

**Public Comments**  
**Agenda Item 9 – Notice of Completion**  
**Wastewater Collections System Smoke Testing**  
Written Comments Received By 12pm on 03/13/2023



*March 13, 2023*  
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**From:** Coffey, Sarah  
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I just got an email from Emily saying there were no public comments to tonight's agenda, but the council did get one last week from Dan Stegink, see below.

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**From:** Dan Stegink [REDACTED]  
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WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR ITEM 9:  
PLEASE INCLUDE THESE IN ANY AGENDA PACKET UPDATES:

"Notice of Completion for Wastewater Collections System Smoke Testing FY 2022-2023"

I question whether the statement on packet Pg 92 is correct that: "Council may choose not to adopt the resolution accepting completion of the Project, but as the work has been satisfactorily completed, the Project will remain open, and staff will not be able to move forward with performing other smoke testing in other areas that have high I/I rates"

This smoke study will have been completed almost 90 days before it is being made public (coincidentally shortly after I filed a CPRA for a more extensive set of Smoke Testing documents), and we have already had one horrible toilet sewage flooding event that both staff and council could have learned from had it been made public sooner.

Surely Council understands how procedural delays such as are insinuated as to be required here work against the health and safety of the people.

Furthermore the obscured locations of this smoke test data prevent meaningful analysis of the results, and I suggest council obtain the full version, a copy of which I will provide to you should when my March first CPRA is responded to.

Finally I appreciate council's efforts to "look foward" to solutions, but suggest that the solution to this problems lie in detailed analyzations of the council's failures and suggest they agendize ab independent audit of how this toilet sewage flooding occured in the first place.

Please include the following letter I sent to City Mgr Woodhouse today:

"SUBJECT: Impending March 9 storm event  
Dear City Manager Woodhouse:

Please note the impending storm event scheduled to arrive this afternoon and schedule staff at the Linda Mar Pump Station appropriately.

Despite City of Pacifica's repeated insistence that a pump part failed during the Dec 31 2022 sanitary sewage flooding at Anza and Arguello, the pump was not turned on when our neighborhood flooded and as soon as it was turned on our neighborhood drained.

I am certain there are other factors at play here but as the closest residence to the Linda Mar pump station who can hear both the pumps and casual voices at the pump station at night from my bedroom, I can assure you that over and over again when our neighborhood floods THE HYDRO PUMP AT THE LINDA MAR PUMP STATION HAS NOT BEEN TURNED ON.

We continue to believe a remotely working Public Works director (as is my understanding has been the case for at least 24 months of the last three years) does not meet the health and safety needs of People of Pacifica.

We will be very pleased if our neighborhood stops flooding with toilet sewage.

Regards, Dan Stegink

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By Electronic transmission, USPS Mail and Hand Delivery

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**Christine Boles, Architect**

Pacifica City Councilmember, District 2

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