

COALITION OF TORO AREA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS

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William Lee, President
Marina Coast Water District
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SUBJECT: Request for Consideration by Board of Directors

Dear Mr. Lee:

As you may know, a coalition of homeowners' associations along the Toro Creek corridor has been formed to seek a solution to our current predicament concerning the level of sanitary sewer service area residents are receiving from California Utility Service, a private company.

To that end, members of our team have been researching options for acquiring California Utility Service (CUS). Coalition representatives have met with County Supervisors Potter and Calcagno, with Monterey County LAFCO, as well as with staff from your District and from the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (MRWPCA). Last summer MWRPCA funded a preliminary study of the feasibility of connecting our lines to the treatment facility.

Thus, if we succeed in acquiring the sewer system, one long term option is to run a line to the Agency's pumping station at the edge of Salinas. With this option the CUS treatment facility would no longer be used. A second option is to acquire the system and operate it. Under either option the existing collection system would need ongoing maintenance and oversight. Currently, CUS serves approximately 1100 households, as well as an elementary school and church.

We understand Marina Coast has the expertise and capability to operate the existing plant, and to operate the collection system should the plant be bypassed and a direct connection to MRWPCA's facility be constructed. I am writing to you asking to be placed on the Board agenda for the upcoming April meeting. In order for our group to better evaluate our options we would like the District's Board of Directors to authorize your staff to meet with our representatives to confirm this understanding and to develop preliminary cost figures for Marina Coast to either (a) operate the existing system (from collection through discharge of treated effluent) or (b) operate and maintain the collection system alone, with treatment provided by the regional facility.

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Yours,



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