

Technical Memorandum Name: On Site Treatment, January 2008
Commenter: TAC – Environmental Committee
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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	Is it possible to generate a "Table 2"(from TM #1) for onsite systems?	The referenced "Table 2" is a list of public agencies and their number of maintenance personnel required per connection to a low pressure collection system. This type of analysis does not apply to on site treatment, because most on site systems are maintained by the homeowner and not a public agency.
2	The TM's discussion of Groundwater balance seems to mix the specific effects of the onsite approach with benefits that can be realized for any project, like pumping shallow aquifer water for non-potable irrigation use. This concern also holds true for the very similar discussion of groundwater balance in the Decentralized TM. The benefits described appear to be substantially the same regardless of the technology.	The discussion in the TM considers reuse of the treated effluent for irrigation at the individual homes where it originates. The pumping of shallow aquifer water is identified for irrigation of large areas, like public facilities. It is not considered an option for individual homes due to the high cost of a distribution system.
3	Size of onsite facilities is a limiting factor due to lot size. Some systems cannot be accommodated on individual lots.	Comment noted.
4	The EIR should consider the feasibility of permitting any type of onsite treatment and disposal system in the project area	Comment noted.