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A REAL PROPERTY CONCERN

February 5, 2009

Dear Board Members,

By way of introduction, my name is Jeff Edwards and I am a 30-year resident of Los Osos engaged primarily in planning and permitting of new development. I have been a student of the Los Osos Wastewater Project since the passage of Resolution 83-13.

Los Osos gets all of its potable water from the Los Osos Groundwater Basin (Attachment I). While under enforcement for nitrates in the upper aquifer from septic discharge, some 30 plus years of over pumping the Paso Robles Formation (lower aquifer) has induced seawater intrusion into the primary drinking water supply.

The San Luis Obispo County Los Osos Wastewater Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) evaluates four options for a wastewater treatment plant location. Advancing the Tonini parcel (4.5 miles from mid-town Los Osos) and outside the groundwater basin as the "so called" Environmentally Superior Alternative (ESA), is irresponsible. All four locations evaluated include use of sprayfields for disposal on the Tonini site. The sprayfields are designed to "lose" about 800 acre-feet of treated wastewater per year in a "grow and mow" scenario.

SLO County is fast tracking the project in an attempt to qualify for federal stimulus money. In their haste, the County has discounted the most viable treatment site - Gorby -that includes dry-weather disposal potential, in part because of an "unwilling seller". Since when does an unwilling seller get in the way of the greater good in a major public works project?

The Gorby parcel overlies both the groundwater basin and its Creek Compartment, thus rendering it unique in contrast to other parcels considered. (Attachments II and III). The Gorby parcel includes treated wastewater disposal potential during dry-weather by virtue of its proximity to the creek and because it is central to possible agricultural uses immediately nearby (i.e. Ag-Exchange or Ag/In-Lieu).

Please urge SLO County to perform an environmental co-equal analysis that includes Gorby and specifically its potential for dry-weather disposal of treated wastewater (Attachment IV).

The greatest fear Los Osos faces with the current approach taken by SLO County is that the abbreviated process will result in an inferior project with continued seawater intrusion implications, only to receive no federal funds. Worse yet, this result would likely create a need for imported water to the community which is both costly and potentially unreliable.

In advance, thank you for your attention and further consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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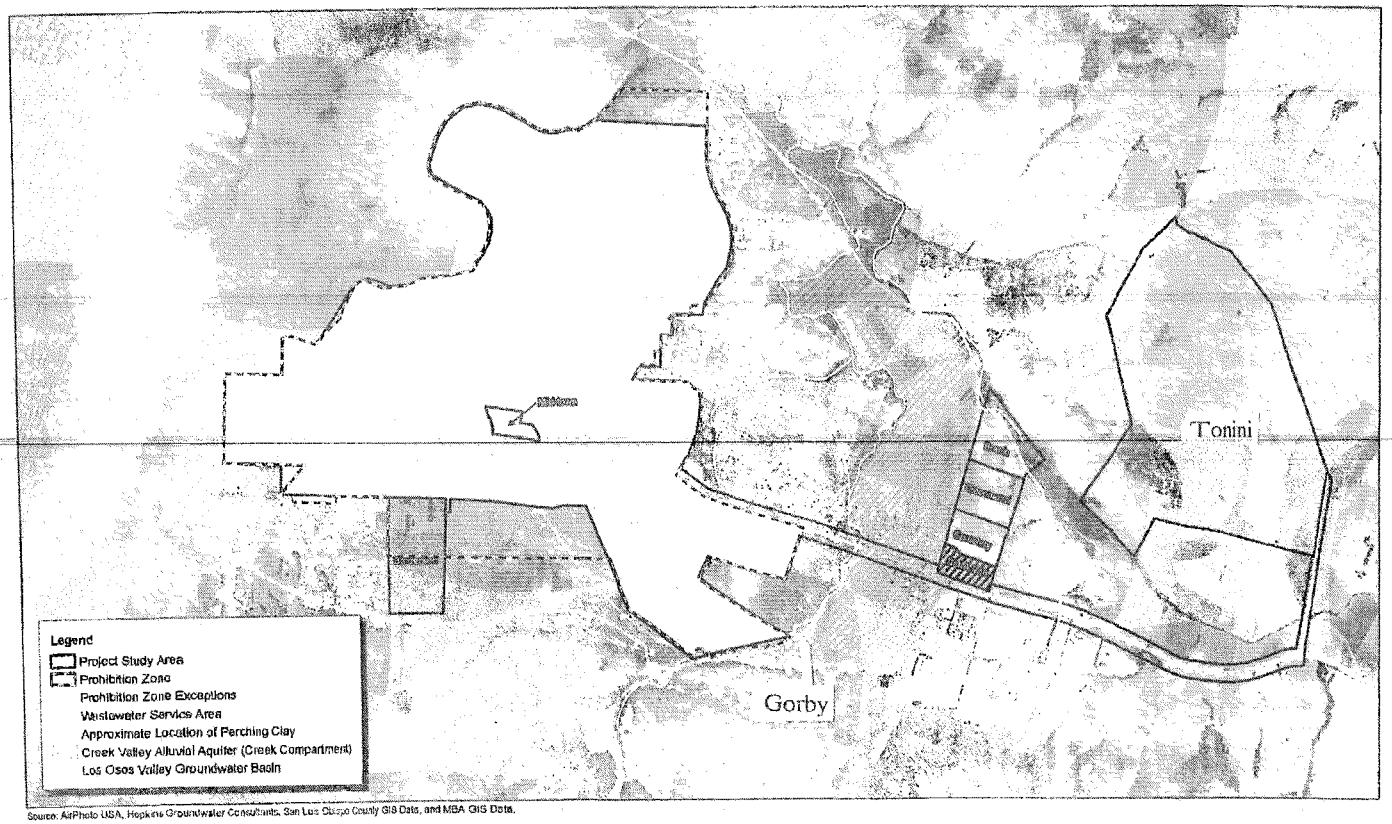
Supplemental Sheet
Item No. 15, Attachment 4
May 9, 2009 Meeting
Status of Los Osos WW Project

