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Dear Mark, Enclose find my comments regarding the Los Osos wastewater project for the Prohibition Zone.

Affordability: Having being a licensed Real Estate Broker for over 40 years and semi-retired I have seen the economy go up & down for many years. Los Osos right now is the cheapest place to live between San Diego & San Francisco. There are about 30% retired, about 30% low income and 30% low-medium income and its fair to say that 10% make a decent income.

The cost of a very expensive wastewater project will displace at least 50% of those homeowners and renters of those in the Prohibition Zone. This must not happen to Los Osos.

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Gravity Project,

Gravity is an antiquated system, it is not Green. It requires large pipes which are prone to leak (Regulations allow them to leak as much as 500 Gallons per mile per day). This is unacceptable for Los Osos. We have high ground water and would eventually leak in the Bay.

These large pipe in hilly parts of the Zone may have to be as deep as 15 feet.

Many native indians (for 5,000 yrs) are buried in the Prohibition Zone.

This is not acceptable and would be costly to have them reinterred.

We are talking a minimum of 50 miles of digging up streets.

Whats routed under our streets are poorly recorded on maps.

The collection project is 70% the cost of the whole project. There are new technologies to reduce this cost by over 50%.

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Regarding the treatment plant and site,

Big Wastewater treatment plants are not for little towns.

They are costly, smelly and have high operating & maintenance cost. Like the Gravity Collection system it also is Antiquated and not Green. High cost to keep the ^{noise} ~~noise~~ ^{expenses} ~~expenses~~ down.

Its 3,000 yr old technology is out of synch for the 21 century.

Alternatives are up to date & green. There are many technologies available.

The people of Los Osos do not want to spend their money on glitz or Gold plated pipes.

Siting of 640 acres is not needed. The town's land is in an agriculture site. Some bldgs. are of historical concerns.

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Regarding The BRODERSON Disposal site,

The disposal discharge went from 800,000 Gallons a day to 400,000 Gallons a day. It is situated at a very high place overlooking many homes.

Remember the little town of La Conchica where the hill came down and wipe out homes & killed 8 people. This was caused by the overwatering of sandy earth by a farmer up above. La Conchica's soil is similar to ours.

This disposal site is not a very smart location and should be avoided like the plague.

It is wrong to endanger the homeowners and public.

The original study which was signed off by this County's engineering & the RWQCB board was a fatal mistake/flaw regarding the recharge process. They can not be trusted.

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Regarding suggestions of Alternatives,

The Air/Vac collection system is what we need. Now regarded as the system of choice. Air/Vac is providing Efficient and Reliable service to communities all over the world and the cost saving potential is as great as ever.

Reduced Construction Cost with smaller diameter pipes & shallow, narrow trenches and avoid the danger of deeper trenches.

3 homes to one unit placed in a right of way, not on Homeowners property. Very low O & M. because Vacuum is a sealed system, infiltration and inflow are eliminated, reducing O & M, as well as treatment cost.

Simple design, no electricity needed. Easily installed, personnel are not exposed to raw sewage and no Man Holes needed. Over 100,000 installed.

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My recommendation is the ECO-FLUID
U.S.B.F. for wastewater Treatment.

It uses so much less Electricity and
has a more compact design than the
Oxidation ditch discussed in the R.F.G.

yet it was not considered, Why?
Why wasn't the reduction of the
overall Carbon footprint of the project
considered & brought forward?

Eco-Fluid cost so much less to build
with its tertiary treatment, than an
Oxidation Ditch that would have to be
installed at a later date, Was it
not considered?

The Eco-Fluid's system requires much
less hauling away the sludge,
yet was not considered.