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The Honorable Michael Scheafer  
President, Board of Directors  
Costa Mesa Sanitary District  
290 Paularino Avenue  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Dear President <sup>mk</sup>Scheafer:

I have communicated your concerns regarding the Arcadis Study ("study") and Measure TT to Mesa Water District's Board of Directors. As you know, the will of our Board's majority dictates future action on this matter.

Mesa Water's Board wishes to highlight that, prior to initiating the study, we extended verbal and written invitations to you and the Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) requesting that we partner on the study's scope, nature, and timing. Also, Mesa Water® held all discussions regarding the study in a public forum, and we invited CMSD's participation there. The objective of our correspondence and discussions about the study was to further the principle of optimal governance for Mesa Water and CMSD via an open and transparent process.

It is important to note that, after the 2016 election, Mesa Water took no further action on this matter. Instead, we stood down, and we continue to stand down as we have no intent of unilaterally pursuing OCLAFCO's consolidation of our two districts. But for CMSD's FPPC complaint and legal claims against Mesa Water, this matter would have been relegated to history.

Our Board understands that, by your Board's consensus, CMSD is not interested in consolidating with Mesa Water at this time. Mesa Water will continue to stand down unless the consensus of your Board should change. In turn, we respectfully request that CMSD discontinue its current legal actions against Mesa Water. Doing so would be seen as an act of good faith by CMSD and would provide time for both of our Boards to move toward putting this matter to rest.

I am open to meeting or talking with you further about this matter. Please feel free to call me on my cell phone at 714.322.4218 or have CMSD's General Manager Scott Carroll call Mesa Water's General Manager Paul Shoenberger at 949.631.1206. Mesa Water and I look forward to your and CMSD's response.

Sincerely,

Jim Atkinson  
Mesa Water® Board President

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