

CAWD November 20 agenda item; Double CAWD assessment on "separate" guest facilities

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Thank you for putting my appeal on CAWD's agenda for November 20th.

This all started when I noticed that you were charging me \$1905; double from the \$952 in 2025.

I was told that I was double charged because I have a "separate" guest facility and might rent it in the future. I have had this 'separate" guest facility for **25 years and have not rented it** therefore I am not creating more wastewater and don't intend to.

I have talked to my neighbors and people in Carmel Planning only to find out the following:

1. None of my Carmel neighbors and friends who have "separate "guest facilities are being charged double by CAWD. These neighbors showed me their tax bills, and they are only paying \$952.
2. I called Marnie Waffle at Carmel Planning and asked if they have a list of Carmel homeowners who have "separate" guest facilities. The answer was no. Then I asked if she had the Carmel ADU list which she did. I found out I am on the Carmel ADU list. In an attempt to understand why CAWD is double taxing me and not other Carmel homeowners with separate guest facilities, I gave her a list of Carmel homeowners some of which have "separate" guest facilities and some who do not. I didn't want to get others involved in this mess I find myself in. I found out that I am the only one on this ADU list and the only one being double taxed by CAWD.
3. My conclusion from my research is that CAWD is using the Carmel's ADU list which is not a list of "separate" guest facilities. It is a list of people who did some remodeling since Carmel started using this ADU state-mandated terminology.

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I have spent two months of my time writing emails, calling people involved who might get caught up in this mistake trying to find out where the miscommunication occurred and suggesting solutions to CAWD and Carmel Planning how it can be corrected.

I want to rest my case and get resolution at the November 20 CAWD board meeting by asking CAWD to do the right thing:

Give me a check to cover my December property tax bill where you have without my knowledge or justification put this double tax of \$1905.

Assure me that you are going to contact the Tax Assessor ASAP and get this double charge off my tax bill. I know it is too late for the current tax bill because I have contacted them. This is why I want you to give me a check for what I have to pay BEFORE December 10th.

Since this has caused me so much time and grief, I want CAWD to send me a letter telling me that they have taken this double charge off my property tax so I don't have to go through this again when I get my next property tax bill.

I have been sending this information to Barbara Buikema and asking that she share it with the CAWD board. Since you are the CAWD board chair I am sending this information to you BEFORE the November 20th meeting so that you are not blindsided by this information I have discovered and so you have a chance to consider this information and put in place what I will be asking of CAWD at the November 20th meeting.

Thank you for this chance to provide input after the fact, but now it is up to CAWD to correct this mistake so that I don't have to take money out to pay a bill that I should not have to pay.

Thank you

Carolyn Bardsley

