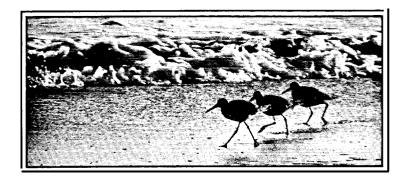
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September 1, 1998

Mr. Ken Hart Environmental Coordinator County of Santa Cruz Planning Department 701 ocean St. Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Subject: Graham Hill Estates Sanitary Sewer Line Negative Declaration

Dear Mr. Hart:

### 809 Center Street, Room 102 Santa Cruz, California 95060 429-3670 429-3666 429-3662

CITY OF SANTA CRUZ

Water Department

ADMINISTRATION CUSTOMER SERVICE WATER CONSERVATION **ENGINEERING** 429-3676 WATER PRODUCTION 429-3680 429-3679 WATER QUALITY

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The City of Santa Cruz Water Department's initial objection to the Graham Hill Showgrounds project focused on concerns regarding wastewater disposal, discharge of storm runoff, and hillside erosion. Throughout the review process the Board of Supervisors, Planing Commission, and Planning staff have been responsive to the City's concerns, attaching mitigation measures designed to reduce potential impacts. We appreciate this sensitivity to our resolve to avoid deleterious impacts on the San Lorenzo River and believe these modifications have substantially reduced the potential for undesirable impacts.

The current proposal to dispose of sewage via a pipeline to the City's wastewater treatment plant, thereby eliminating on site treatment and disposal, is a distinct improvement that we support. Nevertheless, without your timely intervention the recommended pipeline route would have been unacceptable to the City due to its proximity to our Tait Street wells and San Lorenzo River water intake structure. Further, your decision to recommend prohibition of Route 3A will place the pipeline south of these critical supply facilities, effectively eliminating concerns related to contamination of these drinking water sources. Accordingly, Route 3B is the alternative we recommend.

The Preliminary Project Report discusses potential utility conflicts in Graham Hill Road but does not completely identify all Water Department pipelines presently in service. Attached is a schematic which details these facilities near the entrance to the GHTP. Additional drawings of the route in Graham Hill Road are available at the Water Administration office and should be closely reviewed prior to design and construction. It is also essential that Water Department engineering staff review all design proposals and be given the opportunity to be present during construction in critical areas. While the proximity of these facilities will complicate installation and maintenance,

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this should not preclude use of this alignment if it is well designed and work is thoroughly inspected throughout construction.

The City appreciates the opportunity to review and provide comments and your efforts to keep us informed. If you have any questions or need additional information please call me at 429-3674.

Sincerely,

Terry Tompkins

Deputy Water Director/Operations Manager

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cc:

Richard Wilson, Santa Cruz City Manager Nick Ferrari, Deputy Water Director/Engineering Manager

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The need to cross under the San Lorenzo River presents the possibility of a joint effort between the developer and the City Water Department. Presently we are investigating the feasibility of relocating the Graham Hill Treatment Plant's (GHTP) existing sewer connection on Ocean Street Extension to River Street in a manner similar to the developer. If the developer has an interest in cooperating on this part of the project we are willing to discuss the possibility.

#### ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

<u>AMBAG</u>

(408) 883-3750 FAX (408) 883-3755

Office Location: 445 Reservation Road, Suite G, Marina P.O. Box 809, Marina, CA 93933-0809

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September 10, 1998

Ken Hart County of Santa Cruz 809 Center Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: MCH # 0898013 - Mitigated Negative Declaration for Graham Hill Showgrounds Sewer Line

Dear Mr. Hart:

**AMBAG's** Regional Clearinghouse circulated a summary notice of your environmental document to our member agencies and interested parties for review and comment.

The AMBAG Board of Directors considered the project on September 9, 1998, and has no comments at this time.

Thank you for complying with the Clearinghouse process.

Sincerely,

Nicolas Papadakis
Executive Director



# State of California ATTACHMENT 5

### GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH

1400 TENTH STREET SACRAMENTO 95814

PAUL F MINER DIRECTOR

September 3, 1998

KEN HART COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ 701 OCEAN STREET SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060

Subject: GRAHAM HILL SHOWGROUNDS SEWER LINE SCH #: 98082002

#### Dear KEN HART:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named environmental document to selected state agencies for review. The review period is closed and none. of the state agencies have comments. This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Please call Kristen Derscheid at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process. contacting the Clearinghouse in this matter, please use the eight-digit State Clearinghouse number so that we may respond promptly.

