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Hi Paavo -

If you would please include the attached as a late received communication to the Board that would be appreciated. Please also note that in light of Mr. Schultz's staff report to the Board included with the packet for the February 28, 2024 meeting, we have asked that CCB withdraw our firm's proposal from consideration as their general counsel. We have already communicated our withdrawal to CCB's general manager. Please also consider our request that OCSD execute our conflicts advisement letter withdrawn as well.

Thanks to you and Mr. Schultz for considering this matter.

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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Oceano Community Services District  
Board of Directors  
1655 Front Street  
Oceano, CA 93445

**Re: Agenda Item No. 9(B), February 28, 2024 Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

Dear Directors:

Our firm applied for a position as general counsel for Central Coast Blue Regional Recycled Water Authority (“CCB”). As part of the selection process, we examined potential legal conflicts of interest that could exist between CCB and OCSD.<sup>1</sup> Our analysis is that there are no current conflicts and the possibility for future conflicts is remote. This conclusion is supported by our own legal research, through consultation with State Bar ethics counsel, and through consultation with attorneys practicing municipal law throughout California.

We forwarded a potential conflicts advisement letter to you via your interim General Manager and General Counsel. As the letter makes clear, our firm is not asking you to waive any legal conflicts as there are no such conflicts currently. Our letter was only intended to advise you of our duties to you as a former client, including our obligation to protect your confidential client information, and what we would do if a conflict were to arise in the future.

Yesterday, we reviewed the staff report authored by your interim general counsel advising the Board not to execute our conflicts advisement letter. Although we differ with the conclusion reached by Mr. Schultz in his staff report, we do not want to ask the OCSD Directors to consider any action against the advice of its counsel. As Mr. Schultz is uncomfortable advising the board to sign our potential conflicts advisement, we withdraw our request.

Thank you for your consideration and we wish you all the best in the future.

Very truly yours,

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<sup>1</sup> To be clear, we have not been selected yet.