

Three of the four EIR proposals are too grandiose and expensive, 001
and the Russian River discharge option is both a waste of a
valuable asset and desecration of a precious community resource.
A growing shortage of water is one of California's largest
problems, so it would appear foolish to flush it away.

Any waste water program should start slowly and in cooperation 002
with the communities affected, as well as private enterprise.
In regard to the West County and South County options, it is
obvious that some large landowners and farmers are anxious to
receive waste water and others are not. Prudence would dictate
a cooperative endeavor among those who want to participate, with
shared expenses and expertise.

In this spirit of cooperation, the Geysers' representative 003
at the September 24th hearing displayed an enthusiastic will-
ingness to cooperate and exhibited a knowledge of the expenses
involved and the routes to be followed that indicated a lack
of expertise by the EIR authors.

Where a sharp knife is needed, the EIR calls upon dull tools. 004
It lacks imagination, scope and foresight, and is, in important
areas, superficial as well. It reads like it was written by
engineers sitting at computers charged with the task of getting
rid of that wastewater now, rather than someone seeking solutions
to benefit all the communities.

For example: 1. No resort owner in the lower Russian River 005
area could be found who had been interviewed by the ER authors,
though several were cited in the report. 2. West County farmers 006
who indicated an interest in receiving information, nothing more,
were counted as wanting to take wastewater. 3. There was a 007
basic mis-assumption as to the amount of waste water that could

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be absorbed by West County farmlands during winter rainfalls
that saturate the entire county.

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[Please proceed with caution. A decision to move massively--
as proposed ⁱⁿ the EIR--without trial and error and experimentation
to chart the way, would be irresponsible. Just plain crazy.

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Let's do this together.

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