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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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San Luis Obispo County  
Department of Public Works  
County Government Center, Room 207  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Attention: Mark Hutchinson

Subject: Los Osos Wastewater Project Draft Environmental Impact Report

The subject EIR addresses the Tonini Ranch as a possible location for a sewer treatment facility. We own a farm parcel 067-031-022 near the Tonini ranch (see attached parcel map) and we strongly object to using this ranch for this purpose. The following are reasons for our objections and would like to request each of these objections be addressed in the final EIR.

1. Although it may be necessary to initially use spray fields to dispose of the treated water, this is a waste of water that can be beneficially used for agricultural purposes.
2. Using the Tonini ranch for a sewage treatment facility takes a large agricultural property permanently out of production. There is less productive land closer to the area that is being served that should be identified for this use.
3. The Tonini ranch location will cause a significant amount of energy to be wasted in pumping the sewage a long distance to be treated and then a portion to be pumped back for disposal. This is counter to our National goal of conserving energy and less dependency on foreign oil imports.
4. Our farm and others nearby will have their values negatively affected because small farms like ours are valued more as a Residential site that the farm value, and residential sites are less attractive when located near a sewage treatment facility.

Regarding the use of properly treated water for agricultural uses, the technology for this practice is in place and there are many farmlands now

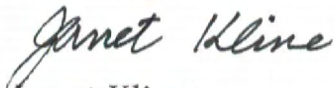
using this practice. Monterey County has been successfully using this practice for a number of years. Most recently The Pajaro Valley water Management Agency in Watsonville has completed water transmission lines in Pajaro valley and farm use for this treated water will begin in March of this year. While there are additional costs to treat this water, the overall shortage of water in California will justify this expense. We certainly would be happy to use this water on our farm if it were made available to us.

The proposed method of using spray fields to dispose of water may be necessary to take care of the immediate problem. If there are no other sites that can be found for this other than the Tonini ranch, that property could be used until the agricultural use of treated water can be developed and then the land can be put back into its present use.

Location of a treatment plant for the town of Los Osos has been addressed many times. When the first location closest to their neighborhood was chosen, their were second thoughts and enough homeowners who did not want the project in their back yards, stopped the project. New locations were identified for the treatment plant as far east as the cemetery on the Los Osos Valley Road. On September 4, 2007, over 100 homeowners near the cemetery sent a petition to the Board of Supervisors indicating they did not want the treatment plant in their back yards. They support the Tonini location. As you consider sites as far east as Turri Road where there are only a small amount of large ranches and a small number of landowners. They too do not want the treatment plant on prime agricultural land next to their property. It is unfair to burden farm properties far from the populated residential areas with solving the sewer problems for the town of Los Osos miles away.

We respectfully request your consideration in this matter.

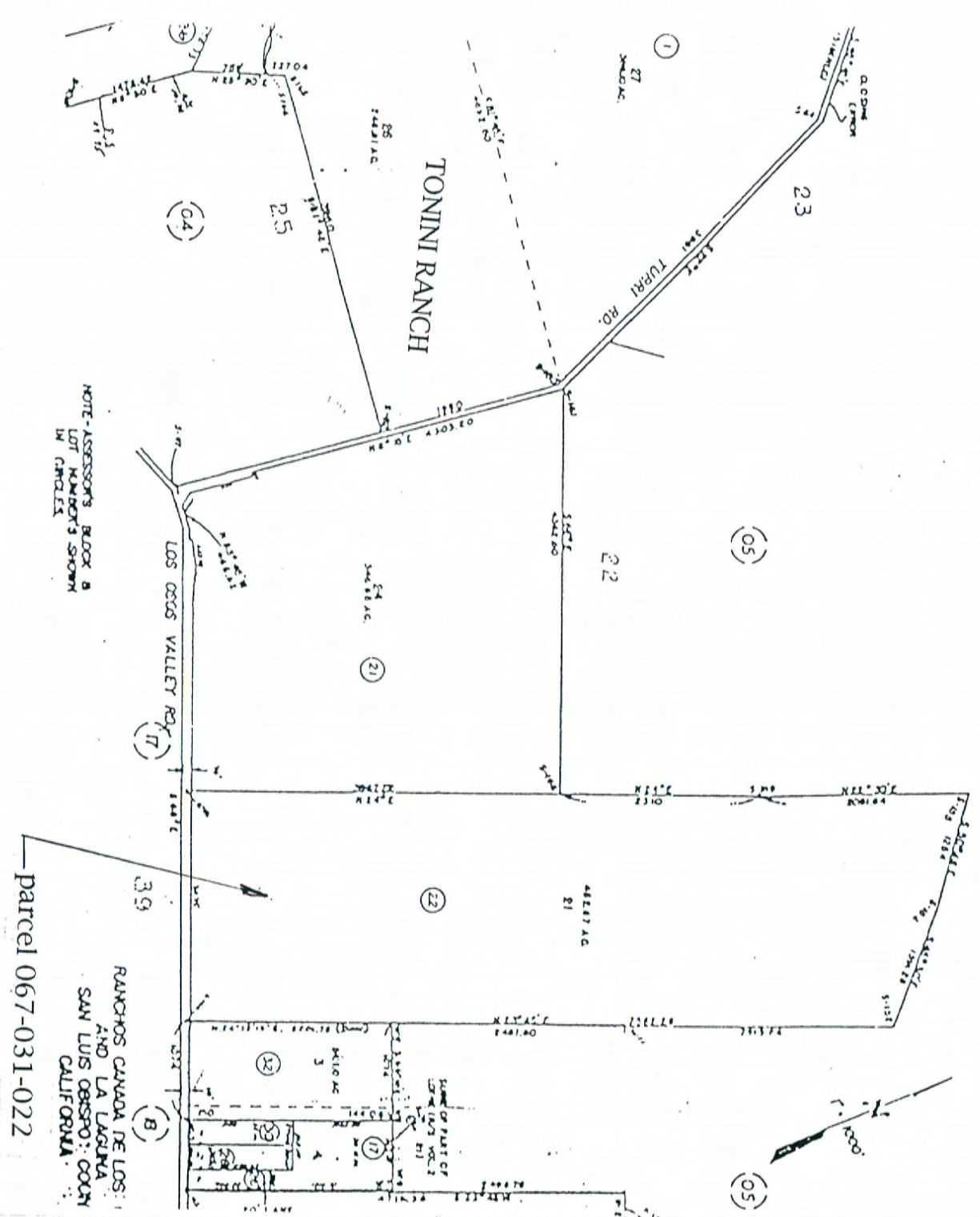
Sincerely,



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TONINI RANCH

NOTE - ASSESSOR'S BLOCK & LOT NUMBERS SHOWN IN CIRCLES

parcel 067-031-022

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