



City of San Juan Bautista

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June 28, 2006

Mr. Rodger W. Briggs, Executive Officer
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
81 Higuera Street, Ste. 200
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Transmit by Fax and FedEx

Re: Order No. R3-2003-0087
Cease and Desist Order No. 01-106

Dear Mr. Briggs:

Pursuant to the RWQCB Orders noted above the City of San Juan Bautista respectfully requests and extension of the July 1, 2006 deadline contained in Order No. R3-2003-0087.

The City is currently completing the final design and finance elements for a comprehensive \$9.5 million Infrastructure Improvement Project which will consist of a 1mgd Surface Water Treatment Plant, a 1.25mg Reservoir, a new distribution system and reconstruction of 4th Street. This project is funding in part by an U.S. Department of Commerce, EDA grant of \$3.79 million. The City has secured funds and financing commitments for the remainder of the project.

On June 28, 2006, the San Benito County Water District will adopt an agreement with the City withdrawing from the EDA grant allowing for the City to move ahead independently on the project. This final action will allow for the commencement of final engineering and approval by EDA of the design and specification package.

Our current schedule calls for the advertising for bids on the 4th Street project in mid-fall of 2006 and the advertising for bids for the remainder of the project in early winter of 2006, with a projected start of construction in late February, 2007. It is estimated that construction will take approximately two years.



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The City is very cognizant of the importance and consequence of the Orders issued by RWQCB. We are also very aware of the unique opportunity that is afforded the City as a result of the EDA grant awarded to the City. Without the Federal funding a the financial burden on a 710 hookup rate base would be onerous.

In December 2005, City officials met with your staff to provide them with a project briefing and update. Attached are some of items that we discussed. In that discussion, there was also mention of the City attending a RWQCB meeting to provide a project update and presentation to the full board. We would very much appreciate the opportunity to do if still deemed appropriate.

The delay resulting from issues relating to overall project cost, control and financing with the San Benito County Water District have been resolved and we cannot foresee any significant obstacle preventing the project from moving forward. It should be noted that the City also has a timeline to meet with respect to EDA and the availability of their funds.

We look forward to working closely with your agency as this project moves ahead and commit to providing RWQCB Staff with quarterly progress reports now that the project is in a "go" mode. It is an understatement to describe the impact of fines levied on the City as devastating. The full City Council understands the opportunity that is present and is fully committed to taking full advantage.



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Thank you for your consideration of our request. Please contact me should you require any information additional to the enclosed.

Sincerely,

G. Dan Reed
Mayor

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