

Attachment I  
Comments on Initial Study/  
Negative Declaration

Lewis & Katherine Richardson  
PLN090087



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Subject: PLN090087/Richardson/CalAm-Ambler Water tanks

Monterey County Planning  
c/o Valerie Negrete, Planner

Re: Cal/Am-Ambler Water plans to replace two  
25,000 gallon water storage tanks with one 120,000  
gallon storage tank.  
Property Owners: Lewis H. & Katherine Richardson  
Address: 24522 Rimrock Cyn Rd, Salinas  
APN: APN 416-601-011-000  
Planning Identification: PLN090087

February 12, 2012

Dear Ms. Negrete,

I believe you told me that February 12, 2012 was the cut off date for  
comments  
on this referenced project. I would therefore like to supplement my  
earlier comments with  
the following:

\* Public Health and Safety: The proposed larger heavier tank sits on  
the edge of a cliff  
above other houses. A risk analysis lists it as ordinary or average  
risk which may be fine  
for a water tank sitting on the flatlands of Oklahoma. There is  
considerably more risk here  
due to earthquakes in California and liquefaction during wet Winters.  
This is a significant  
impact. The Richardson's, as property owners, could be held liable.

\* Alleged Need: The Initial Study describes the need as being for  
existing residents  
potable water as well as for existing residents fire protection.  
However, nowhere  
is it mentioned there are two additional existing water storage tanks  
fairly close by.  
These other two tanks are located in Rimrock also.  
These other two tanks were not disclosed to the members of the  
public, or the  
Toro LUAC during a field trip to the site. Thus the project  
description is not clear,  
and inconsistent. The project is growth inducing. This is a  
significant Impact.  
Further, the County is processing an application for additional  
larger tanks  
above the Meadows of Corral de Tierra. This is a piecemeal approach.

\* Aesthetics: The current tanks sit on an easement in the  
Richardson's front yard.  
They'll be asked to accept a significantly larger and taller tank in  
their view-shed.  
Their immediate neighbors share this view. It affects property values. This is a  
significant impact. Additionally, the orange flagging is visible from many places in Toro.

\* Financial: The current 398 customers of CalAm's Ambler Water are  
being asked