

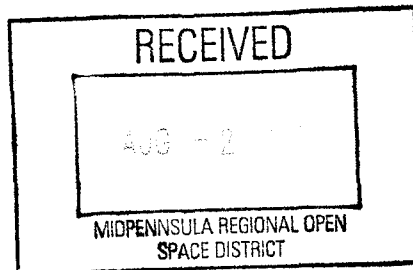
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Dear Ms. Woodbury:

This letter is in response to the San Mateo Coastal Annexation Draft Environmental Impact Report. I would like to thank you and Mr. Britton, MROSD General Manager, for attending the special meeting of the La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District Board of Trustees Thursday evening, July 25th. As you know, the purpose of the meeting was to provide the Board an opportunity to discuss the San Mateo Coastal Annexation Draft Environmental Impact Report and its implications for LHPUSD operations. Your presentation of information and response to questions from members of the Board and general public served to clarify many of the issues and concerns raised by your District's proposed annexation of the San Mateo coast.

At the meeting, the La Honda-Pescadero Board of Trustees identified the following questions and comments for consideration and inclusion in the San Mateo Coastal Annexation Draft Environmental Impact Report:

- 1) What might be the impact to LHPUSD caused by property acquired by MROSD not being developed, e.g., indirect census (enrollment) loss, loss of potential for increased tax base, etc.?
- 2) If properties within LHPUSD boundaries are not acquired and eventually developed, could the district potentially become a basic aid district?
- 3) Has MROSD studied the potential housing loss resulting from property acquisition? The loss of even a few families for a small school district can have a significant negative impact.
- 4) Has MROSD ever had an affordable housing component included in a plan?
- 5) Would MROSD be open to donating a piece of land for use in developing affordable housing for LHPUSD teachers, local fire fighters, MROSD staff, etc.?
- 6) Has MROSD committed to or be willing to commit to a 'no housing loss' or 'replacement of housing' policy to help mitigate potential impact upon LHPUSD? Have any of your 'sister' organizations done this?
- 7) What opportunities might there be for cooperation and collaboration between LHPUSD and MROSD for the benefit of local teens, e.g., summer jobs with MROSD; internships, environmental education instruction and/or curriculum, etc.?
- 8) One issue overlooked at the meeting, but which the LHPUSD Board would like included in the EIR, is the potential loss of Developer Fee revenues. This could be in the millions of dollars long term, considering that in one POST acquisition approximately 40+ density credits/developable sites were lost.
- 9) The LHPUSD Board of Trustees requests that the deadline for review and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report be extended beyond August 2, 2002.

Once again, thank you for your efforts to clarify the potential impact of this complex annexation proposal upon our school district's operations and for receiving comments from the LHPUSD Board for inclusion in the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

Sincerely,

John Wilson
Superintendent

Board of Trustees