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**Subject:** RE: Carmel Meadows proposed wastewater project-opposition to grinder pumps  
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Here is another one Domine – include in public comment

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**From:** Deborah Ju <dsju371@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Barbara Buikema <Buikema@cawd.org>  
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Dear Ms. Buikema,

I have just been informed that the CAWD Board will vote on the Proposed Ejector Pump Policy tomorrow morning. I am submitting this letter of opposition. I sent an earlier letter in opposition months ago and spoke in opposition at the LUAC meeting in November.

My husband and I reside at 2805 Ribera Road. We have owned this home since 2005. We are strongly opposed to the proposed CAWD Wastewater project that would require us to have a grinder pump on our property.

Firstly, we are opposed to any financial responsibility for the grinder pump which we adamantly do not want and which would be placed against our explicit opposition. We pay exorbitant property taxes on this home and are entitled to the same wastewater services that other homeowners receive without extra charge over and above our property taxes. The attempt to impose financial responsibility on us (and on our children who will inherit our home) is an unethical shifting of costs by CAWD to the affected homeowners.

Secondly, as we have previously stated, a wastewater system that relies on electricity is doomed to failure in our neighborhood. Our neighborhood loses electric power very frequently for reasons I do not know. I recently logged the power outages for the past few months and they include:

9/22/22 Power out. start time unknown. Restored 5:34 pm

10/2/22 power out 2:10 pm - 3:28 pm

11/5/22 power out 4:10 pm - 4:41 pm

12/10/22 power out 4:17 pm - 8:52 pm

12/31/22 multiple outages during the day.

1/4/23 power out 9:32 am -1:02 pm

1/9- 1/10 start time unknown. restored 4:10 am

As you can see, we have many power outages in our neighborhood. Some are relatively short and

some last for many hours. When the electricity goes out, the lack of a functioning wastewater system is a great inconvenience and more importantly, a serious health hazard.

When the grinder pumps malfunction, they can cause nasty backup problems that are totally unacceptable.

The grinder pump proposal needs to be jettisoned immediately.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Deborah and Werner Ju