

Letters to the editor

State Water is county's lifeline

To the editor:

You published a letter on Friday, Jan. 10, in which Dean Thompson condemns State Water for the growth he feels it will bring to our county.

Where does Mr. Thompson suggest water will come from to supply the future needs of San Luis Obispo County? Regardless of the rate of growth experienced in the coming years, we need reliable sources of water.

None of us can tell when the drought will end, and the water table is in overdraft condition in some areas of the county already.

Desalting is an option, but it can only offer us prohibitively expensive water. Conservation in our daily water usage helps, but it only goes so far. That leaves state water, the only real alternative.

Dean Thompson believes the importation of state water will turn San Luis Obispo County into another Los Angeles.

The truth is that if we don't make the effort to ensure a reliable water supply, we will really see a decline in our quality of life, and that of our children.

Limiting growth by limiting our water resources is irresponsible and shortsighted. We need to recognize that the issue is not growth in San Luis Obispo County, but whether or not we will seize the opportunity to provide for our future water requirements.

We can keep our county a "nice place to live" by bringing in state water.

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Myths fight state water

To the editor:

The need for state water was finally proven when the requests for Nacimiento water from suppliers throughout the county were published.

These cities and communities that should know more about the need for water in the county than anyone tentatively subscribed for 28,800 acre-feet of water from the Nacimiento source that can supply only 16,200 acre-feet.

You have to wonder if the unidentified ghost writers of the "Citizens' Planning Alliance" based in San Luis Obispo told the truth in their fliers to the voters in Morro Bay, Nipomo and San Luis Obispo.

I've read and studied their misleading propaganda based upon quarter-truths. Fortunately, Morro Bay voters had a second chance to get the real facts and voted for state water.

My congratulations to the voters of Morro Bay and to the Nipomo Community Services District Board of Directors, who support state water for the community, fully recognizing that at least 13 voters in their district based their vote on the erroneous "CPA" flier.

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