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re: Road and Drainage Projects in the MidCoast

Dear Neil:

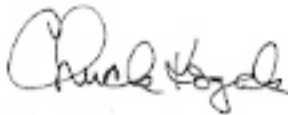
Thank you for your continuing work on this issue. We appreciate that the MidCoast Community Council is included as one of primary agencies involved, and we look forward to working with your department to develop a productive, community-responsive process. The Council has delegated this issue to its Development Issues Subcommittee, which consists of myself, Councilmember April Vargas, and community members Karen Wilson and Dennis Doherty. We all hope to attend the meeting with you Monday morning.

In preparation for that meeting, the MCC reviewed your 9/18/01 letter proposing a procedure for evaluating and prioritizing these projects and had the following comments:

- 1) The Council felt that the proposed process was very comprehensive and afforded a good structure for inclusiveness and participation of the residents of our communities.
- 2) In the process outlined, we thought that the Special Districts and utility companies should be involved at an earlier stage to help analyze the feasibility and identify potential difficulties or complications in areas under study for possible projects.
- 3) We felt it was important to develop early-on a structure for community outreach, especially in the areas where projects are currently proposed. Ideas that were suggested included arranging special reports in the Half Moon Bay Review, informational posting with enlarged project maps in the Post Offices and other public areas, and timely community mailings for any workshops and hearings. The MCC will certainly do its best to facilitate this outreach, and we hope the County will contribute the resources necessary to make this a successful effort.

- 4) The Council is also encouraging that a special attempt be made to be as forthcoming and responsive to the public on details of financial impacts, project construction, timing and other impacts. The procedure outlined provides thorough opportunities to get this level of information distributed as widely as possible, which we believe will be the best way to build the needed community support.

Again, thank you for your work so far, and we look forward to the meeting on Monday. Please feel free to contact me before then if you have any questions.



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