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Subject: Rancho Canada Village Draft EIR Comments

Dear Ms. Onciano:

Having reviewed the Rancho Canada Village Specific Plan and Draft EIR, we would like to submit the following comments:

1. On Page 6 of Chapter 3.10, under "Wastewater (Sewage)", It is stated that: *"The Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD) provides wastewater collection, treatment and disposal services to the project area."* While CAWD does provide services to the adjacent areas, it should be clarified that the project area is currently outside the boundaries of the CAWD. As such, the applicant must apply for annexation to CAWD and receive approvals from the CAWD Board of Directors as well as the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) before a connection permit is issued.
2. On Page 22 of Chapter 3.10, under "Wastewater Treatment", it is stated that CAWD's treatment facility has the capacity to accept flows from the proposed development. However, no mention is made of the collection system, i.e. the pipelines. While our initial assessment is that capacity will not be an issue, because of the size of the development, CAWD will require an analysis of the existing collection system capacity. Said analysis will be required prior to connection being made but the project applicant may wish to conduct the analysis earlier in the project approval process, perhaps before making an annexation application. Should the analysis indicate inadequate capacity, the applicant may wish to pursue investigating options for increasing the capacity to an acceptable level or look to other alternatives. The analysis will be performed by a consultant of CAWD's choice with funds for the study being provided by the project applicant.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Rancho Canada Village Specific Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report.

Should you have any questions, please let us know.

Regards,



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