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PRESS RELEASE

**District Attorney Files New Conflict of Interest Case
Against Former Avila Beach Community Services District
General Manager John Lee Wallace**

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA, June 6, 2017 – The District Attorney’s Office filed a felony criminal complaint against John Lee Wallace, (DOB 11/29/1943) of San Luis Obispo, for violations of conflict of interest laws while he was the General Manager of the Avila Beach Community Sanitation District (ABCSD). In January 2017 a similar complaint was filed against Mr. Wallace relating to his role as District Administrator at the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District (SSLOCSD).

The most recent complaint alleges that while General Manager of the ABCSD Mr. Wallace made, participated in, or influenced governmental decisions in which he had a financial interest. He is charged with two felony counts of violating Government Code section 1090 and two misdemeanor counts of violating Government Code section 87100. It is anticipated that Wallace will be arraigned June 7, 2017, on the complaint.

Background: In January 2016, the District Attorney’s Office received a report authored by Carl Knudson of Knudson & Associates that was commissioned by the SSLOCSD to investigate the management practices of the SSLOCSD under the management of Mr. Wallace. During that investigation the District Attorney’s Office learned of Mr. Wallace’s involvement with the ABCSD, which led to filing of the most recent complaint.

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