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Dear Ms. Pham-Gallardo,

I am writing to you to express concern about new applications for Administrative Permits dated 11/21/2017 for water wells on the following properties.

Owner	Address	Parcel #
Ortega	780 Rebecca Circle, Aromas, CA 95004	267-141-012-000
Panattoni	797 Rebecca Circle, Aromas, CA 95004	267-141-013-000
Fernandez	760 Rebecca Circle, Aromas, CA 95004	267-141-011-000


**I wish to have the opportunity to express my concerns at a scheduled public hearing.**

These properties are current members of our water association who are receiving water from us. We are a water company currently permitted and regulated by the Monterey County Environmental Health Bureau. We are in compliance with water quality regulations. Our water is used for domestic purposes, including bathing, washing, cooking, drinking, and small domestic gardening and livestock uses. We currently charge usage rates equal to those of the nearby Aromas Water District.

My general concerns are summarized as follows:

- The General Plan encourages connection of development to existing water providers
- The proliferation of unregulated high-use wells may threaten our water table
- In the face of potential drought, splitting up water associations reduces conservation
- The splintering of our water system will jeopardize the viability of our water system to continue its operation and improvement, as well as neighborhood value and stability
- Reducing our membership by 20% or more will limit our ability to provide affordable water and to raise funds to drill a new well source, and install expensive mineral filtration, or replace coated pipe – as recommended by the Monterey County Environmental Health Bureau.
- Our ability to be in regulatory compliance will be threatened if assessments can not be levied for new improvements
- Our efforts to pursue improvements will stall as more homeowners become unfocused on contributing to the community
- I fear a slippery slope whereby our association is ultimately dissolved and each of our 21 homes will be left to pursue their own water source, which is a prospect that may be untenable and unaffordable for our community and many of its members.

Sincerely,



Neil E. Klepeis

February 28, 2018

To: Carl P. Holm, AICP RMA Director (831) 755-5103 holmcp@co.monterey.ca.us  
John M. Dugan, AICP RMA Deputy Director (831) 759-6654 duganj@co.monterey.ca.us  
Monterey County Resource Management Agency  
Land Use and community Development

Good day,

I am writing in regards to the Notice of pending Administrative Permit for construction of the following new water wells in my neighborhood:

Owner: Raul Fernandez  
Project #: PLN170690  
Address: 760 Rebecca Circle, Aromas  
Parcel #: 267-141-011-000

Owner: Ortega, Arnold and Mary  
Project: PLN170688,  
Address: 780 Rebecca Circle, Aromas  
Parcel #: 267-141-012-000

Owner: Panattoni, Brenda and Stephan  
Project: PLN170689  
Address: 797 Rebecca Circle, Aromas  
Parcel #: 267-141-013-000

As a community and water association member as well as acting Vice President/Secretary of the Murphy Hill Water Association 2 Board of Directors I am writing to you to object to the approval of the proposed permit and drilling of a new well for the following reasons:

1. The General Building Plan in the area calls for developments to connect to existing water systems. Aggregate systems encourage conservation, stability, and higher property value.
2. Unregulated wells may overtax our aquifer and threaten water sources for everyone threatening our ability to pay for new infrastructure that is needed to satisfy the county's very own demands. As we lose revenue and members: Is everyone expected to drill their own well if the association is incapable of operating? Most folks can not afford to drill their own well.
3. Only the association has the ability to drill anywhere in our service region to get manganese-free water and serve it to the entire hill. The proposed well is likely to still have large manganese deposits.
4. More wells on the hill will destabilize our association and may threaten its existence. Most homeowners do not have the resources to go it alone and get their own well. We have immediate plans to upgrade our system and get manganese free water without bacteria issues.
5. One of the proposed property has existing building code violations.
6. Two of these owners (Ortega and Fernandez) have not paid their water bill in over a year. This leads the board to believe they can not afford to pay for a new well. MHWA2 has requested they pay many times and they refuse.

7. The drilling of a new well requires lots of water to flush the hole. If they are planning on using water from our system for this purpose, they will be using it with no compensation to the association. We do not feel this is fair or right. We demand that overdue bills are paid before money can be spent on drilling new wells.

