

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 4-5, 2008

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ITEM NUMBER: 15

SUBJECT: Los Osos Wastewater Treatment Facility Project Update, San Luis Obispo County

BACKGROUND

The Los Osos/Baywood Park area of San Luis Obispo County is located on the southern edge of Morro Bay National Estuary, approximately ten miles west of the City of San Luis Obispo. The community has a population of approximately 15,000 people, and contains about 5,000 individual lots. Throughout the community on-site septic systems are used for treatment and disposal of wastewater.

The Central Coast Water Board has been concerned with the high-density use of septic systems in Los Osos/Baywood Park since before 1971. In 1983, the Central Coast Water Board adopted Resolution No. 83-13, which amended the Water Quality Control Plan, Central Coast Basin (Basin Plan) and prohibited, effective November 1, 1988, discharges of waste from individual and community sewage systems within portions of the Los Osos/Baywood Park area of San Luis Obispo County (Basin Plan prohibition area). Connection to a community sewer system is the most practical manner to comply with this prohibition; however, no community sewer system is yet available.

San Luis Obispo County is currently leading a process to seek out wastewater treatment alternatives for the Los Osos/Baywood Park community. The County's project approach includes an interdisciplinary team involving trustee agencies, consultants, and county staff members. The project will consist of four main components: collection, treatment, effluent reuse and disposal, and solids treatment and disposal. San Luis Obispo County staff will provide an oral presentation on the status of the Los Osos Wastewater Treatment Facility Project for the Water Board. County staff also submitted a letter dated August 14, 2008, that provides additional project detail and status which is attached.

ATTACHMENT

1. August 14, 2008 letter from San Luis Obispo County discussing the status on the Los Osos Wastewater Treatment Facility project.