

**Technical Memorandum Name: Out of Town Conveyance, March 2008**  
**Commenter: Surfrider Foundation**  
**Comments Date: May 6, 2008**  
**Responses Date: June 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	The San Luis Bay (SLB) Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation seeks to preserve, enhance, and protect the biological health of our coastal environment and its contributing watersheds and sees the Los Osos Wastewater Treatment Project (LOWWP) as an opportunity to implement sustainable water management and sewage treatment techniques. SLB Surfrider understands that the LOWWP Technical Advisory Committee has requested questions and feedback on Technical Memorandums as they are being reviewed. Our concerns regarding the Out of Town Conveyance Technical Memo are:	Comment noted.
2	Further analysis of the energy usage of pump stations is needed in relation to the goals set out by AB 32. The carbon footprint of the LOWWP, which includes the project's contribution to global warming and sea level rise, must be minimized.	The potential greenhouse gas impacts of the project have been analyzed in a separate technical memo and will also be considered in the environmental review process.
3	The proposed pump station needed for a traditional gravity sewer at the corner of Los Osos Valley Rd. and Pecho Rd. increases the threat of a spill that would impact the State Marine Reserve and many residential homes. Technologies, such as those proposed with STEP/STEG, have minimal associated failure risks (in both frequency and severity) and therefore offer advantages for the protection of the sensitive marine habitats and species in the bay nearby.	The technical memo does not propose any pump station locations. An example location of LOVR and Pecho Road is analyzed because it is the route with the largest elevation difference and allows for a conservative estimate of pumping costs. The comparative risks of the different collection system alternatives are being evaluated in the environmental review process.