

## Carol McCool

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**From:** Mike Davies  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:59 AM  
**To:** Carol McCool  
**Cc:** Catherine Kutsuris  
**Subject:** FW: Wastewater Process #4 (now being built)  
**Attachments:** Process #4 Issue.pdf

Carol...could you please include this as additional correspondence for the meeting.

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**Subject:** Wastewater Process #4 (now being built)

Gentlemen,

Attached is a copy of my letter to Mr. Davies. If I have the correct facts, I am questioning the need to build a wastewater treatment process that can handle a maximum of 6,000,000 gallons a day when the most that can be sent to it from the existing processes is 3 million gallons a day.

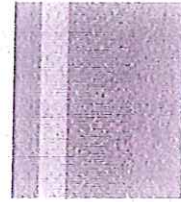
Hopefully, there is a legitimate reason for the overcapacity and not just the fact that your staff didn't bother to tell you that you really didn't need a 6,000,000 gallon system and could have spent less money on a 3,000,000 gallon system.

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January 16, 2017

Mike R. Davies  
General Manager  
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Dear Mr. Davies:

On August 4, 2016, I had a telephone conversation with Virgil Koehne. The following is my understanding of what Mr. Koehne told me:

1. The Town of Discovery Bay has a maximum capacity for 6,500 homes;
2. Currently, there are 6,100 completed homes;
3. The current Wastewater System has sufficient capacity to handle all of the 6,500 homes wastewater needs;
4. Currently there are three Wastewater treatment processes:
  - a. Process #1: has a maximum capacity of 7 million gallons per day;
  - b. Process #2: has a maximum capacity of 3 million gallons per day;
  - c. Process #2: has a maximum capacity of 4 million gallons per day;
5. The fourth treatment process, which is currently being built, has a capacity of 6 million gallons per day;
6. No one looked at a capacity study for less than 6 million gallons per day.

Please confirm that my understanding of the information provided to me by Mr. Koehne is correct.



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General Manager  
Town of Discovery Bay  
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If the information above is correct, please help me understand why the Town of Discovery Bay would spend the money (over \$7 million) to build Process #4, that can handle 6 million gallons per day when in fact the most that can be sent to it for processing would be 3 million gallons per day.

The Town of Discovery Bay has set the wastewater fees and the fees for the water based on a budget that will have sufficient cash flow to debt service the \$7 million bond being used to finance the construction. The CSD cannot set fees that exceed actual costs to provide the services. I question that using the cost for a project that is twice the size needed to justify the fees is legal.

Sincerely,



Charles W. Helfrick

Cc: All CSD Board Members (via email)