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ways to dispose and recycle additional wastewater, based on the general plan growth projections of the cities in the system, which include Santa Rosa, Cotati, Rohnert Park and Sebastopol.

Options outlined in the plan include direct discharge into the River at new points in the Healdsburg area, aquifer injection and recovery, discharge into Lake Sonoma for domestic use, and a massive system of agricultural reuse involving numerous reservoirs and miles of pipelines.

All of those options would utilize the Geysers pipeline to transport the wastewater.

The irrigation component could annually ship 2.1 billion gallons of treated wastewater to grape growers, most of them in the north county.

"The whole thing is really a gigantic boondoggle," said Marty Griffin, following the meeting. "This is an incredible amount of wastewater. It will take care of their needs for the next 30 years. It's a really dirty deal."

Griffin, a water activist and gadfly who has opposed the Geysers project and predicted a massive wastewater reuse system, said the Geysers project and the recycled water project are one in the same.

"This confirms my suspicion that they have segment-

ed this into two great parts. The first one is the Geysers pipeline and the other is the agricultural reuse," he said.

Several speakers at the July 31 meeting questioned the use of treated wastewater on crops. With the agricultural use of so much wastewater, Healdsburg resident Fred Euphrat wondered "will we be known as the toilet to table community?"

He also wondered about the impact of providing water to areas where vineyards could not previously be planted. And, he said, "How do you guarantee that irrigation water won't

migrate into other water sources?"

Fred Corson, a Dry Creek grape grower, said "extensive studies need to be done" before he would use the water. "I certainly want to know more about what's in that water before I put it on my grapes."

Another controversial alternative involves the so-called "toilet to tap" option that would put highly-treated wastewater into Lake Sonoma, the county's largest domestic water supply.

Corson called that option "not worthy of consideration ... it's really an impossible dream."