

Technical Memorandum Name: Decentralized Treatment, January 2008
Commenter: TAC – Finance Committee
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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	Does the county plan to analyze a decentralized system using LPCS?	A decentralized treatment approach can potentially be implemented with any collection system technology. However, the higher solids loading associated with gravity or LPCS would require larger and more flexible treatment technologies such as extended aeration. A primary proponent of a decentralized system for Los Osos is Pio Lombardo of Lombardo Associates, Inc (LAI). LAI has developed a conceptual plan for decentralized treatment that utilizes a STEP/STEG collection system with filter treatment processes. (See Appendices to Final TM).
2	Why would the SWB/ RWB have more stringent nitrogen limits for a decentralized system, compared to centralized systems?	It is expected that a nitrogen limit of 7 mg/L would be required for any type of treatment system that discharges within the Prohibition Zone.
3	TAC would like the opportunity to review Decentralized when requested information has been received from Lombardo.	The conceptual plan developed by LAI is included in the appendices to the Final Decentralized Treatment Tech Memo.