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*Dear Ms Buikema,*

*I am aware that at your Board Meeting scheduled for February 23, 2023 you plan to vote on your "Proposed Ejector Pump Policy" dated February 23, 2023. I have four main objections.*

*First, I object to Point 3 (a), which states: "CAWD shall provide maintenance services for the ejector pumps installed under the terms identified in Section 2(a) for 10 years from the date of original installation and utilize remote monitoring services." We pay fees for CAWD to provide infrastructure and maintenance necessary for my home to have wastewater service. And currently that service has no time limit. Under your proposed policy, if a household is forced to have an ejector pump, the owner will still be paying fees for CAWD to provide wastewater service. But now CAWD is proposing to limit the time to 10 years for CAWD to provide all necessary infrastructure and maintenance. A time limit on CAWD's responsibility is not acceptable since it is not currently required and the fees will still be ongoing.*

*Second, under Point 3(d) it states: "The ejector pump system includes adequate holding time but in the event of a sustained power outage CAWD crews will utilize a portable generator that connects directly to the ejector pump station to pump down the sewage." The term "sustained power outage" needs to be precisely defined and reasonable. The homes in Carmel Meadows are subject to frequent and lengthy sustained power outages. I feel that 4 hours is a reasonable definition of "sustained power outage."*

*Third, the policy states that only human waste and toilet paper are permitted, and excludes other items, such as disposal, dishwasher, washer, and bathing output. This unreasonably places the burden on the homeowner for maintenance issues.*

*Finally, I object to CAWD forcing homeowners to bear the cost of providing electricity for these pumps.*

*In addition, I request that CAWD provide clarity on whether homeowners will be responsible for paying for new lateral connections to service the grinder pumps.*

*I am requesting that this email be included in information the board will receive so it can be taken into consideration prior to a final vote of the board on this proposal.*

*I would also appreciate an email response to my email.*

Respectfully,

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