Sincerely,

ANTERO A. RIVASPLATA Chief. State Clearinghouse

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110 MOSSWOOD COURT

SANTA CRUZ, CA. 95060-I 739

ATTN: KEN HART

I AM WRITING IN PROTEST TO THE PLAN OF STANDARD PACIFIC CORP TO PLACE, **ON**GRAHAM HILL, A SEWER LINE TO THE HOUSING TRACT SERVICING ONLY THE HOUSING TRACT BUILT BY THE CORPORATION.

I HAVE LIVED FOR TWENTY TWO (22) YEARS AT 110 MOSSWOOD CT, INTERSECTING WITH GRAHAM HILL HILL ROAD. THE PLANS AS I READ THEM ARE UNACCEPTABLE!

PEOPLE LIVING IN THE GRAHAM HILL AREA WILL BE SUBJECTO TRAFFIC DELAY, DUST,

DIRT AND MUD FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME JUST TO SATISFY THE INDIFFERENCE OF

STANDARD PACIFIC CORP.

ANY SEWER LINE PLACED ON GRAHAM HILL ROAD MUST SERVE ALL THE PEOPLE
RESIDING ALONG THIS ROAD AND NOT JUST FOR STANDARD PACIFIC CORPORATION!

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August 31, 1998

Ken Hart Santa Cruz County Planning Dept. 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Mr. Hart,

I have heard from my neighbors that a raw sewage line may be installed on Graham Hill Road from Santa Cruz to the Horse Showgrounds area. This line would service the proposed development near the Showgrounds.

I want to request that the Planning Department do anything and everything possible to ensure that this pipeline is designed with the capacity to accept sewage from existing neighborhoods!

Thank you for taking care of us and planning for the future.

Sincerely,

Mordon Thygeson
1343 Orchard Drive

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

(831) 459-8657

Sept 1'98

Attno Kathy Graves Planning Dept

ATTACHMENT

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To: County of Santa Cruz

Re: Showgrounds Project Amendment to Project

The Standard Pacific Company is proposing to amend the map regarding sewer hood-up. I live in CSA #10, Rolling Woods Sewer Assessment District.

Is is possible for neighboring properties to hook-up to this line? Will the line have the capacity and capability? Have the impacts been assessed in the EIR?

How does this affect the Greater Pasatiempo Wastewater Treatment Study?

This area suffers from septic tank problems, and will continue to do so. It would seem prudent for the county to consider a line coming up Graham Hill to be for the use of neighboring properties, not just exclusive use to 60 new homes.

Thank you.

109 Treetop Dr

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

# Rolling Woods Sewer Assessment District (CSA #10)

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The residents of CSA **#1**0 request the county to conduct a study to determine how CSA **#10** could tie into the proposed raw effluent line coming up Graham Hill Road to serve the Showgrounds project. The effluent would be treated in Santa Cruz at the regional wastewater treatment plant.

Currently, the raw sewage from the thirty homes in the district flows to a small treatment plant on the northbound side of Graham Hill Road. The sewage is partially treated and pumped uphill near Brook Knoll school. This has never been an ideal situation, and has been grossly expensive.

Please contact Karen Simmons at 438-9377 or Dennis Burns at 438-2173 to let the residents of this district know how they can help expedite this process in any way. Our understanding is that this is feasible as CSA **#'1**0 is an existing assessment district, and there are sewer pipelines to Graham Hill Road.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Residents of **CSA#10** 



# Aug. 98--GRAHAM HILL NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS Dear Neighbor:

A request to the county to bring a raw sewer line up Graham Hill to serve only the 60 homes to be built on the Showgrounds property is now in a public comment period of 30 days, ending Sept. 2, 1998. The proposed line will be dug into Graham Hill, coming up from Santa Cruz, and terminating at the project entrance at Deer Path Road.

I hope you will join us in stating any concerns you have regarding this major project. The opportunity for homes adjacent and near this line to connect has not been proposed or evaluated, other than the statement that this will require subsequent determination. The County Planning Dept. must receive written comments by Sept. 2. Graham Hill will be dug up--heavy equipment will be there for a month or more.

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August 30, 1998

Ken Hart Santa Cruz County Planning Department 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: Graham Hill Road Sewage Line

Dear Mr. Hart:

We have been advised of the request by Standard Pacific Corporation to install a raw sewage line up Graham Hill Road to service the new housing being developed at the showgrounds property. I also understand that the regional treatment plant previously indicated it has the capacity to handle sewage from this entire area. The opportunity to tie into this new line would have a profound effect on the value of our property and would also open up considerably more options for remodeling our home in the future.

