

Santa Rosa Subregional Long-Term Wastewater Project

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You were ~~not~~ ordered to get your waste water out of the river 11 years ago.

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The solution has a name. The name is "PROJECT 7". Irrigate Redwood and other native species in groves designed as both memorial and commercial. Project 7 preserves and restores the environment and guarantees reasonable rates for all time - plus its a better idea than the other alternatives.

CITY OF SANTA ROSA

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DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ANNOUNCING.....PROJECT 7

WE DECLARE YOUR SEWAGE DISPOSAL PROBLEM SOLVED!

GROWING REDWOODS TO ACHIEVE ZERO-DISCHARGE

**THE LONG-TERM RESOLUTION TO THE NORTH COAST WASTEWATER ISSUE,
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IMPROVES THE QUALITY OF LIFE, CREATES LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES,
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A FUTURE-ANCIENT REDWOOD FOREST
AND A PURE COASTAL ZONE**

Will any new proposals be entertained?

Not likely. We have just completed a public scoping process to identify the currently alternatives.

* Last week, City Attorney told me unless every option is examined, City could face challenges in court. I'd like to propose a project, Project #7. Does anyone have a problem with that?

Member of the public: Yes, I want to hear what the consultants have to say. You should have discussed this in scoping. You should go to the papers or the City Council, but it would be expensive for to add.

Andy: We have Project #7, and we will be responding in a future roundtable. Part of the proposal involves Chileno Valley -- we have looked at that during scoping, and we dropped it because of size and cost measures.

PROJECT 7 has been proposed. Includes zero discharge, redwood forestation, earth ponds, treatment ponds, use solar, wind or methane for pumping.

Geysers project includes minimal discharge (only discharge in high flow conditions). Irrigation projects provide pipeline network to distribute water for a variety of possible uses. Redwoods were evaluated, but do not provide water consumption at the same level as crops because of lower evapotranspiration. Screening looked at storage ponds located all over county; costs and acreage required were prohibitive. We are not currently evaluating solar or wind power, but treatment plant does currently use methane produced for energy production.

* **Why was Laguna Lake removed in scoping process?**

It is too far from treatment plant, and there are suitable areas located closer to subregional system. The lake is also too shallow to provide suitable storage.

* **Did Marlin object to Laguna Lake?**

No, in fact they are interested in using reclaimed water.

* **We shouldn't be considering 20% discharge to Russian River. We should look at other alternatives. For example Irrigation of forests.**

We looked at a forestation program during the scoping phase. We did not carry that component forward but would consider it if a specific proposal was submitted.

* **Stony Point Road is a perfect site for the Project #7 forest areas. We should have bumper stickers for Project #7.**

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DECEMBER 29, 1995

HAPPY NEW YEAR SANTA ROSA.

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DEDICATED TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE NORTH PACIFIC COAST (SONOMA, MARIN, MENDOCINO, HUMBOLDT & DEL NORTE COUNTY) AS ENVISIONED BY

the S.U.R.F. C.R.E.W. the SONOMA COUNTY

THANKS TO THE UNDAUNTED EFFORTS OF the S.U.R.F. C.R.E.W., AN ECONOMICAL & ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND SOLUTION, **PROJECT 7**, HAS BEEN DEVELOPED THAT INCORPORATES THE BEST ASPECTS OF THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR STUDY CURRENTLY IN THE FINAL DRAFT E.I.R. STAGE AND UTILIZES THE EXISTING TREATMENT SYSTEM. THIS CONCEPT WILL REUSE WATER IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE MANNER POSSIBLE, PROVE TO BE THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE AND IS DEFINITELY THE MOST LONG-TERM. IT HAS BEEN FORMALLY SUBMITTED TO THE CITY & THE COUNTY AND IS OFFICIALLY PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD AS TAKEN DURING THE RECENT SERIES OF ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS. WE ATTENDED EVERY MEETING, DEVELOPED OPEN DIALOGUE WITH ALL THE MAIN PLAYERS AND PROVIDED THIS LONG-TERM ANSWER. **PROJECT 7** IS A COMMUNITY-BASED REFORESTATION/RESTORATION/RECLAMATION EFFORT THAT WILL PERMANENTLY ACHIEVE ZERO-DISCHARGE IN THE RUSSIAN RIVER, RESTORE THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE REDWOOD EMPIRE, CREATE LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND MAKE SEWAGE RATES REASONABLE.

HAVING ATTENDED THESE MEETINGS, WE FEEL THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF **PROJECT 7** AS THE MAIN COMPONENT OF ANY SELECTED OPTION IS VITAL FOR SUCCESS. SANTA ROSA HAS SPENT MILLIONS ON CONSULTANTS & STUDIES SEEKING A SOLUTION TO ITS GROWING WASTEWATER PROBLEM AND, ONCE AGAIN, FINDS ITSELF BACK TO SQUARE ONE. CURRENTLY, NO MATTER WHAT ALTERNATIVE THE CITY CHOOSES, IT FACES A LAWSUIT.....HENCE, NO PROJECT WILL BE APPROVED AND THE PROBLEM WILL ONLY GET WORSE.

THE ADOPTION OF **PROJECT 7** CREATES THE FRAMEWORK FOR WORKABLE MITIGATION THAT WILL ALLOW THE PROBLEM TO BE RESOLVED WITHOUT THE OUTRAGEOUS EXPENSE OF THE EXPECTED LEGAL BATTLES NOW SHAPING UP. IT POINTS THE WAY TOWARDS SUSTAINING OUR QUALITY OF LIFE AND PRESERVING SONOMA COUNTY AS THE TRUE CHOSEN SPOT ENVISIONED BY LUTHER BURBANK.



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WASTEWATER

SR given extension to study disposal

By MIKE McCOY

...extensions — extensions castigated by critics who accused Santa Rosa of dragging its feet — this one won unanimous endorsement from some of the city's staunchest wastewater critics.

The reason, they agreed, is it will give Santa Rosa, environmentalists, farmers and Russian River discharge opponents more time to hammer out a cost-effective and politically acceptable method of solving the wastewater crisis without simply increasing the city's discharge into the river from its current one percent of the river's flow to up to 20 percent.

THE BEST TIME TO PLANT A TREE WAS 20 YEARS AGO...
THE NEXT BEST TIME IS NOW

BASED ON THE FANTASY COME TRUE CONCEPT OF A FIELD OF DREAMS, "IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME" (THEY MEANING PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD WHO WOULD COME TO SEE THE MIRACLE AND PLANT A TREE), SONOMA COUNTY WOULD ONCE AGAIN BE THE CHOSEN SPOT... THE REDWOOD EMPIRE...NOT IN LEGEND, BUT IN REALITY.

