

Technical Memorandum Name: On Site Treatment, January 2008
Commenter: TAC – Engineering Committee
Comments Date: January 31, 2008
Responses Date: March 30, 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	Does RES. 83-13 preclude onsite treatment?	The Regional Water Board has the authority to permit or prohibit specific types of discharges. The discussion in Section 4.2 of the TM illustrates their recent position regarding on site systems.
2	What is the percentage of vacation and second homes in Los Osos?	The year 2000 census estimated about 2.5% as seasonal or vacation.
3	Lack of flexibility- disposal (leachfields or reuse for landscape needs)/ no flexibility to move water to upper or lower aquifer depending on needs. water quality- future changes in water quality regulations will be cumbersome to achieve when retrofitting 5000 systems	Comment noted.
4	Reuse for landscaping will result in a surplus of treated wastewater. Requiring on-site storage. Irrigation systems for reused water are expensive.	Comment noted.
5	No collection system needed	Comment noted.
6	Replacement advanced treatment systems are expensive	Comment noted.
7	Water quality testing is expensive in a multiple point source system	Comment noted.
8	Vacation units are problematic due to lack of use and dying off of treatment biology components.	Comment noted.
9	Multi family units on small lots require larger treatment and disposal systems	Comment noted.
10	Unresolved issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • centralized management system • operation and maintenance costs • non-compliance implications 	Comment noted.