

Technical Memorandum Name: Imported Water, March 2008
Commenter: Don Bearden
Comments Date: April 3, 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.

	Comment	Response
1	<p>The two sources of water presented in this TM are not very reliable.</p> <p>The State Water Project pumps water from the Sacramento/San Joaquin Rivers. This has led to numerous problems such as salt water intrusion into the Delta and interruption of spawning of some species of fish in the Delta. The saltwater intrusion has caused problems with the drinking water of riverside communities. State Water pumping can be curtailed already and may be severely curtailed in the future.</p> <p>Nacimiento Water is subject to being severely curtailed during drought years, when you really need the water.</p>	<p>Comment noted. Figure 4 of the technical memo illustrates the historical reliability of State Water.</p>
2	<p>Cambria has investigated many other sources of water, one of them being Seawater Desalination. I have enclosed a PowerPoint presentation called "Desalination As An Environmental Mitigation" by Robert Gresens, P.E. District Engineer, Cambria Community Services District. This PowerPoint describes in detail Seawater Desalination.</p> <p>Seawater Desalination is a very reliable source and is presently being used at Diablo Canyon Power Plant. Maybe we could buy some of their water.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
3	<p>All in all, we need more reliable sources of water supply for the future.</p>	<p>Comment noted. The County is working with the community water purveyors to develop a basin management plan for establishing a reliable water supply in a cost effective manner.</p>