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Another letter for public comment

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Dear Ms Buikema,

We are homeowners in the Carmel Meadows neighborhood. Association Neighborhood. We are aware that at your Board meeting, you will be voting on the Proposed Ejector Pump Policy dated 2/23/2023. We have previously commented on the unfairness of the policy with respect to burdening our neighbors with costs and unreliable non-gravity based systems.

We find Point 3 (a) objectionable. The neighborhood system should serve the neighborhood and not single out certain neighbors for additional expenses and risks. Point 3 (a) , 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." 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. We have experienced 24 hour power outages in our neighborhood. We agree with neighbors 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. We find this to be treating the few neighbors affected by this quite unfairly. The rest of the neighborhood has all its waste water treated under the same fees across the neighborhood.

Finally, installing this system which no one wants on a few neighbors and then asking the penalized neighbors to pay to run it is, again, unreasonable. Power costs should be CAWD's expense if this plan goes forward.

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

Please include this email in the information the board receives so it can be taken into consideration prior to a final vote of the board on this proposal.

Thank you,

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