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Eric Chen  
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Subject: Initial Study/MND for the Pescadero Community Sewer Project

Dear Mr. Chen,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Initial Study/MND for the Pescadero Community Sewer Project (Project).

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Commission staff appreciates the County's efforts to address surface and groundwater quality problems associated with septic systems in Pescadero through improved wastewater treatment. The Project requires a coastal development permit (CDP) from San Mateo County and is appealable to the Coastal Commission pursuant to Section 30603(a)(5) of the Coastal Act. In order to approve the Project, the County must find that it is consistent with all applicable policies of the certified San Mateo County Local Coastal Program (LCP). Potential issues raised by the Project may include, but are not limited to, consistency with LCP sensitive habitat, visual resources, public works, hazards, and agricultural policies. Therefore, we recommend these impacts be thoroughly analyzed through this environmental review.

#### *Response:*

Where applicable, the Environmental Checklist of the initial study addresses the provisions of the San Mateo County Local Coastal Program (approved by the California Coastal Commission in 1980) and compliance of the PCS Project. For example, the analysis of drainage and flooding under Hydrology and Water Quality addresses compliance of the PCS Project with the objectives for development within floodplains under the Local Coastal Program.

Due to our staffing and budgetary constraints we are unable to provide specific comments on the Project. However, if you have specific questions or wish to discuss the Project please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruby Pap', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Ruby Pap**  
**North Central Coast District Supervisor**

cc: **Lisa Grote, Director of Community Development**  
**Jim Eggemeyer, Deputy Director**  
**Steve Monowitz, Long Range Planning Services Manager**