

LOS OSOS COMMUNITY PLAN

Environmental Impact Report Scoping Meeting – April 13, 2015

Comments received at the scoping meeting

1. **Topic: Consultant Selection**

- a. Knowledge about Los Osos should be a criterion in selecting a consultant to prepare the EIR.

2. **Topic: Biology**

- a. Is the kangaroo rat still in Los Osos?
- b. Concerns with encroachment of development into environmentally sensitive areas (e.g. utilities should be underground).

3. **Topic: Cumulative Projects**

- a. County should take into account other development projects being considered, such as State Parks projects, Highway 101 improvements, and new development in Morro Bay.

4. **Topic: Economic Impacts**

- a. County should take into consideration the cost of mitigation measures.
- b. Cost of permits and mitigation measures affecting the ability to develop.
- c. Would like information on costs, financing, and bonding options for needed infrastructure.

5. **Topic: Water Resources**

- a. Align the community plan with the Los Osos Basin Plan.
- b. Relationship to climate change (e.g. less precipitation).
- c. Encourage water conservation and greywater reuse. Can there be incentives for new development?
- d. What is the water demand for eucalyptuses?

6. **Topic: Agency Coordination**

- a. County should consult early with the Coastal Commission.
- b. County Planning should also coordinate with other County agencies.

7. **Topic: Geologic Hazards**

- a. High liquefaction areas and the cost of foundation requirements.

8. **Topic: Climate Change / Greenhouse Gases**

- a. California will face a future of less precipitation.
- b. Impacts of an ongoing, long-lasting drought.

9. Topic: Noise

- a. Los Osos has a quiet community character, and that should be preserved.

10. Topic: Night Lighting (Aesthetics/Visual Resources)

- a. Night lighting – Los Osos would prefer to be a “dark sky” community.
- b. Reference: International Dark Sky Association – www.darksky.org
- c. Consider model ordinances for dark sky, such as the one adopted in Beverly Shores, Indiana.
- d. Some street lighting may be needed – difficult to read signs and addresses at night.
- e. Interrelationship of lighting and public safety.

11. Topic: Hydrology, Drainage, and Water Quality

- a. Retain and infiltrate stormwater so that it percolates into the groundwater and avoids transmitting urban pollutants to the estuary.
 - i. Consider adding a program to the Community Plan to do retrofit existing development to incorporate stormwater infiltration.
- b. Pet waste – need additional locations for dispensing bags at trails; need awareness and education campaign.
 - i. Consider adding a program for this to the Community Plan.
- c. Encourage greywater reuse.
- d. Are County drainage studies still in effect?
- e. Did the sewer project include stormwater considerations?

12. Topic: Cultural Resources

- a. Community has abundant Native American and natural history resources that should be taken into consideration.

13. Topic: Circulation

- a. County should focus on more sidewalks and bikeways. El Moro Avenue bike/pedestrian path is an example of a successful project.
- b. Ideally, the circulation network would include a mainline multi-use trail (bike/pedestrian) with several Class II trails connecting to the mainline from throughout town.
- c. Bike and pedestrian paths should prioritize safe routes to school.
- d. Additional circulation connections needed from Los Osos Valley Road to Baywood between 9th Street and Pine Avenue

14. Topic: Recreation

- a. Desires for dog park – Morro Bay National Estuary Program may have funds to allocate towards this.

15. General Comments

- a. Consider *community responsibility* vs. *personal responsibility* – i.e. it should not be your personal responsibility to carry a flashlight, not the community's responsibility to light up the street at night.
- b. Remove eucalyptuses and power the library with their biomass.
- c. Consider a program to pay for one code enforcement officer dedicated to Los Osos.