

**Technical Memorandum Name: Imported Water, March 2008**  
**Commenter: Frank Ausilio**  
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**Responses Date: August 18, 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.

	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>
1	<p>I reviewed the San Luis Obispo County - Los Osos Wastewater Project Development - Technical Memorandum - Imported Water - Final Draft March 2008, authored by Carella and Waddell. The report focuses mainly on the importing of water from the State Water Project and Lake Nacimiento to Los Osos., and states, "The purpose of this technical memorandum is to identify the challenges and opportunities of potential sources of water for the community of Los Osos from outside the groundwater basin."</p> <p>These are my concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The heading on page "i" of the Memorandum says, "San Luis Obispo County Los Osos Wastewater Project Development."</li> <li>2. The wastewater project, per vote of the Board of Supervisors, only concerns the Prohibition Zone of Los Osos.</li> <li>3. The 218 vote, by those living in the Prohibition Zone, authorized funding to build a wastewater project.</li> <li>4. The importing of water to protect the water basin is an issue for all who draw water from the basin, not just those who live in the Prohibition Zone.</li> </ol> <p>My questions are:</p>	
2	Who authorized this Technical Memorandum?	The development of a series of technical memos, including Imported Water, is a major part of the scope of work in the current contract with Carollo Engineers. The contract was approved by the Board of Supervisors.
3	Which funds were used to pay for the development of this technical memorandum?	The contract is part of the wastewater project budget, which is funded by a

		loan from the County General Fund.
4	What does imported water have to do with building a wastewater project?	This Imported Water TM supports the environmental review process, which must consider all feasible project alternatives. Imported water was analyzed as a potential alternative to producing recycled wastewater for beneficial reuse.
5	The value of this Technical Memorandum is that it supports the research conducted by individual citizens regarding the high cost and uncertainty of importing water. Thank you for considering this matter.	Comment noted.