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**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**

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March 14, 2012

To: Members, Formation Commission

From: Martha Poyatos 
Executive Officer

Subject: Request for Delegation to the Executive Officer of Approval Authority for
Emergency Sewer Connection to 60 Loma Road, Unincorporated San
Carlos

Pursuant to Government Code Section 56133, Commission approval is required for extension of service by local agencies to territory outside the agency's boundaries. This section requires that the public agency apply to LAFCo by resolution on behalf of the landowner. This section and Commission policy also provide for delegation of approval authority to the Executive Officer if an application for sewer extension for failed septic is not ready for Commission consideration at the time of the LAFCo hearing. The purpose of delegation of authority to the Executive Officer is to expedite the emergency sewer connection given the Commission's every other month meeting schedule.

In this case, the owner of 60 Loma Road has certification of failed septic (Attachments A & B) and has begun working with the City of San Carlos for an emergency sewer connection and annexation. The project area is within the sphere of influence of the City of San Carlos, contiguous to City boundaries and adjacent to property currently receiving City sewer service (Attachment C). Commission approval is recommended based on recommendation of San Mateo County Environmental Health. However, the City has not yet adopted a resolution of application to LAFCo but would likely do so within weeks.

It is therefore respectfully recommended that the Commission, by motion, authorize the Executive Officer to administratively approve the anticipated application by the City of San Carlos for extension of service. The subsequent annexation application would be considered by the Commission at a future Commission hearing.

C: Robert Meyer
Don Gilbert, City of San Carlos
Greg Smith, San Mateo County Environmental Health Division



San Mateo County Health System

Attachment A

February 28, 2012

APN 051-472-020

Robert D. Meyer
60 Loma Road
San Carlos, CA 94070

Dear Mr. Meyer:

**SUBJECT: SEPTIC SYSTEM, 60 LOMA ROAD, PALOMAR PARK
(UNINCORPORATED), CALIFORNIA**

I have reviewed recent septic system inspection and pumping information provided by you to Environmental Health. In addition, Environmental Health staff inspected the subject property and system on January 30, 2012. Based on my review of information and our inspection, it appears that the effluent distribution portion of the septic system is failed and in need of significant repair. However, given constraints of the property, including potentially excessive slopes, there does not appear to be space on the parcel for new distribution trenches that would conform to County Septic Ordinance requirements. Additionally, due to the proximity of the property to an existing sewer main, we cannot approve a septic repair permit. Both County Ordinance and California Plumbing Code require that when a septic system fails, if the site is within 200 feet of an existing sewer main, the site should connect to sewer rather than attempt to repair the failed septic system. It appears that there is a potential sanitary sewer connection within approximately 100 feet of your home.

Therefore, Environmental Health supports all efforts to connect the residence and all other structures served by the existing problem septic system to the sanitary sewer that is in close proximity to the subject property. In the interests of protection of public health, connection to the sanitary sewer should be made as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions, please call me at (650) 372-6279.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory J. Smith".

Gregory J. Smith, PG, REHS
Supervisor Water Protection and Land Use Programs

cc: Don Gilbert, City of San Carlos, dgilbert@cityofsancarlos.org
Martha Poyatos, San Mateo County LAFCO, mpoyatos@smcgov.org
Robert Meyer, rdmeyersf@yahoo.com

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Attachment B

Martha Poyatos - Request for Approval of an Emergency Sewer Connection if Needed Prior to May 16

From: "Robert Meyer" <rdmeyersf@yahoo.com>
To: "Martha Poyatos" <mpoyatos@smcgov.org>
Date: 3/14/2012 12:44 PM
Subject: Request for Approval of an Emergency Sewer Connection if Needed Prior to May 16

Martha,

Sorry for the delay; I appreciate your patience and how organized you are in this process. It is really helping me.

I need to formally request an approval for an emergency sewer extension if needed from LAFCo. Currently our leech field at 60 Loma has failed. We are managing today and are beginning the process along with 68 Loma Road to annex to the City of San Carlos. Our plan is to connect both 60 and 68 Loma at the same time to the sewer as part of that process. But it is possible that we would need to request an emergency sewer connection.

For this reason, I request that the Commission delegate approval authority to you for an emergency sewer connection by City of San Carlos if it necessary to make an emergency connection prior to your May 16 LAFCo hearing.

Thanks,

Rob

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Attachment C

**SELECTED
PROPERTY**

Situs: 60 Loma Rd , Redwood City
Owner: Meyer Robert D Tr, 60 Loma Road, San Carlos, CA, 94070-
APN: 051472020

