



CARMEL MEADOWS
ASSOCIATION

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RE: CAWD CARMEL MEADOWS SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Dear Associate Planner Phil Angelo:

The Carmel Meadows residents expressed concern and a willingness to support the group of affected residents opposing the CAWD's proposed Lift Station and Sewer Replacement Project during our annual meeting on April 13, 2023. The Project unfairly burdens six residents for CAWD's benefit despite the existence of a better, more reliable, and feasible alternative - simply replacing the existing gravity line in kind.

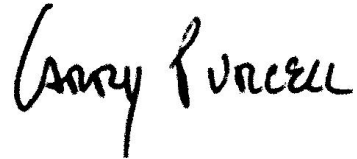
The Project, as currently proposed, will negatively and unfairly impact six of our residents because it requires grinder pumps on four properties and a lift pump in very close proximity to two other properties. This scheme appears needlessly complex and relies on our tenuous electrical grid to keep the sewage flowing. The grinder pumps may even restrict the type of waste that is normally sent down the drain. This system has the potential of adversely affecting many of our residents' quality of life and will likely reduce the value of the affected properties.

From what we understand, CAWD's consulting engineers had concluded that an early iteration of the Project was "*fatally flawed*" and that replacement in kind was the *best* alternative. We understand that CAWD has even prepared a full set of specs and bid documents for the replacement in kind alternative. In addition, the Land Use Advisory Committee has recommended that CAWD reconsider in favor of the replacement in kind alternative.

We have been told that despite repeated requests by our residents, CAWD has yet to provide a definitive reply to their valid inquiries as to why it has abandoned the replacement in kind alternative in favor of the current Project.

We therefore respectfully request that CAWD reconsider in favor of the replacement in kind alternative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Purcell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Larry Purcell,
Carmel Meadows Association Board Chairman

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