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Mr. Christian Zetterstrom
Attorney General's Office
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Ref. file #344232

Dear Mr. Zetterstrom,

I received your letter upon returning from vacation last week and am grateful to be able to respond to this complaint. I did call your office and spoke with someone to let them know I was just returning from vacation and would try to meet the deadline in the letter, but that my response might be a day or two late. As far as I know, the only complaint that was received by the District from Mr. Sargent was in an e-mail with the copy of the letter already sent to your office. Please rest assured that the Sacheen Lake Sewer & Water District and its Board of Commissioners takes the letter and intent of the Open Public Meetings Act seriously.

The regular meetings of the Sewer District Board are listed in the local newspaper that is published once a week. On the occasion that there is a reason for meeting outside of the regularly scheduled meeting times, posting of those meetings are made at two public places nearby, a local convenience store and the fire station, (the regular meeting place). These postings are made at least 24 hours in advance, and if at all possible, earlier than that.

The meetings that Mr. Sargent mentions were all posted at the above locations at least 24 hours in advance. I did fail to post the proposed action items to be taken at the meeting scheduled on June 29th, therefore all those items were ratified (as posted) at the July 9th meeting. The failure to post those action items was a mistake on my part and not an attempt to avoid opposition comments.

The meeting of July 2nd did not take place due to lack of quorum, and that was posted as such on the meeting room door.

I understand that all meetings held outside of the two regular meeting times, whether they be a date change or even just a time or location change, must be posted as a "special meeting" with a listing of any items that action may be taken on contained in the notice. I will continue to post them in the above mentioned places and when at all possible also notify the local paper and inform them, even though they have not made a request of us to do so. Since the newspaper is weekly, they may or may not be able to provide notice or information in the newspaper about the meeting in advance.

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I hope that this letter adequately responds to your inquiry. We do appreciate the inquiry and the comments from Mr. Sargent. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sheila G. Pearman". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Sheila G. Pearman
Managing Secretary