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June 21, 2023

County of Monterey Planning Commissioners
Via Phil Angelo, Associate Planner
1441 Schilling Place, South 2nd Fl.
Salinas, CA 93901

Re: Carmel Meadows Lift Station & Sewer Replacement Project

Dear Planning Commissioners, Associate Planner Phil Angelo & Members of the CAWD Board,

I live at 2963 Cuesta Way, Carmel, CA. I'm a relative newcomer to Carmel Meadows, having purchased my home in 2021. It's a wonderful neighborhood and, perhaps more importantly, those of us who live here care enough to act and support one another in maintaining our community.

I am writing today to respectfully request that the current application for the Carmel Meadows Lift Station & Sewer Replacement Project be denied. I further request that the Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD) be directed to come back with a plan to replace the existing gravity sewer pipe **in kind** as proposed by CAWD's own consultants, Kennedy Jenks. The Kennedy Jenks plan is cost effective, environmentally friendly, and avoids negative impacts on the neighbors. In fact, the Carmel Highlands Land Use Authority recommends replacement in kind.

One of my primary concerns is the impact the proposed Lift Station & Sewer Replacement Project will have on our rural neighborhood. Changing the route of the wastewater pipes along Ribera Road requires grinder pumps to move waste and a new lift station at the bottom of Mariposa Court. As I understand it, this system would emit noxious odors, make undue noise, and be an eyesore in our neighborhood.

Six homeowners would be directly impacted. Four homeowners would eventually have to pay for upkeep of the grinder pumps and the electricity to run them despite already paying fees for service to the District. The Project unfairly burdens these homeowners and may well diminish their property values and the property values of others in the neighborhood. To be honest, I would not purchase a home under these conditions-and I suspect you wouldn't either.

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It has been suggested that the true motivation for the Project is to make maintenance easier for CAWD. Maintenance of the system is a practical matter and can be engineered, it should not be prioritized over the community and it's residents.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen L. Aznavoorian', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karen L. Aznavoorian
Home Owner, Carmel Meadows