

Mid-Coast Community Council
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Dear Editor,

We are pleased to learn that Citizen's Utilities will be required to make system improvements to the water system in Moss Beach and Montara. The Moss Beach-Montara community is generally unaware that they are in grave danger in the event of a fire. I learned from Sally Campbell when I researched the water issue, that the water pressure is so low in some areas that the uncapped fire hydrants literally suck air when opened. The system improvements requested by the Fire District are essential for the protection of residents and property in the community. The Midcoast Council has an obligation, as elected officials, for the health and safety of the community. In order to meet this obligation we established the Water Subcommittee, consisting of Sally Campbell, Joe Fitting and myself, and we met with County Supervisor Ted Lempert and County Council, Director of Public Works, the Assistant County Manager and the Director of Planning, to express our concerns and to gain support. We are most grateful for the response from the County and to Supervisor Ted Lempert in particular.

Our meetings with Ted Lempert, Paul Scannell, Neil Cullen and Bill Rozar to gain support, and funding, for the Montara Moss Beach Fire District's legal battle with Citizen's Utilities on May 10th, were successful. The positive outcome of the hearing, was due to the efforts of the MidCoast Council Water Subcommittee, consisting of Sally Campbell, Joe Fitting, Mary Hobbs and myself, and political effectiveness of Ted Lempert to get funding for the expert witness who testified at the hearing. This testimony, according to Fire Chief Dave Eufusia, was pivotal in loosening the grip of Citizen's Utilities on the PUC and illustrating the need for system improvements.

Once again, we would like to express our appreciation to Ted Lempert for his concern for and support of the health and safety of the residents of the MidCoast.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Hayes-Kane, MidCoast Council Member