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To Whom It May Concern,

We, along with The Carmel Meadows Association, oppose the Carmel Area Wastewater District's ("CAWD") proposed Lift Station and Sewer Replacement Project (the "Project"). It is unfair, and possibly illegal, to burden six residents for the benefit of CAWD, especially given that there is a better feasible alternative—simply replacing the current gravity line with a new gravity sewer line (the "Replacement Option"). We live at 2935 Ribera, which makes our property one of the "Lift Pump" properties. Our driveway butts up directly at the end of our road. When Waste Management Trucks park there, we are unable to leave our home.

The following bullet points clarify the reasons we are opposed:

- Plan requires grinder pumps on four properties:
 - Burden of maintenance, replacement and loss of personal freedom
 - Would incur cost of electrical service required to run the pumps
 - Forced to flush pumps with water prior to extended absences and would limit ability to use dishwashers and food disposals
 - Would be without sewer services during electricity outages
- Sewer Lift Pump Property residents:
 - Noxious odor, noise and visual impact
 - Diminish enjoyment and property values
- Better Alternative:
 - Replacement option: less expensive, more environmentally friendly, avoids negative impacts on residents
 - 2013 study by Kennedy/Jenks Consultant Engineers said replacement option best and prepared set of specs and bid documents
 - CAWD has refused to provide justification
- CAWD portrays new proposal more environmentally friendly
 - Manufactured a letter for the California Water Boards, media and County of Monterey
 - Relied on false assumptions
 - No objective independent review
- Actual "Project Proposal" leaves carbon footprint
 - Use of electricity to run grinder pumps and lift sewer pump
 - Flushing of grinder pumps wastes water
 - CAWD's assertion that the sewer lines would be moved farther away from the lagoon not totally true. Parts of existing sewer lines would remain in place, along with a lift pump station that will be as close to lagoon as to new proposed lines
- New "Replacement Option" would reduce spills as much as "Proposed Project"
- Replacement Option best for neighborhood

Please give careful consideration to our concerns,
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