Here are thoughts and questions to consider:

**\*\*These new wells will not and will not be subject to county oversight for water sampling, water safety, or conservation. We have a plan to get manganese-free water and insure the safe drinking water for the entire neighborhood. How will these wells help with the county's goals and mandates in this respect? This is not a good plan for the future of our local water supply or the county and state in general. Why is the county allowing this?**

**\*\*If our association disintegrates, what happens to our members? Some of neighbors have small plots and may not be able to drill a well on their property due to county restrictions. Even if feasible, not everyone will be able to afford the drilling of a well. Folks without wells will be faced with trucking in their water supply, still at great expense.**

**\*\*Why are these wells allowed when the properties are already connected to a domestic water supply? Are they being permitted as agricultural wells for commercial purposes? IF so then for what kind of operation? Is our area zoned for this? If they are going commercial, then are the homes supposed to still receive drinking water from the system? Has the county done any kind of environmental assessment of water usage for our aquifer?**

**\*\*The people that are getting wells have a history of using large amounts of water for small orchards and gardens. It is clear that will unregulated usage (e.g., by a formal association) they are likely to use and waste far more water than if they were part of the system. This is doubly true if they are intended to perform commercial agricultural operations in this residential neighborhood. The county has a duty to evaluate the potential uses of water and the ability for the aquifer to handle increased draws. Where are these assessments?**

In conclusion, we, Murphy Hill Water Association 2, have an existing water system with a clear plan forward to build up needed infrastructure to comply with all county orders. The permitting of new wells in our neighborhood will do nothing for domestic water usage but threaten our neighborhood system and the ability of our neighbors to get affordable and safe drinking water.

Thank you for your time,  
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Vice President/Secretary MHW2  
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## Pham-Gallardo, Son x5226

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**From:** Pham-Gallardo, Son x5226  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 01, 2018 10:36 AM  
**To:** 'PAUL MCCOLLUM'  
**Cc:** Amador, Nadia x5114  
**Subject:** RE: Well permits?

Paul,

We are in receipt of your email, and will address your concern by early next week.

Sincerely,

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**From:** PAUL MCCOLLUM [mailto:[pulpitpaul@razzolink.com](mailto:pulpitpaul@razzolink.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 01, 2018 10:27 AM  
**To:** Pham-Gallardo, Son x5226 <[Pham-GallardoS@co.monterey.ca.us](mailto:Pham-GallardoS@co.monterey.ca.us)>  
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Please consider before acting. Thank you.

March 1, 2018

To: Nadia Amador – Assistant planner (Cc:[pham-gallardo@co.monterey.ca.us](mailto:pham-gallardo@co.monterey.ca.us);  
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From: Paul McCollum – 733 Rebecca Circle, Aromas 95004

Subject: Concern over Project # PLN 170690, Parcel #267-141-011-000. Mr. Raul Fernandez - Drilling of New Water Well.

Specific points, concerns, observations, and/or questions:

- Please help me understand the Permit approval process for these new well permits.

- Upon further inquiry I have learned that two other individuals have also filed for drilling permits. (Mr. Ortega and Mr. Panattoni the property owner next to him). One other person, Mr. Wilson, was previously issued a drilling permit and already has a new commercial well (a county planner said that was a mistake). Three of these properties share property lines and one is across the street.

- Will the county be conducting an environmental impact study to determine the impact these new wells would have on the water table and supply. As far as I know we are still in a drought situation and I wonder about the wisdom of allowing such projects. I myself have cut back my water usage for the past several years.

- Rebecca Circle already has a mutual water system that is regulated by the county and tested on regular basis. We comply with all the county requirements. Will any new wells be regulated and made to meet county standards? This system has been in place since 1969/70 and always provided for the residents needs for households, gardens, and animals.

- We moved here in 1974. I served as water master for over 10 years and have been active in the Murphy Hill Community in one way or another the 40+ years we have been here. My wife was also the Water Association Treasurer for a number of years.

- Mr. Neil Klepeis is our new water master and has done an outstanding job of maintenance, metering, and researching for upgrading our current 45-year-old system.

- It should be noted that two of the three persons wanting a permit are the very ones who have in the past consistently refused to pay their water bills and subsequent late fees as well as allowing multiple families to live in single family homes. Not paying his or her bills has caused added financial hardship on everyone else.

- We would hope that the county would consider what is best for our Murphy Hill Community before granting unneeded permits.

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February 26, 2018

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