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MEMORANDUM

**TO: Roger W. Briggs, Executive Officer
Central Coast Regional Water Board**

VIA: Paavo Ogren, Director of Public Works

DATE: August 14, 2008

SUBJECT: Los Osos Wastewater Project, Status of Project Efforts

This memorandum is intended to provide a wastewater project update to the Regional Water Board (RWB) on the work efforts by the County of San Luis Obispo. Calendar year 2008 has focused on the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project, including the following:

- Preparation of Technical Memorandums in support of the EIR efforts – Exhibit “A” provides a list of the 12 technical memorandums and their status. The exhibit also illustrates the relationship of the technical memorandums to the Draft EIR, reflecting their use in support of developing project alternatives or details associated with specific alternatives. The technical memorandums are available for review at http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/PW/LOWWP/DOCS/2008_Technical_Memos.htm.
- Coordination with Other Agencies – Exhibit “B” is a draft matrix of interagency issues. We prepared the draft matrix in following up on interagency meetings that we have conducted this year and it reflects which project issues are reviewed by multiple agencies. The draft matrix is being circulated with the various agencies to help us focus on who will be involved in the review of the draft EIR and which topics will require multi-agency follow-up, with the intended following results:
 - County and Interagency concurrence on critical project issues
 - County and Interagency understanding of decision making roles
 - Timely resolution of Project issues
- Draft EIR – Exhibit “C” is a draft of the EIR document plan. It illustrates the organization of the draft EIR, which is scheduled to be complete in October.
- Preliminary Project Recommendations – Concurrent with the release of the draft EIR, the County Public Works Department will also be releasing a report on preliminary project recommendations. These recommendations will include the

treatment plant site and technology decision-making process, including the use of design-build project development.

- Community Survey – A draft survey has been prepared for distribution to the community after the release of the draft EIR and preliminary project recommendations. Community workshops will be held with the release of the draft EIR prior to finalizing and distributing the Community Survey, which is intended to develop an understanding of community preferences.
- Aerial Photos / STEP Collection System – Exhibit “D” illustrates the results of a questionnaire that was recently distributed to property owners. The primary purpose of the questionnaire was to ask property owners *where they would prefer STEP tanks to be located on their properties* in the event that a STEP collection system is developed. Aerial photos were provided to each property owner so that they could indicate their preference on tank location. Nearly 60% of property owners provided replies. Questionnaire results indicated that no strong community preference exists, at this time, in favor or in opposition to a STEP collection system. Pricing and environmental impacts were not included in the questionnaire; consequently, the Community Survey will provide another opportunity for the community to express preferences on this technology with the benefit of the draft EIR and preliminary project recommendations, including cost estimates.
- Schedule – The project schedule continues to be on track; consistent with prior presentation to the RWQCB. With the release of the draft EIR this fall, project decisions are anticipated in early 2009.
- Design Build Project Development – Consistent with State Water Board guidelines for design-build projects funded with the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program, County Public Works staff has been attending the Design Build Institute of America’s (DBIA) design-build training conferences and workshops. We continue to support the design-build method for project development. Public Contract Code 20133, which went into effect on January 1, 2008, authorizes the County to use design-build for wastewater facilities.
- State Revolving Fund revised Guidelines - Among several others who have been working with the State Water Board staff seeking revisions to SRF to allow 30 year funding (normally 20 years), we were very pleased to see the new adopted guidelines in August 2008.

In addition to the attached information, a brief verbal presentation will be provided with opportunity for questions and answers.

Exhibit "A"

Los Osos Wastewater Project

Engineering Technical Memoranda Released in 2008 to
Support Project Development and Environmental Analysis

Title	Status	Date Released
Decentralized Treatment	<u>Draft</u>	January 2008
Flows and Loads	<u>Draft</u>	February 2008
Solids Handling Options	<u>Draft</u>	April 2008
Septage Receiving Station Option	<u>Draft</u>	April 2008
Onsite Treatment	<u>Final</u>	May 2008
Regional Treatment	<u>Draft</u>	May 2008
Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory	<u>Draft</u>	June 2008
Low Pressure Collection System	<u>Revised Final</u>	July 2008
Partially Mixed Facultative Pond Options	<u>Final</u>	July 2008
Imported Water	<u>Final</u>	July 2008
Out-of-Town Conveyance	<u>Final</u>	July 2008
Effluent Reuse and Disposal Alternatives	<u>Final</u>	July 2008

