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Hello, my name is Alan Strachan, 218 Jean drive. As the designated developer of the SCOR group, I was asked to address how might we put in these small 50 or so projects phased over some time. Basically, that can be done by a public-private partnership as opposed to a public works project. Essentially what happens is the City puts up \$75 million and since each of these things works out to about a million and a half each, we talk with folks like Ed Grossi here, and we bring forward to the City proposals that actually take the form almost identical to existing contracts that the City has with industrial users of wastewater. The mechanism is there -- the financial mechanism, the bond for it is there. I would suggest that we talk to Stan Russi (phonetic) about how to put up the \$75 million so that this could be done. The point is that the private sector can produce these 50 or so projects which are needed to incorporate agricultural reuse as the principal component of the wastewater system. I'd like to quantify that just a little bit, and I have edited down my comments to delete those previously made. The EIR says we go about 120 million dollars a year out of agricultural reuse. That works out to about 10 million dollars a month. County population in household is about 160 thousand households. Roughly half of those are in the rate paying or the subregional systems communities, so we're talking about 80 thousand households. The \$5 million a month is what the income is to the subregional community's members. The per household income is about 62 dollars a month. Okay. That's what we get from 120 million dollars translated to all those folks. Everybody gets about 62 bucks a month extra into their pockets.

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What we're talking about for a \$75 million project is about \$5 per month increase in the rates. You've got in your EIR the rate from 70 cents a month to \$75 a month. A \$75 million project costs about \$5 a month. So what you're talking about in a -- call it a Gallo clone project, or a west third street site, is roughly the same hundred million gallons. What Ed Grossi proposed is another project of similar size. You're talking about 57 dollars per month per household profit by taking an agricultural reuse project that costs \$75 million.

We believe we've demonstrated that a \$75 million project is quite doable. It has a lot of benefits that have been cited earlier. The bottom line is that just to the City of Santa Rosa's economy, this is \$3 million a month. That's not something we like -- should sneeze at. It's something we should pay attention to. So on economic grounds alone, quite aside from all the other environmental questions, it is in Santa Rosa's own business and economic interest to do a project of this type, incorporate agricultural reuse. It would be a serious waste to flush the water down the river. Thank you.

Mayor Wright:

Bill Kortum, followed by Dick Carlile, followed by Paula Blaydes.