

Santa Rosa Subregional Long-Term Wastewater Project

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I am a relatively new citizen of Santa Rosa having moved here about thirteen months ago from 001
 southern California. I hold a Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry, and I have seventeen years of
 experience in water and wastewater treatment. I have been involved in numerous water treatment
 projects and I am the author of thirty-five patents that primarily address water treatment issues.

I have been studying the Santa Rosa wastewater project and I am amazed at the money the City
 has thrown away studying this issue for many years. Yours is a classic case of excessive
 government spending on studies that market-driven, private industries would solve cheaply and
 quickly. I sense that city government bureaucracy, together with consulting firms that will gladly
 take your money to conduct a study of a study of a study, is impeding simple technical solutions.

As an expert in water treatment and regulations, I recognize that the city's tertiary-treated 002
 wastewater will meet river discharge standards most of the time. However, this method of disposal
 will never be politically acceptable. River discharge will always be an emotional issue for
 downstream residents with a "not in my backyard" mentality. Furthermore, it takes just one
 process upset to cause a discharge of water that does not meet standards, and you will be staring
 down the barrel of a loaded gun of lawsuits. (Lawyers around the country will swarm in to get a
 piece of action not unlike your "consultants" that have studied disposal options over and over.)

I encourage the City of Santa Rosa to carefully re-consider the Geysers recharge alternative. The 003
 Geysers can easily handle wastewater treatment upsets. The water disposal problem will be "out-
 of-sight out-of-mind." It affords both acceptable technical and political solutions to the problem.
 If funding can be obtained similar to the Lake County recharge project, and using creative
 financing of the project, this alternative does not have to significantly increase costs to the
 ratepayers. An excellent discussion of the merits of the Geysers recharge alternative has been
 written by Paula Blaydes in the Environmental Impact Reporter. I suggest that all City
 departments involved in the project read this report carefully.

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