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Mr. Mark Hutchinson
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Subject: **Modify the EIR to cover the returning all effluent water to the Basin for re-use.**

Draft Environmental Impact Report, County of San Luis Obispo,
Los Osos Valley Wastewater Project (LOWWP),
State Clearinghouse No. 2007121034, dated November 14, 2008.

Dear Mr. Hutchinson,

Modify the EIR to cover the returning all effluent water to the Los Osos Basin for re-use.

The plan now is to waste treated effluent on sprayfields. Given our water emergency, and continuing seawater intrusion, this is unconscionable. The EIR should evaluate, and strongly advocate, the return of **all** Los Osos' scarce water to its aquifer.

This need not be expensive, since effluent-return pipes can be placed in the sewer-line trenches during sewer construction. This will really cut the cost of effluent return.

What it will take is concerted action by the water purveyors to pay their fair share of effluent return costs. But these costs will be far less than that of curing seawater contamination of the aquifer once it spreads. And the cost of recycling the effluent will be much cheaper than the cost of obtaining external water supplies.

We don't need a commitment now to do this; we do need the EIR to cover it as a desirable and viable alternative, so that it can be implemented in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

