic character of these towns. A "No" vote on the Resolution to Find No Substantial Issue for Appeal A-3-SLO-10-1039 will allow for the advancement of a more habitat-friendly alternative and thus preserve an important element in Cambria's historical and precious natural coastal setting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Constance Faber
Cambria resident

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Betty Lawler
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Santa Clara, CA 95051

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It breaks my heart to think that all these old and beautiful trees would be taken down in the blink of an eye as well as the surrounding habitat that is so precious to us that love in this area. Please reconsider and look at the other alternatives that are less intrusive.

Sincerely,

Amy Reese

I am a teacher an must work this week, and so cannot attend the Commission meeting where my city's application for an upgrade WWTP will be heard. Please follow your staff recommendation that my city research alternate sites and designs before allowing a permit. My preference would be for a site away from the scenic Pacific coastline and that would avoid waste water dumping into the ocean. Water is precious and expensive here in Morro Bay and our water must be reclaimed for use and recharging of our aquifers.

March 6, 2011

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Sincerely,

Susan A. Harvey
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805-239-0542

Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?
from The Summer Day
by Mary Oliver

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Sincerely, Tom Harkins

Dear Sirs: I support the coastal commission staff report on the Morro Bay WWTP EIR.

The Morro Bay staff and the majority of JPA members have insisted on the location; type of water treatment ; and the company doing the project . All of their choices are not the best ones for the people of Morro Bay and Cayucos and are against our LCP.

We should find a better location than a flood plan and a company with a better track record to build it. and not dump precious water into the bay!

Please support your own staff position on this important matter.

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Honorable Commissioners,

Since 2004, I have been working with elected officials, wastewater employees, the Morro Bay-Cayucos Joint Powers Agreement, and central Coast citizens of Morro Bay and Cayucos on the issue of the 301h waiver and the wastewater treatment plant used by both cities.

Among the most problematic facets of the issue is the matter of actual flow. Through a 'TV' of the lines beneath Main Street in North Morro Bay, it is quite visible that the pipes are broken, cracked, invaded by root systems and in some cases, simply missing. This is and has been allowing substantial leakage (exfiltration) into the ground and probably groundwater, resulting not only in danger to residents, but also resulting in a sheer impossibility to get an accurate meter on how many gallons of sewage that leave Cayucos bound for the WWTP in Morro Bay ever actually get there.

With no true measure of sewage flow, there can be no accounting for all the sewage that is being treated, or the amount of pathogens, nitrates and other potentially dangerous chemicals and compounds released into the community in close proximity to drinking water supplies. Nitrates in drinking water can result in 'Blue Baby Syndrome' and an increase in miscarriage among pregnant women.

Here is an opportunity to move the WWTP away from the shore, where the ocean has too long served as an overflow for raw sewage during rain events. I also submit that with the amount of underground pipe repairs needed, it is better to simply build a new plant farther inland.

For your convenience, OOG has made the aforementioned 'TV' film available for your viewing at: www.stophthewaiver.com.

As Director of the Ocean Outfall Group, I urge the Commission to follow the recommendations of staff. The WWTP plan as currently proposed does not conform to the area LCP or the State Coastal Act.

Respectfully,

Joey Racano, Director
Ocean Outfall Group
www.stophthewaiver.com

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2375 Laguna Circle Dr.
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213-304-7144

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Celeste Johansson

The breeze at dawn has secrets to tell you don't go back to sleep
You must ask for what you really want don't go back to sleep
People are moving back and forth across the doorsill where the two worlds touch
The door is round and open don't go back to sleep –Rumi

Addendum to letter below...

This is a fine letter and my only suggestion is that you emphasize the specifics of the rural character loss by the homogenization of the visual field to look like *every other place* that visitors from elsewhere come from. *The natural beauty is what brings tourists here*, what brings those of us who live here to want to stay, a sacred haven for all of us who are hungry for the pockets of peace and beauty that are disappearing due to such projects that are insensitive to the deeper spiritual needs that we all have, *more and more...*

Ani Garrick

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