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Santa Margarita Water District

Dear Resident,

While I have spoken and visited with many of you over the last two weeks, I want to provide an update and invite you to attend an Upper Oso Reservoir community meeting. Santa Margarita Water District and its team of experts are working around the clock to return the reservoir to a balanced condition and to eliminate odor.

We are hosting an Upper Oso Reservoir update on Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the District office. Please join us to learn more and ask questions about what happened, what's been done, resolution and long-term Reservoir management strategy.

Currently, our remediation activities include:

- Ozone generation to pump ozone (oxygen-rich air) into the Reservoir
- Adding diffusers and aeration pumps to increase Reservoir oxygen levels
- Added 18 million gallons of fresh water along with other oxygenated water
- Surface agitation with boats to increase oxygen levels
- Added 16,000 pounds of oxidation compound into the Reservoir water

We continue to work with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to conduct regular reservoir and air quality monitoring.

Water quality indicators are continually improving, including the return of beneficial algae growth and increased clarity. Weather conditions, particularly colder evenings contribute to the extent and location of odors, which may give the impression Reservoir conditions may not be improving.

We continue to regularly update the District's Web site (www.smwd.com) to provide you with the very latest information.

Sincerely,

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