

Paso Basin Supply Options Study  
 Tech Memo #1: Project Goals, Objectives, Approach and Evaluation Process

Response to Comments

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Modify the approach such that Tech Memo #2 describe a short list of options as follows:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of available Nacimiento water in years when surplus water is available</li> </ul>	This will be an option included in Tech Memo #2. Other options will be described, and an evaluation as to whether or not they should be further considered will also be provided.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beneficial reuse of recycled water, particularly from the City of Paso Robles</li> </ul>	This will be an option included in Tech Memo #4. Other options will be described, and an evaluation as to whether or not they should be further considered will also be provided.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supplement water supply to urban and village reserve areas</li> </ul>	If communities were to come forward with the intention to form community water systems for the purpose of procuring supplemental water supplies, analysis of distribution infrastructure options and costs would be considered as a part of the Department's Services to Special Districts program. Therefore, this effort is not in the scope for the supply options study. However, the study will describe the details (cost, quantity, quality, contract issues, etc.) associated with Nacimiento, State and Recycled water that could be obtained by these communities.
Allow time for the PBAC and its subcommittee to make use of the immediate action list, then advise on further efforts associated with the Study	Opportunities for subcommittee and public review and comment are scheduled throughout the study, which is anticipated to take 6 - 8 months. Any specific projects identified for immediate implementation during that time would be initiated via a separate process.

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<p>2.1 Complimentary studies under construction “Salinas River Basin to stabilize groundwater levels”. Pollution of Salinas river water needs to be assessed and deemed safe for intended purpose. Paso Robles discharges an enormous amount of “treated sewage” into the Salinas river. This water is very high in sodium from all the water softeners used domestically and by the hotel industry. Contamination from other agents that pass through sewage processing need to fully examined.</p>	<p>The study will address water quality issues associated with the use of Nacimiento, State Water and Recycled Water in the Basin. As this study is focused on new water supplies, the effect of the Paso Robles discharge on water quality in the Salinas River is not part of this study.</p>
<p>“A separate in-basin solutions study would evaluate the options for putting supplemental water to use - recharge basin.” Water banking should not be allowed and so called “paper water” should not be considered supplemental. Real water to recharge and not to be later taken out for use outside of basin.</p>	<p>Should an in-basin solutions study be conducted by the Flood Control District, this comment would be addressed.</p>
<p>State water (SW) Project: “Treated water deliveries to Creston - SP for recharge; LP for direct delivery.” We do not want nor need State Water. State Water is over allocated 5-7 times even in rainy years. Using treated water to “recharge” basin is unacceptable. Also, without a sewage treatment facility degradation of ground water from increased domestic use would be a major concern.</p>	<p>Only the availability and cost of State Water and water quality issues associated with putting it to use in the Basin (regardless of the specific potential end user) will be addressed in the Study.</p>
<p>“Raw water extension to Creston subarea for recharge.” Again, not interested in State Water as it is not a viable solution to anything. Creston does not need water. All this would do is open Creston up to water banking and exploitation of our basin here in Creston. Carollo needs to discontinue any work regarding supplying Creston with water.</p>	<p>Only the availability and cost of State Water and water quality issues associated with putting it to use in the Basin (regardless of the specific potential end user) will be addressed in the Study.</p>