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Dear Mr. Madigan:

Calistoga's wastewater system is *clearly not adequate* and poses a serious threat to water quality and wildlife habitat in the Napa River watershed.

In January of this year the Calistoga City Council authorized a planning study for an additional wastewater storage pond – to be located very close to a large mobile home park. When asked by one of the park residents whether this was to provide capacity for the new resorts, City Manager Richard Spitler replied: “No, this is for present needs.”

If we need additional wastewater storage for “present needs,” *what will happen when three large, new resorts – and other previously-approved projects – demand increased wastewater treatment capacity?*

I have appeared before the City Council on two occasions (in April and September), asking whether a building moratorium might be in order. The council has not even deigned to *discuss* a pause in development.

Irresponsible actions by the Calistoga city government threaten to harm the Napa River. Please insist that the city upgrade the system before allowing further development.

Sincerely,

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