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To FPPC:

I have known and worked for Charles Grace for over 15 years. This period of employment took place at the San Simeon Community Services District Wastewater Treatment Facility, and Water Treatment and Distribution Facilities. I am a Certified Operator at these Facilities. When I arrived in San Simeon in May of 2006, repairs and renovation were already underway on the Wastewater Treatment Facility. It had been in such a state of disrepair and neglect for so long, there were regularly occurring violations with the State Water Resources Control Board. The repairs and renovations that were occurring at that time were a direct result of Charles Grace's actions and presence in the district. The Wastewater Treatment Facility as a result was brought into compliance and subsequently the violations since that renovation have been almost nil.

In 2013, under the direction of Charles Grace, a Wellhead Rehabilitation Project took place. The two original well pumps and motors that were installed in 1959 and 1961 were still in service. Each well was separately taken offline, flushed, inspected and brand-new state of the art equipment was installed.

In 1985, a building moratorium was placed on the community of San Simeon due to poor drinking water quality because of seasonal ocean water intrusion into the ground water supply and no way to treat it. For over twenty years no solution was ever put in place to solve this issue. In 2016, under the direction of Charles Grace, a Reverse Osmosis system was put in place to treat the seasonal high chloride and conductivity levels that occur with the ocean water intrusion.

In 2017, After heavy rainfall in January of 2017, and a wildfire in the district's watershed in 2016, a serious bacteria problem was discovered by regular testing at the well heads. At the direction of the State's Drinking Water District Engineer and Charles Grace, a Harmsco Municipal Bacteria filter was installed.

In my opinion, these actions I have seen taken display Charles Grace has only been of great benefit to this community, and I have never seen him do anything to intentionally harm San Simeon Community Services District.

Thank you,

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