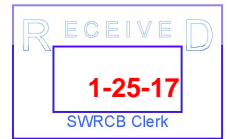


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When the town of Pescadero Ca finally received a safe public water system, many farms and even the high school were carved out of the system because Environmentalist believed that having a public water system would enhance growth and the creation of housing.

As a nursery we have had to build farm labor housing because anti growth policies have taken away much of the existing farm labor housing stock. People wanting to live on the coast cannot buy land to build a home. So they than instead buy something being rented as farm labor housing and rebuild the structure. This creates a labor shortage on the coast, and farmers find themselves having to provide housing. They in turn must deal with the regulations and the difficulties as well as cost in providing a “public water system”.

Many of us are close enough to the Pescadero Water system to have our housing served by this well maintained system, however because of fear of development we have been prevented from hooking up.

To provide a safe source of drinking water to the farm workers on the coast, I would hope the Water Board instill in City and County planners the benefits of including Farm worker housing in existing and planned water systems.

A local Farmer