Attachment I



Source: AirPhoto USA, Hopkins Groundwater Consultants, San Luis Obispo County GIS Data, and MBA GIS Data.

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Exhibit 5.2-1
Los Osos Groundwater Basin

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO • LOS OSOS WASTEWATER PROJECT
GROUNDWATER QUALITY AND WATER SUPPLY EXPANDED ANALYSIS SECTION

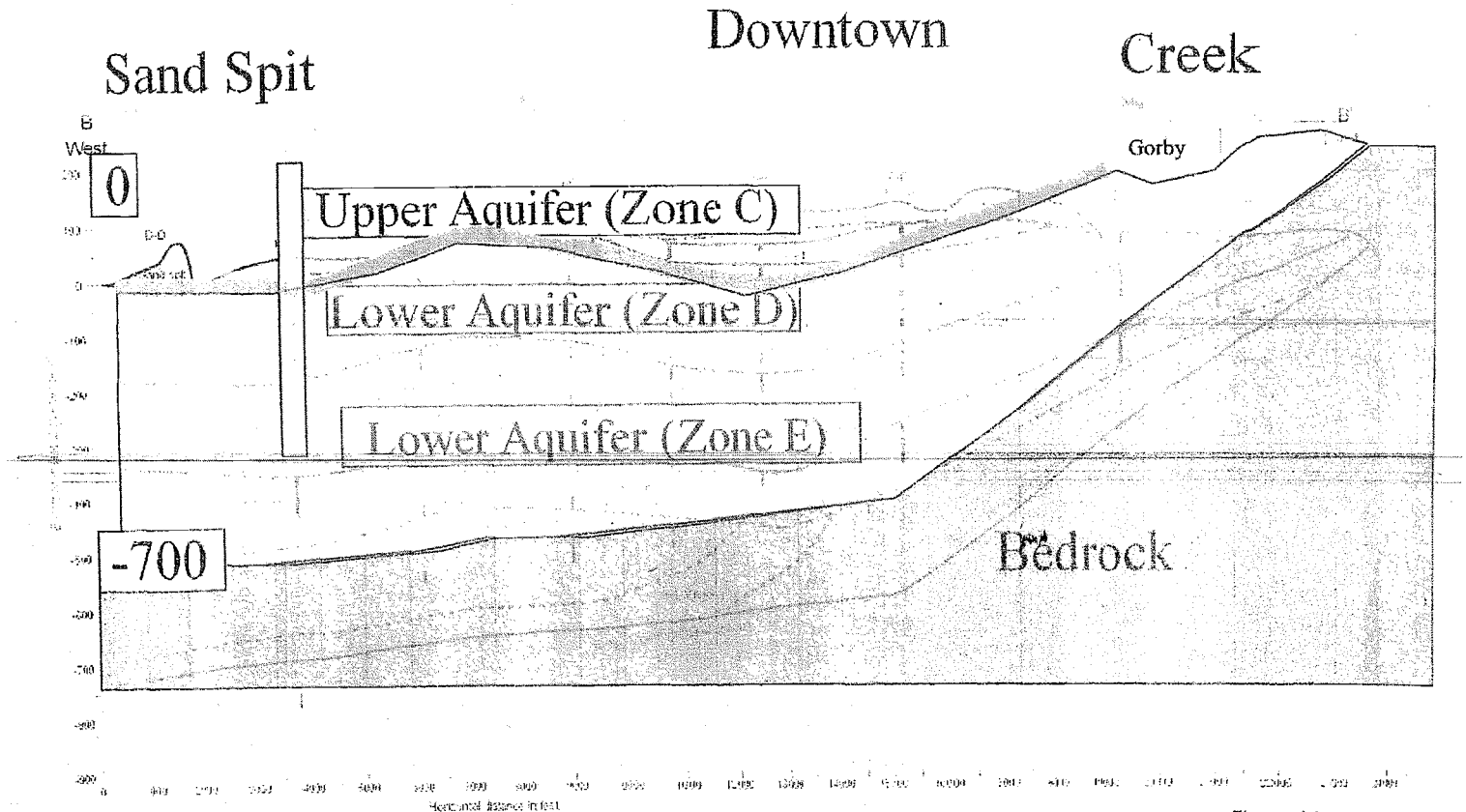

Figure A4

Cross-Section B-B'
Los Osos Valley
Ground Water Basin

Los Osos CSD
April 2005 Revision

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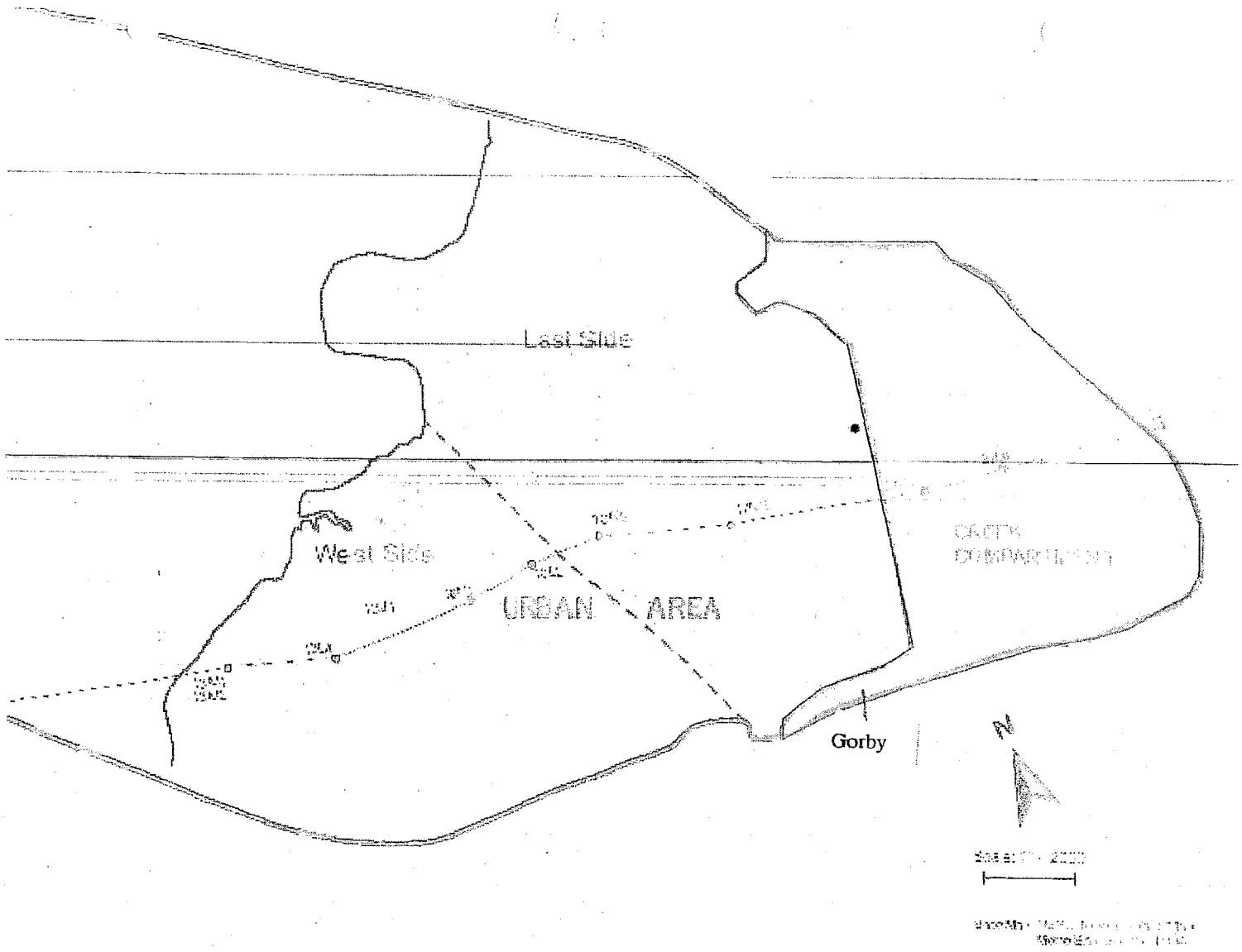
