



**Fw: A Better Solution for PRGWB issue ?**  
**Cytasha Campa** to: cr\_board\_clerk Clerk Recorder

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Kindest regards,

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Honorable Supervisors:

As promised, I will continue to espouse, and urge you toward, more moderate positions than the currently fashionable yet draconian tack of working toward seizing land/water rights in the PRGWB.

Toward that better end, attached is an Op-Ed piece I will be publishing and promoting in the coming weeks which provides some additional ideas and info for you to consider. This PDF discusses an extremely beneficial (win-win-win) and very viable alternative to attempting to gain government control of all water rights in the PRGWB.

In addition, I submit that in order for the Board to recapture and rebuild trust among the various (now-disenfranchised) constituencies, you **MUST** somehow bring the cities into the process proposing North County solution(s), otherwise any pretense at a "solution" will always be seen more as political propaganda than hydrological math.

For example, how can Paso Robles, in good conscience and good regional stewardship, approve and allow new high density developments (20 units per acre at 1 acre-foot of annual water consumption per unit!) in the face of what you have all termed as an "urgent crisis"? Why must we rural and agricultural users (using at most 1 acre foot of water per acre) give up our water rights so cities can use 20 times as much water per acre? That makes no sense, defies logical and any sense of justice, and should (will?) not play well on the stage of honest public debate.

But I am not writing you to be negative. On the contrary, I am writing to suggest a very positive

way forward. Please read the attached PDF. I welcome comments from you and your staff (i.e., factual corrections or other editorial suggestions prior to publication), and will remain available to each of you for any discussions you might find helpful.

Respectfully,

Dean DiSandro

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## Leading Horses to Water

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1103 words

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This is a clarion call for common sense, calm reasoning, and good old-fashioned American values regarding solutions to the water issues facing all parts of San Luis Obispo County.

Recent water politics have indeed created strange bedfellows as supposedly conservative "free market" farmers (aka, PRAAGS) have recently tied-the-knot with historically liberal environmental interests (aka, PRO-Water Equity). What a strangely surrealistic landscape: Pick-up driving Republicans crying out for big government to seize land (riparian) rights by fiat locked in loving embrace with Democrats who usually decry massive corporate takeovers of resources for greedy, power-grubbing ends!

PRAAGS and PRO-Water Equity are pushing for a *non*-solution which only the devil itself could love. Stealing our land rights in order to connect to failing State water programs is exactly the wrong direction for us. It is *so* 1950. Whatever happened to good ol' American innovation, creating bold solutions to resolve big issues rather than subverting the U.S. and California Constitutions by attempting to seize private property, dramatically diminishing the rights of citizens and land owners while guaranteeing massive water bill increases for everyone?

Truth: A far better set of solutions exists! These solutions will allow the county to continue to grow (both housing and farming) at reasonable rates, wisely and sustainably, balancing a stable economy and our uniquely wonderful quality of life long into the future. No drum roll, just two words: 1. Desalination & 2. Recycling.

1. Desalination: Purchasing and re-purposing the Morro Bay power plant (and, perhaps one day, also the Diablo nuclear plant) will provide an environmentally clean, cost effective, and efficiently public-serving water production plant to supply water, now and well into the future, for all of SLO county's cities and CSDs.

Take careful note of what is being done in San Diego county right now! [*Please see <http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2014/Jan/07/carlsbad-desalination-plant-drought-poseidon/?#article-copy>*] This project demonstrates that such an undertaking is financially and politically feasible, environmentally appropriate, and worthy of the once lauded "dream big" visions of our nation and state.

Some quick facts and figures:

⇔ The Carlsbad Desalination project costs \$1 billion and yields 56,000 acre feet (AF) of water per year (Note: The entire PRGWB annual overdraft, predicted to occur sometime over the next seven to ten years – if those poorly documented projections even prove true – is projected to be about 10,000 AF per year).

⇔ \$1 billion funded with State-issued 3% bonds amortized over 30 years equates to about \$10 - \$12 per city-dwelling SLO County resident per month, or about \$30 - \$35 per month per



**Fw: LOWWP**

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Good Morning Supervisor Mecham, I want to thank you for the work you do as Supervisor for our County. Our time is challenging, there is much to do and public discourse seems combative and the process full of obstacles.

I want to urge you to support the LOWWP moving forward to completion every step of the way. The community voted, over 80% of the voting population, to support the County effort to complete a sewer project for LO. The history is long and sad, as the cost rises and the estuaries water quality suffers.

This coming Tuesday looks like an agenda full of LOWWP items. I do appreciate the clarifying questions you and other Supervisors ask for understanding. They provide a real time look at your thinking, the dynamics of the situation and concern for the County to all that follow the working of the County.

During your time as Mayor of Paso Robles, I am sure you recall the Nacimiento project, along with its budgetary challenges. I recall you supported keeping that project on track for completion, as challenges and obstacles arise, are clarified and solutions were identified by County Staff.

Please keep the LOWWP moving to completion. The project is LONG overdue. Our community has been in turmoil for decades with this issue, much healing needs to happen, the project needs to be completed.

Thank you for your time and attention to our County and the Los Osos Community.

Jan Harper, Los Osos, District 2

“Be joyful because it is humanly possible.”

— [Wendell Berry](#)



**Fw: Inform public of water district**  
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Hello Mrs. Arnold,

Please vote to alert all landowners that are effected by the current diminishing aquifer in north county. A water district is being considered and the majority of the public are either unaware or in need of more information. A simple post card mailed to all those properties over laying the basin which pay property tax should contact the majority of those people that will be directly effected.

Thank you,  
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