

Revised Larkfield Estates Sewer Connection and Financing Program

March 22nd, 2018

Dear Larkfield Estates Property Owners and Neighbors,

I would like to thank everyone for providing feedback on the Sonoma County Water Agency's proposal to provide voluntary sewer service to Larkfield Estates. This proposal is being created based on insights provided by many different voices in your community.

Our most recent proposal included a provision that would have required property owners to connect to the sewer upon sale of the property. At last night's community meeting at Mark West Elementary, a property owner raised valid concerns regarding this provision. Based on this feedback, the "point of sale" provision has been dropped from the proposed plan. In other words, the proposed program would be voluntary and there would be no requirement to connect to the sewer when properties change hands.

I also spoke with a couple of property owners regarding the ability to transfer the loan/lien that would be available to property owners who do wish to connect. We had proposed that the loan/lien be due upon transfer of a property, but based on this couple's input, we believe we should be able to make this lien/loan assumable to new property owners.

I hope these revisions to the proposed plan for providing sewer service to the Larkfield Estates reduces some of the concerns associated with this effort. We truly do want to help those who desire sewer service without burdening those who don't. We plan to request formal direction to proceed with this plan in May from our Board of Directors.

Please continue to provide your comments and input on this proposal because they are helping us create a better program. Please direct your questions and comments to Water Agency Programs Specialist Sophie Porcelli at Sophie.Porcelli@scwa.ca.gov or (707) 524 – 6430.

Updated information on this program can be found at www.sonomacountywater.org/Larkfield/.

I sincerely hope the rest of your rebuilding process proceeds quickly.

Sincerely,

Mike Thompson

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