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

My name is Keith Porter. I live at 2935 Ribera rd., Carmel Meadows, Carmel. I attended the special CAWD meeting on June 15th through ZOOM. I took the opportunity to speak and want to be sure the points and questions I brought up on in the record.

The proposed lift pump at the end of my street would literally be in front on my driveway. Anyone working on or inspecting the lift station will literally block my ability to enter/exit my driveway.

The lack of transparency with regard to size of the holding tank, what will happen WHEN there is a power outage, etc. is appalling.

All of us who will be directly impacted by this proposal deserve answers to our concerns.

When I spoke at the meeting I said the following.

From what little information I have been given, it appears the tank would hold approximately 1,500 gallons of sewage. It would service 52 homes. Assuming each home contributes 100 to 200 gallons of sewage to the system per day, that would be approximately 5,000-10,000 gallons of sewage entering the lift station tank per day. It would only take about 3 to 4 hours to fill. What will happen when this tank reaches capacity? It seems that it would either run over and down into the lagoon or begin backing up into each one of our homes. Mine and my neighbor at 2955 Ribera would be the first homes in that case. CAWD has mentioned bringing in a portable generator during power outages. This seems unrealistic during an outage that covers most, if not all CAWDS service area. How many generators do they have? If a generator was brought in would it just run nonstop?

During a situation like this the potential for sewage to escape and run downhill is very real. We are being told that's what CAWD is trying to avoid.

Relying on electricity rather than gravity is not the best solution. The system we have now has worked (without electricity) for over 60 years. With the advances in technology we can most certainly replace in kind without harming the environment. To think we can't just trivializes man's ability in today's world.

It seems that CAWDS justification for pursuing the grinder pump, lift station plan has more to do with convenience for them and less for the residents who will be burdened with this. We who will be directly impacted will most certainly lose home value, quality of life, and be faced with ongoing costs that is the responsibility of CAWD.

Will CAWD assure me and my adjacent neighbors there will be no sewer smell from the lift station?

Will CAWD assure us there will be no loss in value to our homes because of foul odors, noise, unsightly tank and power station?

The regional water quality control board presented a letter in support of the lift station. They did so as a favor to the P.E. of CAWD. I have read the emails between the PE and the water board, she saying she needed their support like the time before. Maybe a better idea would be to sit down with potential contractors and let them lay out a plan to replace in kind showing how it can be done safely. Instead, the PE appears to have unilaterally decided not to do this.

Thank you for your consideration,

Keith and Lori Porter

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