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Greetings Commissioners,

I hope all is well with you.

Our names are Anthony Gatchalian and Alon Fish and we live full-time at 33890 Albion River South Side Rd, Albion, California 95410.

We are interested in seeing the forward progress of Station #810 and we would like further clarifications addressing concerns about the project before you vote for the project.

We attended 2 meetings regarding the planning of Station #810, which is in a very small, quiet, and built for the needs of a past era community, changing to a site with multi-functional buildings and with expanding service area plans, basically a light industrial plan.

The last event we attended at Station #810 had extensive architectural drawings and people were there to answer questions about the drawings.

I am the Treasurer of the AMWC (Alion Mutual Water Company) and Alon was a past board member. Station #810 is part of the AMWC.

Alon and I asked about water storage plans for Station #810 and we were told that there were no plans regarding storage at that time.

We specifically asked about water storage like the elevated tank at station #811, up Albion Ridge Rd. and whether that would be a

possibility at Station #810. Again, we were told no discussion of that particular scenario was addressed.

We asked about projected water use and that information was also unavailable.

We also inquired about the possibility of reviving the old community well that is on the property for outside use of potential water storage, washing fire apparatus, landscaping, etc.

We don't know the capabilities of our wells to provide the added needs of the new Station #810 and the addition of the old community well/spring water would help to address future water concerns.

We recently received plans for Station #810 and we were surprised and highly disappointed that a 25,000 gallon water tank and two (2) smaller tanks are placed directly behind our house at 33890 Albion River South Side Rd. and neighbor Jed Hassell's house at 33880 Albion River South Side Rd.

Interestingly, the Albion Store, Albion Post Office and Albion Store are in the drawings and oddly, our houses are not placed in the plans, which would show the impact of the tank placement to all concerned.

Station #810 planning looks like a modern facility in a small, old community of 22 houses, 3 commercial places and the small Station #810 and

the placement of the tanks nearer the new, modern facility would make more sense, visually and practically, we think. Would it be easier for the Fire apparatus to draw from the tanks if they are closer to the station?

We are a small community and although we support the project and all the firefighters, there will be an impact on this community.

The impact is highly magnified by putting a 25 thousand gallon tank and two (2) smaller tanks directly behind our houses.

I am concerned about what this tank will do to the value of my home. I have a picture window that directly looks at the hillside for the proposed tank location, less than 100' from our home and just feet from our property lines.

In our last conversation with Frank Demling, Project Manager for the Albion Bridge, he said that the new Albion Bridge is most likely going to be built to the West of the existing bridge, but that building the bridge to the East side of the existing bridge was still on the table and has the Fire Department taken the possibility of a East side aligned bridge into consideration?

On the subject of the new, proposed entrances for the new Station #810, can the main entrance and exit of the new facility be coordinated with the widening of Shoreline Highway by CalTrans which would have much less direct impact on our small community. We've seen a number of Fire Stations with direct entrance and exit to a highway.

Please reconsider the placement of the water tanks.

Thank you.

Anthony (Tony) Gatchalian & Alon Fish