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**SUBJECT: SLO County Wastewater Assessment District #1 (Los Osos)  
For the Los Osos Wastewater Project (LOWWP)**

Dear property owner:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your property tax bill for the 2011/2012 tax year will show an increased amount as part of the assessment for the LOWWP. The 2011/2012 LOWWP assessment amount for your parcel listed above is **\$ 745.06**. Please refer to the actual tax bill from the County Tax Collector for the total amount due and for payment information. The LOWWP assessment will appear as a line labeled SLO AD-LO SWR (USDA). Tax bills will begin to arrive in late September.

The LOWWP assessment will be used to repay a loan from the United States Department of Agriculture and will continue for 40 years. Once the sewer project is complete, the assessment amount will increase (estimated in tax year 2015/16) to repay a loan from the State Water Board which will continue for 30 years. The current estimate for this additional amount is **\$ 437.08** annually.

Notice will be given when the project is operational and the required timeframe for connection of your property to the system is established (estimated in calendar year 2014 or 2015). More detailed requirements for this connection as well as information on possible financing assistance will be provided in the future as it becomes available. You may contact Ray Dienzo at (805) 788-2110 or [rdienzo@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:rdienzo@co.slo.ca.us) if you would like to receive the plan showing the location of the sewer lateral at your property line.

Six months after notice that the project is operational, your property will become subject to the sewer rates adopted for the Los Osos Wastewater Project on December 14, 2010. The rate ordinance and other project information can be found online at [www.slocounty.ca.gov/PW/LOWWP](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/PW/LOWWP). More information regarding sewer rates will be provided closer to the time the project becomes operational. Recently, Assembly Bill 1125 sponsored by Katcho Achadjian was signed into law. This law allows the County to develop a rate offset program for low-income households. The County will be developing the details of this program prior to the project becoming operational.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, you may contact Will Clemens at (805) 788-6633 or [wclemens@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:wclemens@co.slo.ca.us).