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Via email

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Mark,

The Environmental Impact Report should include an explanation of the process and an estimate of the cost of treating the effluent to a tertiary level. This would be required, according to the Regional Water Quality Control Board, for agricultural exchange and for the use of injection wells to replenish the lower aquifer and reduce saltwater intrusion. Tertiary treatment will eventually be required by the state, so I recommend it be a requirement of the Los Osos treatment plant.

I recommend injection wells be evaluated as an alternative to spray fields as a means of reclaiming this valuable resource within our water basin.

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