

The EIR should analyze the impact of having to import water from neighboring communities if the shallow, fragile drinking water aquifer in Huasna is polluted or depleted by this project. Does Arroyo Grande or Nipomo even have enough drinking water to pipe in to Huasna? Would the county have to truck in water? What would happen to the viability of agriculture in Huasna in that case?

Also, nowhere in the project description does it explain where the water will come from to drill the initial four wells? If they plan to use produced water to drill the additional 8 wells plus an injection well, how will it be handled since it can contain hazardous materials?

Also, although getting baseline data for the quality and quantity of the Huasna aquifer and requiring monitoring for pollutants should be required of this project, they should not be considered as mitigations of any impact to groundwater because neither actually mitigates the significance of pollution.