



September 22, 2009

California Public Utilities Commission  
Water Division  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Redwood Lodge Water Company

Dear CPUC:

I am writing to comment upon a Certificate of Public Convenience for the Redwood Lodge Water Company in Santa Cruz County. The owner of the company, Patricia Heimer, has sent Santa Cruz LAFCO a copy of the pending application, dated August 3, 2009, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

1) Facts

There are several facts cited in the application that, unless I am mistaken, are incorrect. None of these seem to have a significant bearing on the merits of the application.

- Page 3, Line 9. The location is much farther from the Monte Sereno City Hall than the 0.84 miles cited in the application. A local landmark is C. T. English Middle School (23800 Summit Road, Los Gatos, CA 95030). The site is 1.26 mile south of C.T. English Middle School, as the crow flies.
- Page 13, Line 9. The site is not located within the boundaries of the Central Fire Protection District of Santa Cruz County. The agency responsible for local fire protection services is Santa Cruz County Service Area 48 (County Fire), which is run by the San Mateo/Santa Cruz unit of CAL FIRE. Their contact information is 831-335-5355, 6059 Highway 9, Felton, CA 95018.
- Page 13, Line 10. I believe that the County of Santa Cruz has adopted a newer building code--the 2007 California Building Code. The Santa Cruz County building inspectors may be contacted at: 831-454-2580, 701 Ocean Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

2) Service List

Please keep Santa Cruz LAFCO (701 Ocean Street, Room 318-D, Santa Cruz, CA 95060) on the service list for applications to the CPUC concerning the Redwood Lodge Water Company.

3) Future Alternative Service Providers

No county water district or other public agency regulated by LAFCO is proximate and available to serve water to the Redwood Lodge area.

If the current owner and the current customers wish to consider sale of the company to a newly formed mutual water company, the following mutual water company in Aptos has recently gone through the process of forming a mutual and buying a water company. They could be helpful in explaining the process.

Trout Gulch Mutual Water  
PO Box 1467  
Aptos CA 95001-1467

831-662-3204

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Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this letter.

Very truly yours,  
*Original signed*

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Executive Officer

cc: Patricia Heimer, Redwood Lodge Mutual Water Company