

Below: Page 8 (of 11 pages) from the Los Osos CSD's "Los Osos Wastewater Project -- Frequently Asked Questions" document, dated "3/2/2004." It reads, "A draft... EIR was prepared in November 2000... The Draft... included an extensive screening of alternatives... including alternative sites for the treatment plant."

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✱ **What is the estimated cost for lateral connection and septic decommission?**

The actual cost to hook up to the system will vary from property to property depending on location and terrain. Cost estimates range from \$995 to \$ 4,093.

✱ **My property taxes have gone up. Is that connected to the wastewater project?**

According to the State Constitution, all property taxes appreciate annually so a portion of this year's bill reflects this normal increase. In addition to this increase, however, the FY03-04 bill included a new line item for the assessment portion of the project cost.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ADDENDUM

✱ **How was the environmental impact of the project considered?**

A draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared in November 2000 to assess the potential impacts of constructing and operating the Wastewater Project. The Draft covered a wide range of topics, and included an extensive screening of alternatives for each of the various components of the project, including alternative collection and treatment technologies and alternative sites for the treatment plant.

✱ **Was there any opportunity for the public to comment on the Environmental Impact Report?**

The Draft EIR was circulated to relevant public agencies and other interested parties for a period of 45 days as required by State law. Two public hearings were conducted during the public review period to provide additional opportunities for the community to comment on the adequacy of the environmental analysis.

In February 2001 the EIR consultants prepared written responses to all comments received on the Draft EIR. The Draft, together with the comments and written responses, constituted the Final Environmental Impact Report and was certified by the Board at public hearing conducted in March 2001.