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May 19, 1999

The Honorable Harry Ovitt, Chairman County Board of Supervisors San Luis Obispo, California

Dear Chairman Ovitt:

Nacimiento Water Project ~ Pipeline Route Alternatives

The Paso Robles City Council thanks the Board of Supervisors for continuing efforts to improve the proposed Nacimiento Water Project; most recently, the development of proposed pipeline routing alternatives from Nacimiento Lake through the City of Paso Robles. The Council has endorsed the proposed alignment alternative through Camp Roberts and down River Road as the preferred alternative. This alignment overcomes concerns regarding traffic, and other, impacts to the Lake Road, as well as historic Vine Street.

The City Council is also making a formal request to the Board of Supervisors to include the new alignment in the EIR document as the preferred alternative and for the Board to fund any expense related to this alternative from the County's Nacimiento Water Contract Fund (NWCF). The funding request is presented because it has been reported that the NWC Fund has a balance of approximately \$4,500,000. A balance which exists because property owners throughout the County have paid for Nacimiento water over the last 33 years.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Duane J. Picanco Mayor

cc: NPAC members