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Please provide this email to your Board and other administrative personnel, as appropriate.

Dear Board,

I hope to attend, but unfortunately, your meetings and West Marin Rotary coincide in real time.

I would like to first complement staff on an extremely well composed staff report. With a past life of decades of public service, reading, writing, and reviewing reports, I'm always delighted to acknowledge a complex job well done.

The topics for my comments will be:

**Items 8/9:** I think you've come up with a suitable solution to a touchy issue with this permit. That said, **what I believe is missing at this juncture** is the opportunity to require not only the California mandated water -conserving fixtures in new construction but one other that are as valuable at any time. I urge you to require an on-demand hot water pump be installed for any kitchen or bathroom installation or renovation. These save gallons of potable water that is wasted waiting for the hot to kick in, whether you have a tankless water heater or the tank type.

I have suggested this before, but not heard any good reasons for NOT requiring it. The systems are in use all over the world and my system is assembled here in California. While the concept is not rocket science, as we of a certain generation like to say, it is a NO BRAINER. Of course, landscape water is the primary drain on the supply, but we'd not be putting in low-flow faucets, toilets, showers, and distributing buckets to save water if every drop didn't count.

**Item 11:** Let me share my delight that this item is on your agenda. After my son installed one at his home in Larkspur, he learned a few things, some comedic. One was via a notification from Flume, that there had been a continuous small flow of water for 24 hours. Apparently a solenoid was stuck in the on position despite the irrigation system being off. We're still trying to figure it out, but we've stopped it! Also, we learned about the fact that family members who now live in NYC, but were making the first visit in a long time, think a California shower is limiting oneself to 16 minutes!!! Even with our 1.6 gmp showerheads (High Sierra make) that's too long. And when the cell phone was pulled out at our family dinner out, we got to chide these New Yorkers that a California shower is 2-3 minutes of water, 2 minutes of lather!! Less than 5 gallons.

So thrilled that we were solving all these water usage issues in Larkspur with my son, I bought a Flume and installed it here just before the New Yorkers got here. They didn't have a chance, as I had my phone with me at all time! But, I learned that I had a water hog that I'd not thought about: I had a not too old top loading washer, and Flume showed me it used 40 gallons a load! I immediately went to the Marin Sonoma list of washers for which they give rebates, and selected one and it was installed today. Very HE. No more 40 gallon washes. Maybe we ought to publicize that washers are also water hogs? I'd rather water all of our veggies for one whole week with that 40 gallons!

**Item 12:** I am glad that you included five tracks to follow. If we can manage to get every household to restrain itself on the landscape irrigation, forestall any new installations of plants/trees, then you might not get to this frightening level.

Like your packet's letter writers Wilson, Prokupek, and Wilson have opined, there are more tolerable options, but let's really work to make sure you never have to get to that point

Wrapping up:

As I shared with Wade, I stand prepared to help you reach that 10% of your customer base to see if we can weasel out an email. I've been successful with this in the past, and have a great telephone manner. I encourage a Board member or two to put an hour on the phones to see if they could inspire the release of an email for communications. You'd be surprised how impressed constituents are when an elected reaches out.....and it's not for a vote.

And last, with my IA/IF hat on, I'm about to write every member of the IA/IF about their upcoming vote for our Board slate. In that message to 300 or so persons, we certainly can put some advisory that you might want to compose and have us send. Especially if it could have a clever water graphic. Let me know, this needs to go out soon. As it's not yet written, we can plan to include a paragraph, a slogan, an image, etc. that you might want.S

Yours,  
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