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Dear Mr. Eric Nobel, The City of Chiloquin, The Klamath County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners for Klamath County Oregon

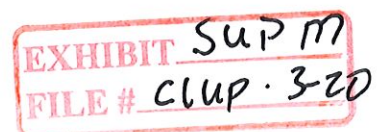
Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

My name is Stanley Bennett and I live at 370 Highway 422 in Chiloquin, OR across and adjacent to the proposed Highway 422 sewage treatment ponds. My family and numerous land owners in this adjacent area are against the proposed sewage treatment plant to be constructed. **I am requesting to postpone the meeting to a later day and time (preferably not during working hours) so I can attend the meeting.**

My family moved to the outskirts of Chiloquin in 2006 because of the peaceful, animal laden woods, clean air and water. Constructing and operating a water sewage treatment plant and ponds will upset the natural peacefulness of the area. This could upset the natural movement of elk and deer trails that the sewage treatment property blocks. I have walked the area of the sewage ponds and have seen numerous animal trails and scat piles around the area of the sewage ponds. I have seen three (3) large female deer resting next to the stakes corresponding with the sewage ponds at 3:00 in the afternoon. The apparent stakes for the sewage ponds are only 100 to 200 yards from Highway 422 directly across from two (2) houses. Along with decreased air quality from the sewage ponds and becoming an eyesore of the neighborhood, property values could and probably will decrease for the adjacent family homes within miles from the sewage ponds, Who wants to live near a sewage treatment plant with sewage ponds.

Friends against the construction of the sewage treatment plant and ponds have researched the existing Chiloquin sewage plant in that it can maintain up to 900 homes and Chiloquin currently has only 760 homes. Also only a few adjacent landowners have been notified of the Public Hearing Meeting but none of the existing Chiloquin sewage customer were notified even though they are affected by this sewage plant construction due to their rates will be increased. As for the amount of the increase it is not known.

Under the Matter of a Request for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment (henceforth to be referred as Burden of Proof Application {BPA}). Under III Recitals (page 14) G-Adjacent Zoning: it states "All properties abutting the subject property are zoned Forestry. There is a single property approximately 1/4 miles from the east boundary of the subject property. on the northwest corner of the intersection of Hwy.422 and Hwy. 97 that is zoned Recreational Commercial (CR)." This is completely incorrect. on the east and southeast boundary of Parcel 3 (which is where my family lives). There are four (4) SFR homes and a private horse park. Across from the proposed sewage ponds are two (2) SFR homes and a SFR home at the northeast corner of Parcel 3. So there are numerous homes surrounding and adjacent to Parcel 3. Not including numerous SFR homes within 1-2 miles west of Parcel 3. None of the maps or letters sent to property owners did it indicate exactly where the sewage ponds were planned to be built. The letter stated General Location was North side of Hwy 422 approximately 1/2 mile west of Hwy 97. Parcel 3 is 211 acres of mostly hilly terrain and dense pine and aspen trees. A fairly large parcel of land of adjacent landowners do not know exactly where the sewage ponds would be located. I found out only by walking the property and seeing the stakes already laid out.



Don't sewage treatment plants need a continuous water source? Where is this water source coming from? The planned Chiloquin well that is located on the eastern side of Parcel 3 (that we are also against) should not be used because it is suppose to be for the water usage to the town of Chiloquin. Won't the sewage ponds siphon continuously on this new well and possibly leave Chiloquin residents short on water. The summer of 2021 is already planning on drought conditions. Won't this also draw on adjacent aqua firs even if the well is deeper than adjacent aqua fir wells (which has not been proven). Water seeps down and if you take large amounts of water out of a lower aqua fir (which nobody knows how big or how much water is there), wouldn't the top aqua firs seep down and dry up to replenish the lower aqua firs. Plus the chlorine that will be added to the water to be sprayed on the adjacent forest floor seep into local shallower wells and the city water well.

Section V. #3 (page 6) states that the reclaimed water from the lagoon cells will be pumped to either a 32 acre forage crop fields or 40 acres of existing forest lands. Are the 32 acres of crop field known at this time or is this a general area of forage crop fields and how will the reclaimed water be transported to these crops or even to the 40 acres of forest lands.

Under Findings of Fact (page 12) under Environmental (page 13) states "The site is gently sloping on the west side of the property which allows for the construction of the newer facility without large amounts of cut and fill to level the site. The area considered for the facility and sewage ponds will be over 16 acres. Ponds of 15 acres do not have any trees and I have seen this area and a large amount of trees will have to be removed and destroyed making the facility more of an eye sore compared to the forested areas around this area.

Also under Finding of Fact (page 12) under Social (page 14) states "The proposed facility could have some negative impacts related to odor." The sewage ponds will be within 200 yards of homes directly opposite on Hwy 422 of the facility. Winds generally always flow from the west which I and my neighbors homes are directly east of the sewage ponds. Also the edge of the City of Chiloquin (Hwy 97) would be at 1 miles (as the wind blows) and downtown Chiloquin would be within 2 miles of the sewage ponds. Toxic odors, viruses, pathogenic bacteria and fungi capable of causing numerous respiratory, digestive and skin diseases could be blown onto the City of Chiloquin residents on a daily basis. Finding of Fact (page 14) first paragraph (page 15) states "There are homes located on tracts of land to the southwest, southeast and east of the subject property." It does not state the homes directly south (100-200 yards) across Hwy 422 from the sewage ponds. In fact there are homes within 2 miles in almost every direction. Also page 15 under Chapter 5 of the City of Chiloquin Waste Water Facilities Plan includes a section on effluent reuse regulations stating Controlling for irrigation, using crops with a long growing season and using a spray irrigation system. Question is how is this irrigation and water spraying going to be done during the six (6) plus months (Nov-May) of possible freezing winter weather. There is no irrigation during winter months so both crop and forest land spraying has to be used. It has been stated that crop irrigation or forest spraying has not been decided on as of yet. As the ponds fill up during the winter will the water spraying be done to ice coat the forest or farm fields and produce dangerous lakes of ice for wild life to endure. Also the irrigation system will have to be run continuously during the winter or the lines and sprayers will freeze. Can the facility continuously be spraying forest land during the winter without depleting the holding ponds and if not will the lines and sprayers freeze. If the forest sprayers can only be used during the winter wouldn't this practice flood the forested land because the ground freezes during the winter months.

In closing: We are totally against the building of a sewage pond facility west of Chiloquin along Hwy 422 due to real estate values decreasing, destroying deer and elk habitat areas, toxic fumes, possible lowering of adjacent water wells, no thought of winter continuous use, eye sore along scenic forest roads and destroying forested areas.

Also due to short time notice of your public meeting which is during the week when most home owners are at work and can not attend the meeting. **I am requesting to postpone the meeting to a later date and time so more land owners have a chance to attend the meeting.**

Thank You for Your Consideration
Stanley & Suzanne Bennett