As a homeowner along the planned route of this line, we would strongly support any action by the County Planning Department and the Board of Supervisors to offer properties adjacent to the new line the option to tie in during and/or **after** the line is laid.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marcia L. Lewis

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September 2, 1998

Santa Cruz County Planning Department 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz. CA 95060

Attn: Ken Hart

Dear Mr. Hart,

We have just been informed that there is a proposal for a sewer line that will run up Graham Hill Road and terminate near Deer Path Road.

We the neighbors on Deer Path would like to know more about the proposal. We want to be sure that all the conditions that were made a part of the Graham Hill Show Grounds project approval are met. We are especially concerned with Section 10a "Retain existing strand of oak forest across from Deer Path/Graham Hill Road intersection to screen lots 5 - 8." We want to be sure no trees along Graham Hill Road are damaged.

Sincerely,

Mervin and Mary Lou Deutscher 1 Deer Path Road Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Lous Ann McCullough 2 Deer Path Road Santa Cruz, CA 95060 Mike and Lyn Greenwood 940 Graham Hill Road Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Ronald and Kathleen Obert 920 Graham Hill Road Santa Cruz, CA 95060 September 2, 1998

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Mr Ken Hart Santa Cruz County Planning Dept. 701 Ocean St. Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Mr. Hart:

It appears that Standard Pacific Corporation is going to be granted a permit to move forward with the Graham Hills Estates project. The "Notice of Environmental Review Period" requested that any comments be made to you concerning the sewer plan for this project.

#### We have two concerns:

- 1. Our street, **Mosswood** Court (the original Graham Hill Estates), was approved in the early 70's based on the developer plumbing the street and the houses for sewer so that when a sewer line was established for the Greater Pasatiempo Area, **Mosswood** Court could be easily hooked up. It makes no sense that our street's plumbed sewer line shouldn't be hooked up to the new sewer line as it passes within feet as it heads down Graham Hill Road. I suspect that the residents on **Mosswood** Court would even pay up front to have the line hooked up.
- 2. The current plan calls for an 8" sewer pipe. In a conversation with one of your staff several weeks ago it was told to me that one of the project **staff members** had suggested that a 12" pipe **would** cost little more than the 8" pipe and that common sense dictated using the larger size. We can't believe that to save a few dollars the **future** hook-up of the rest of the area could be jeopardized. Although 8" is adequate today, it is very conceivable that the rules could change in the near future so that a larger size would be mandated by a higher agency. We have lived here since **1981** and have seen the septic rules change in a more restrictive direction on our property several times. Who's to say that the state of California won't change the rules on sewer line capacities.

Please take these comments very seriously. We've been involved in this project for a long time and feel that we have as much right to the line as any rich corporation that is buying into our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Yack and Helen Borchelt
177 Mosswood Court

Jack and Helen Borchett

423-2321

September 22, 1998



Ms. Cathy Graves
Planner
County of Santa Cruz
Planning Department
701 Ocean Street, 4th Floor
Santa Cruz, California 95060

Dear Ms. Graves:

This letter is in response to parcel #061-321-44 on Graham Hill Road. We are concerned about the approval to build 60 homes on this property. We are not sure why there needs to be so many homes built selling for an outlandish amount of money.

Since this area is slated for development, why not structure a community around the show ground area which is already in existence.

Our suggestion for development would be to build less homes around an equestrian theme with a barn, horse stables, open trails and the show ground arena. Trails built around the outer perimeter of the homes would allow home owners an opportunity to walk out their door, get their horse and ride near their home. Home owners would also be able to show their horses at the arena for events.

This type of environment would be visibly more attractive to the community still allowing development without sacrifice to the beautiful area in which we live. It seems to us that the environmental concerns others have could be addressed with the structure outlined above.

Sincerely,

My and Punux Fix Sam and Penny Lopez [ 8215 Glen Arbor Road

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cc: Jeff Almquist, 5th District
County Board of Supervisors
Alvin James, Co. Planning Director
Paia Levine, Environmental Review Board
Mark Deming, Resource Management

To the Santa Cruz Planning Dept.

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As a resident living on Graham
Hill Road for the last severteen plus years I
appreciated this opportunity to comment on the
proposed sewer line for the development
going in on the showgrounds property.

I am absolutely and completely
opposed to this. I object to every aspect of it
whether we are allowed to hook in fort or not.
The live just one mile up from Ocean

Street: The traffic and difficulty in getting in and out of our driveway and into town in frustrating and problematic already. I do Not want braham Hill Road torn up and Traffic diverted for ANY period of line.

