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**Subject:** Carmel Meadows Sewer Replacement Plan - November 16, 2023 CAWD Board Meeting  
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My name is Deborah Ju. My husband and I live at 2805 Ribera Road. This is our dream home that we worked and saved for. Our hearts and souls are in this home, as are our life savings. Since its construction in 1951, our house has been served by the same wastewater system as the rest of our neighborhood and all of Carmel. This gravity flow system works. It is old and needs to be replaced, but it works. It is the simplest solution and does not require convoluted twists and turns. It is quiet and it is clean.

All four households that CAWD proposes to require grinder pumps for are strongly opposed to CAWD's effort to cut us off from the main wastewater grid, force us to dig up our landscaping and to have a gravity pump which will put burdens on our household that the rest of Carmel residents do not have to deal with. The homeowners who live adjacent to where CAWD wants to put a lift station also are strongly opposed. We are united in concerns that this unwanted equipment on our property will impose noxious odors, visual impacts and substantial diminution in property value.

The Planning Commission told CAWD to listen to the neighbors and explore other options. I wrote a letter to CAWD after the Planning Commission hearing asking that the parties work together to find a solution that works for everyone (see below), however we were shut out of the process entirely. It is our position that with current technology, it is possible to replace the current system in kind. This position is supported by the original Kennedy Jenks report, and by comments that were presented to you by John Borelli and Drew Landers. Given the directive of the Planning Commission, the scope of review should have been whether the replacement in kind project is workable, not whether CAWD's preferred project is easier.

We do not want grinder pumps. We are insulted that CAWD thinks they can spend \$20,000 on a PR firm that can convince us otherwise by the use of fancy lingo. The impacts they want to force on us are real, and we are not stupid.

We do not believe this process was independent. It is our understanding that Carollo was hired to do the "independent" review and that Harris was hired to assist Ms. Buikema in understanding the technical components. We have received and read the Harris report but have not seen any report from Carollo. Additionally we were told by Mr. Drew Landers that Harris called him for his input, but that they had already made their conclusions before they called him. It is very telling that CAWD hired the PR firm to sell the idea of grinder pumps before the date of the Harris report.

CAWD's preferred plan might be easier for CAWD, but adverse impacts should not be forced on homeowners where, like here, there is a feasible alternative in the form of replacement in kind. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Ju

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to Barbara, David, Chuck, Larry, AngeloP, daniels.kate, pcheatingcomments, John, 100-District, Gail, Keith, Deb, Craig

Dear Ms. Buikema and other CAWD team members. We are pleased that CAWD has hired an independent consultant to review options for the Carmel Meadows Replacement Plan. Given that the earlier proposal involving a lift station at Mariposa and 4 grinder pumps is vigorously opposed by the Carmel Meadows neighborhood and that it received very negative feedback from LUAC and the Planning Commission, we want to make sure that Carollo gives serious consideration to the replacement in kind option, so that there can be a project we can all support. We also request a meeting with Carollo early in the process to make sure our concerns are addressed. Thank you very much.

Best regards,  
Deborah Ju  
David Scopp  
Charles Keller  
Keith Porter  
Gail Dryden  
Deb Vieille  
Sue Barnes  
Larry Purcell (on behalf of Carmel Meadows Association)