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

We are homeowners and residents in Carmel Meadows. We are writing to express our concerns over the proposed Carmel Area Wastewater District's plan to reroute the wastewater pipes along Ribera Road to the detriment of six neighbors. Rather than relying on gravity, the project requires grinder pumps to process waste and a lift station. These changes would:

1. Cause the emission of noxious odors and be an eyesore.
2. Four homeowners would eventually have to pay for upkeep of grinder pumps plus the electricity to run them despite already paying fees for service to the District.
3. The Plan would interfere with the enjoyment of our residents' homes and diminish their property values.
4. The replacement in kind option would be less expensive, more environmentally friendly, and avoid negative impacts on neighbors. This was recommended by the Carmel Highlands Land Use Authority. The CAWD has a full set of specs and bid documents for the replacement in kind option.
5. The rerouting project with the grinder pumps and lift station would burden the six homeowners with unnecessary expense and maintenance.

We respectfully request that the current application be denied and that the District be directed to come back with a plan to replace the existing sewer in kind as proposed by Kennedy Jenks and its consultants that at the same time will meet all the environmental constraints applicable to the project at this location.

Respectfully submitted,

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