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**Subject: Ongoing Concerns Regarding Engineering Report and Qualification Criteria**

Dear Barbara,

I wanted to follow up with you regarding the recent CAWD town hall presentation and the Engineer's report, which has raised ongoing concerns regarding the qualification criteria applied in our area.

In your letter dated January 8, 2024, CAWD indicated that the criteria for inclusion in the assessment district is discussed in the Final Engineering Report prepared by Monterey Bay Engineers

It was mentioned that all parcels included in the report were reviewed for the feasibility of connection. However, it was determined that our home is more than 300 feet from the Corona Road Sewer Line.

During the town hall presentation, Engineer Steve Wilson stated that he had visited our property since I provided documentation to then-CAWD employee Rachel Lather. He mentioned that our property was assessed as being less than 300 feet from the sewer line.

Given this conflicting information, I would appreciate clarification on the following points:

1. Why is there a direct conflict between the CAWD determination and the Monterey County Environmental Health Board's assessment of our property's distance from the sewer line?
2. Could you please provide more details regarding the Engineer's formula or criteria used to determine the feasibility of connecting one lot over another? Understanding this process is crucial for transparency and addressing concerns within the community.

**I have included below two examples that I previously provided to the Monterey County Environmental Health Board and their responses for reference.**

Example 1 - Within 300 feet from the sewer line:

If existing homeowners meet county requirements, are they not allowed to replace their septic systems? The MCC, Section 15.20.050, specifies restrictions on issuing an OWTS permit when the structure is within 300 feet of an existing sewer main.

Example 2 - Greater than 300 feet from the sewer line:

If homeowners have a sizable parcel and meet county requirements, are they not allowed to replace their septic systems? In this case, the EHB can process an OWTS permit application when the structure is located more than 300 feet from the main.

I appreciate your prompt attention to these concerns and look forward to your response. Ensuring clarity and fairness in this process is essential for the well-being of our community.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

Gwyn De Amaral  
John J Willisen MD.

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