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increases, reedless to say).

I have very strong feelings about this and will fight it as strongly as I possibly can.

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**To:** Santa Cruz County Planning Department

701 Ocean Street

Santa Cruz, California 95060

Attention: Ken Hart

From: Robert G. Clark

**Date:** August 28, 1998

**Subject:** Proposed raw sewer line in Graham Hill Road to

Southern Pacific Corporation development project.

Dear Planning Department Members,

In response to the proposed raw sewer line in Graham Hill Road for the development of homes on the present showgrounds property, I would like to express my concern that this plan does not include properties in the adjacent areas for connection to this line.

The properties in Pasatiempo, Orchard Drive, Sims Road, Rolling Woods and along Graham Hill Road have for years experienced problems with drainage and high water tables that have hindered the functioning of their septic systems. This has been a problem in maintaining a functioning sewer disposal system for the homeowners in the area, as well as being costly. In some cases this problem has brought a health hazard to the neighborhood. This condition has been expressed in previous studies conducted by the County.

It is my understanding that the management of the regional treatment plant of Santa Cruz has stated that there is capacity for the entire area to send its raw sewerage to the Santa Cruz facility. It would therefore seem most reasonable that the proposed sewer line be installed to include the entire neighboring area. This would be the most cost effective way to accommodate all the problems in the area including the increasing health hazard.

Thank you for receiving my letter and for your consideration of the concerns that I have expressed here.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Clark 1342 Orchard Drive

Robert D. Clark

Santa Cruz, California 95060

Wendall C. Gates, PE 750 Graham Hill Road Santa Cruz, CA 95060 831-423-8317 586

September 1, 1998

Santa Cruz County Planning Department Attn: Ken Hart 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: Proposed Sewage Line to Showgrounds Properties

I have several concerns regarding the raw sewage line proposed to be constructed along Graham Hill road to serve the Showgrounds Properties.

1. My residential property along Graham Hill road is below the road elevation. We have experienced leaks from the Graham Hill potable water line which were detected only when the ground became sufficiently saturated to drain onto my driveway 30 feet from the road, and to continue to drain for days afterward. I am concerned that a similar situation with raw sewage would be far more serious and require remediation. I am concerned that provision be included in any approval to urgently deal with such events.

The previously-approved plan included only the possibility of conveying treated sewage, using the existing pipeline.

2. By its presence, the proposed pipeline will complicate---i.e., raise the cost and affect the feasability---of future efforts to sewer this area, and thus will have a substantial and farreaching environmental impact in an area with serious existing environmental problems.

For these reasons, I think California law requires that this proposed pipeline be considered as an independent project, requiring the full EIR process.

Further, because the line is proposed to service only the Showgrounds properties, it is a private line, and I expect that public funds will not be committed or used for its installation or maintenance and operation expenses.

I also know that a right-of-way for such a project has value, and as a taxpayer I expect the Board to obtain an assessment of this value and to insist on payment as a condition of approval. It has not been shown that the Showgrounds development has any value to the community which would justify subsidizing this sewage line with right-of-way.

Wendall C. Gates, PE

September 2, 1998

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Jerry and Catherine Trimm 716 Graham Hill Road Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Santa Cruz County Planning Department 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060

ATTN: Ken Hart

This letter is regarding the proposed raw sewer line up Graham Hill Road to serve 60 homes to be built on the Showgrounds property.

As residents of Graham Hill Road we find this proposal of great concern. First the traffic on Graham Hill is extremely heavy and now you are proposing major construction that will not only hinder an already busy road but will cause the residents of that road to endure both added noise and air pollution, not to mention the inconvenience of going to and from our homes. Second and more important, you expect us to put up with the inconvenience that the construction will cause and then the added traffic resulting in 60 new residences without the benefit of connecting to the sewer line. This is not acceptable.

It is a known fact that the land in this area has not been performing satisfactorily for septic. We have been requesting sewage hook-up since 1987 to no avail.

Adding insult to injury, we were not even notified of todays deadline by your offices. There was a flyer left in our driveway (copy enclosed) that was almost overlooked. We feel certain that many of the residences simply threw that paper away as trash.

We feel this could be a misuse of taxpayer dollars should the residences in the area not also receive the benefits of this proposed project. Furthermore, we should be notified of date and time of the October meeting to be able to voice our concerns.

Sincerely,

Jerry D. Trimm

Catherine L. Trimm

**Enclosure**