

pbscommissions - Case # CDP-2020-0029

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Regarding CDP-2020-0029:

My wife, Rhonda Rumrey, and I own the property at 46170 Sunset Drive, adjacent to, and partly surrounding, the water tank at 46150 Sunset Drive in Gualala/Anchor Bay. We strongly urge the Administrator to approve the water tank replacement and the installation of additional fire hydrants by North Gualala Water Company. The tank is jokingly referred to as "The Leaning Tower of Anchor Bay," by our neighbors, but it presents a clear and present danger if filled with water. It is close to 20" out of plumb from top to bottom, and the slab on which it is sited has a notable, if less severe, tilt. As owners of a house adjacent to, and land downhill from, this tank, we are very concerned about the potential for tens of thousands of gallons of water to come ripping downhill across our land and possibly into our house.

The Enchanted Meadows development in which the water system is located has far too few actual hydrants. There are a number of 2" pipe risers, but it is a long distance between real 8" or larger hydrants that would be needed to fill fire department tankers and engines in case of a fire. I was a fire and police dispatcher for just short of forty years, and I have some knowledge and experience in this area. Based on that experience, I can only conclude that many more actual hydrants are needed for the Enchanted Meadows area to be in any way prepared for a conflagration of the type we are seeing all too frequently in California.

Please approve the North Gualala Water Company's application for this work to replace the water tank and install fire hydrants.

Thank you,

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