East Side
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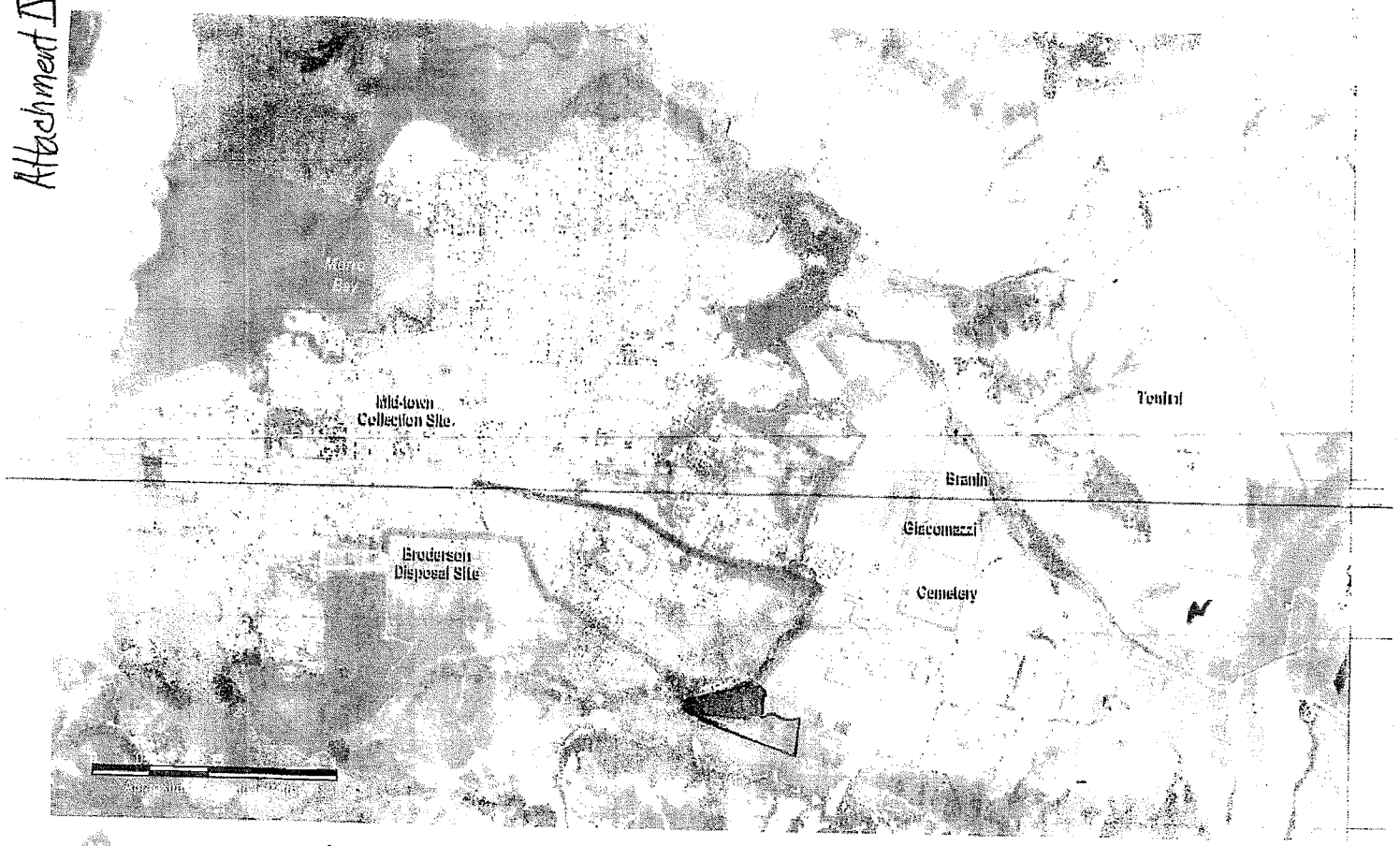
Attachment IV



Legend

- Property Boundary
- Service Area Boundary
- USABLE AREA AT GORBY
- RAW WASTEWATER CONVEYANCE SYSTEM

Figure 1-2

Project Location

Los Osos Wastewater Project EIR