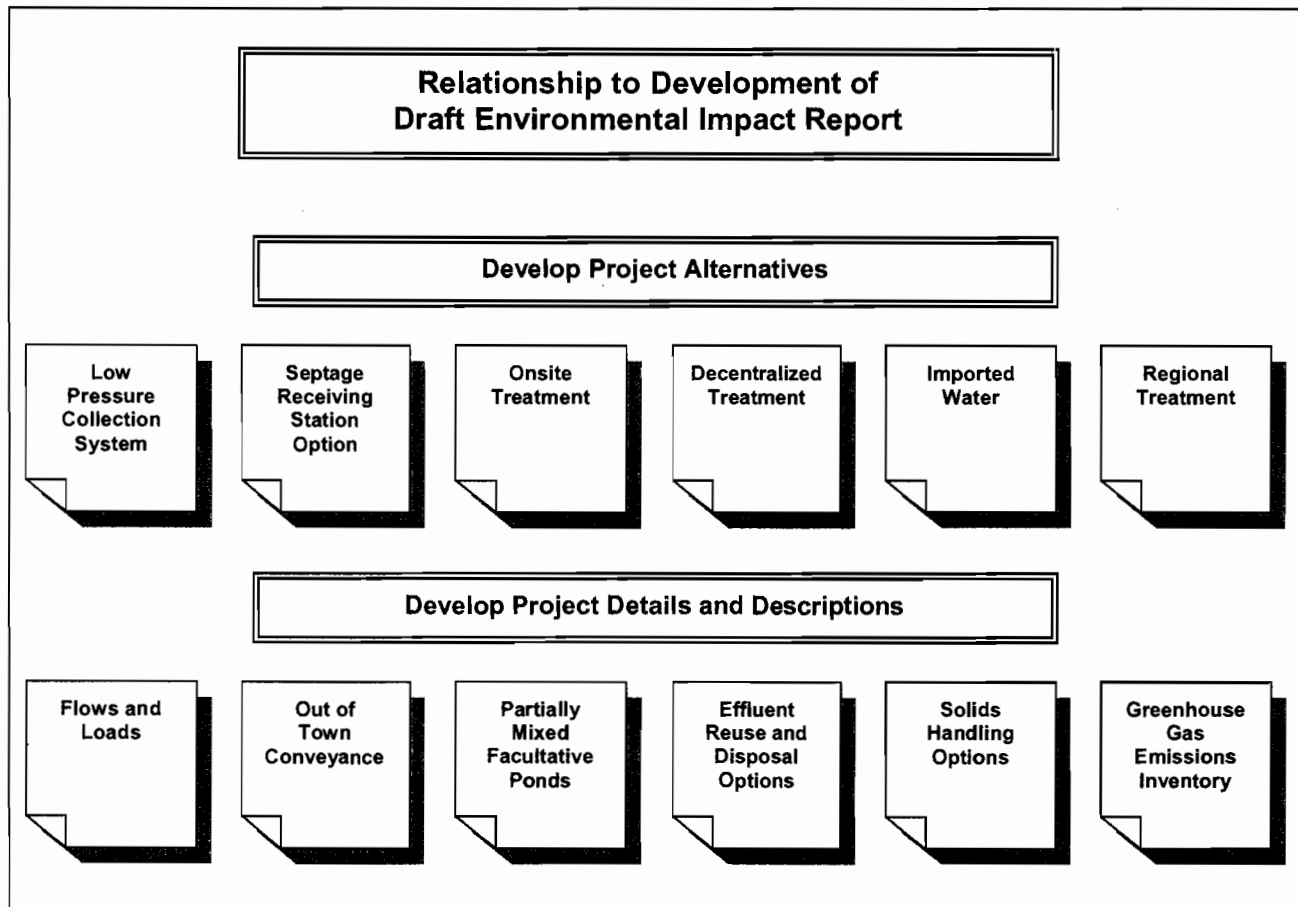


Exhibit "B"

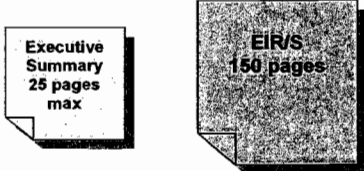
Los Osos Wastewater Project Interagency Issues Matrix

	RWQCB	SWRCB	Coastal Commission	CA Department of Fish & Game	US Fish & Wildlife Service	National Marine Fisheries Service	Co Agricultural Commissioner	CA Dept of Conservation	Co Dept of Planning & Building	Los Osos Water Purveyors	APCD	SHPO
Water			I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I		
Basin Plan	P											
Seawater Intrusion										I		
WDRs	P											
Air Quality			I	I	I	I	I	I	I		P	
Emissions											P	
GHG/AB32	I										P	
Land Use				I					I			
LCP Consistency			P				I		P			
Community Character									P			
Growth Inducement			I		I	I	I	I	I	I		
Biological Resources	I		I	I	I	I			I			
Listed Species/ESA			I	I	P	P						
ESHA			P	I								
Riparian Zones			I	P	P	P						
HCP Consistency			I	I	P	I			I			
Community Issues			I									
Traffic			I						I			
Noise			I						I			
Aesthetics			I						I			
Agricultural Land			P				P	P	I			
Cultural Resources			P						I			P
Financial Issues												
SRF		P										
System Design		I										

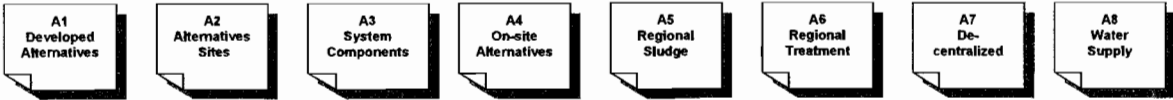
P = Agency's primary area of interest (Typically = permit authority)
 I = Agency's additional area of interest

Exhibit "C"

**LOS OSOS WASTEWATER PROJECT
Environmental Impact Report Document Organization**



A. Project Description



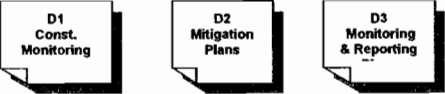
B. Impact Discussions & Technical Information by Resource Area



C. Consistency With Applicable Plans and Policies



D. Mitigation Planning, Implementation & Performance



E. CEQA/NEPA Processing

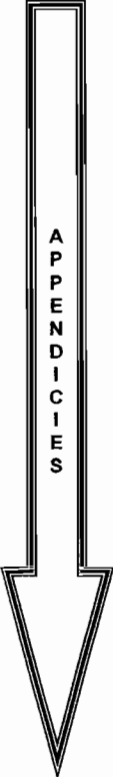


Exhibit "D"

~4,200 STEP Questionnaires

