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Subject: RE: Comments on Community Infrastructure and Services  
Technical Report

John:

Ken Dean and I both reviewed and discussed the Infrastructure Technical Report for Redway CSD, and we agree that the report is essentially accurate, and no changes need to be made.

I am not able to respond officially on behalf of RCSD since we have not presented this to our board for their comments. I expect it will be best to save our final comments until after the public meeting in southern Humboldt, when we have all had a chance to look at the report and maps, and ask to questions of staff.

Informally, as you might have guessed, I find the "high" estimate way too high to be a realistic option for Redway CSD. But if it's merely a starting point from which we can work backwards to a realistic projection of Redway's capacity to absorb growth, then that's where we can start.

The simplest explanation of why we can't meet the high growth projections is that it will cost too much. That is apparent from your financial projections. Grant funding is getting more difficult to obtain so we can't count on "free" money to meet our needs. We can raise rates only as much as most households can afford to pay, which will likely be significantly below the amounts needed for debt service at high growth projections.

The other major constraint is the availability of water on the one hand and regulation of wastewater discharge on the other. It seems likely that there will be increasing restriction on our ability to both take water and discharge treated effluent, as growth makes greater and greater demands on our river.

Thanks for your help -- and we look forward to the public meeting and to working further with you.

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cc: Kirk Girard  
Tom Hofweber  
Martha Spencer