

**COMMENT LETTER 27 - LAWRENCE BULINSKI (SEPTEMBER 24, 1996),
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Response to Comment 27-1

Comment Summary: The comment suggests that a large component of Santa Rosa sewage is due to runoff from inadequately designed or improperly monitored landscape irrigation systems and implementation of a program for elimination of the overspray and runoff from these systems could go a long way toward achieving zero discharge.

Such a program could be beneficial with regard to the desirable goal of maximization of water conservation of the potable water supply. However, in Santa Rosa (where combined sewers are not employed) the runoff from landscape irrigation is captured by the storm drainage system, not the sanitary sewerage system as the author implies. This runoff does not make its way to the Laguna Treatment Plant and does not enter the reclaimed water distribution system for reuse/disposal.

Therefore, landscape runoff has no impact on the issue of “zero discharge,” which relates to eliminating actual discharges of reclaimed water to the natural water courses. The feasibility of zero discharge is discussed in Master Response 15, which is located in Section 6.2 of this document.

