

Technical Memorandum Name: Decentralized Treatment, January 2008
Commenter: Surfrider Foundation-SLB Chapter
Comments Date: February 15, 2008
Responses Date: September 22, 2008

The following comments were submitted in response to the above listed Technical Memorandum (TM). The TM was developed as part of the EIR process for the project, in order to help facilitate and broaden the discussion of project issues important to the community. The responses should be considered preliminary because the EIR process is not complete, and the information necessary to fully respond has not yet been developed. The project team is grateful to those citizens who took the time to review the TM and provide comments at this early stage in the process. The project team will endeavor to fully address the comments and concerns through the on-going project development process.

	Comment	Response
1	The San Luis Bay (SLB) Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation understands that the LOWWP Technical Advisory Committee has requested questions and feedback on Technical Memorandums as they are being reviewed	The draft Decentralized TM presented the overall concepts and issues associated with decentralized wastewater collection and treatment in Los Osos and addressed the conceptual descriptions submitted by Pio Lombardo in a letter dated June 8, 2007. Due to the uncertainty of the conceptual description, and public comments submitted in response to the draft TM, Pio Lombardo of Lombardo Associates, Inc (LAI) was retained to further develop a conceptual decentralized plan for the development of a Final TM. The LAI conceptual plan for decentralized treatment includes 7 separate collection zones and treatment plant sites. Detailed cost estimates for this decentralized plan are presented in the Final Decentralized Treatment Tech Memo and appendices.
2	As per the Technical Memorandum reviewing Decentralized Systems we urge you to further explore the value of such a system. We ask that you take under serious consideration the aesthetic and ecological treatment solutions John Todd Ecological Design, Inc. can offer. The aesthetic quality of this treatment technology would likely be more acceptable to citizens and reduce the resistance to in-town treatment sites, as was evident during John Todd's recent presentations with more than 300 community members from our SLO County in attendance. This kind of treatment technology may be able to enhance ESHA as well as bring an aspect of pride to Los Osos - and the state of California - with the creation of gardens, wetlands and ponds for treatment where treatment wastes are turned from a liability into an asset.	The treatment processes developed by John Todd Ecological Design and presented by Jonathan Todd at a community meeting have applicability to both centralized and decentralized treatment processes. The Decentralized Treatment tech memo considers the overall concept of decentralized collection, treatment, and reuse/disposal. Pio Lombardo of Lombardo Associates, Inc (LAI) has developed a conceptual plan for decentralized treatment in Los Osos with 7 separate collection zones and treatment plant sites and multiple reuse and disposal options. The plan is presented and evaluated in the Final Final Decentralized Treatment Tech Memo and appendices.