Appendix E

Public Hearing Information August 11, 2009



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Carnuel Water System Improvements

Project Number 2316-ADW

Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2009

Time: 5:30 – 8:00 pm

Place: Cañon de Carnué Land Grant Hall, 340 Highway 66 East (see map below)

Agenda: 5:30-6:30 pm – pre-hearing open house and project review 6:30-7:15 pm – public hearing presentation 7:15-8:00 pm – question-and-answer session.

Purpose: The proposed Carnuel Water System Improvements project involves the construction of infrastructure needed to deliver a safe, reliable drinking water supply as well as provide water for fire protection to the Carnuel area. Water would be supplied through a connection to the existing public water system owned and operated by the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (ABCWUA). The ABCWUA and the Carnuel Mutual Domestic Water and Wastewater Consumers Association have secured a combination of grant and loan funding for the proposed project from State of New Mexico legislative appropriations, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the New Mexico Water Trust Board, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide a summary of the project and provide an opportunity for the public to provide both oral and written comments regarding the project.

Document Availability: A printed copy of the environmental information document for this project is available at the East Mountain Library in Tijeras, NM. An electronic copy of the environmental information document is available on the ABCWUA website at www.abcwua.org/carnuel. For more information, contact Eric Johnson, Marron and Associates, 898-8848, eric@marroninc.com.

Comments: Written comments will be accepted at the meeting, or they may be mailed or faxed to Eric Johnson, Marron and Associates, 7511 Fourth Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107, fax 505-897-7847. Comments will be accepted through August 25, 2009.

NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you need special assistance to participate in this public meeting, please contact Eric Johnson at least three days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made.



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FYI -

Todd A. Burt Project Manager Water Systems direct line: 505.798.7984 Bohannan Huston, Inc. Courtyard I, 7500 Jefferson St. NE Albuquerque, NM 87109-4335 www.bhinc.com voice: 505.823.1000 facsimile: 505.798.7988 toll free: 800.877.5332

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-----Original Message-----From: Kirk {mailto:kirk@evalteam.com} Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2009 3:21 PM To: Roth, Frank J.; Todd Burt Subject: RE: Carnuel Water System Public hearing

rank, I presented the alternative tank sites at the Echo Canyon Sighborhood Association meeting on Saturday. I tried to fairly present the alternatives and then went around the room asking for feedback. The overwhelming response was that neither the site in the plan nor the alternative site proposed in the canyon would be in keeping with the canyon open space. We explained that Anthony had indicated that Carnuel will still be able to receive clean drinking water by running pipes from an existing Water Authority tank, but that fire protection for them and others would be impacted by the lack of a tank.

On our "field" trip we had spotted another potential site near Riddle Road that was at the right elevation and Anthony/Todd were going to pursue that as a potential 4th site. I still think the best option is do take our time to find a tank site that is agreeable to the community, whichever community that ends up to be.

I would like to make a short powerpoint presentation during the public hearing. I'll bring a flash drive and hopefully I can plug into Todd's computer. If Todd has incorporated some of my Carnuel history slides, I will have an even shorter presentation.

thanks, Kirk

At 02:26 PM 08/03/2009, Roth, Frank J. wrote: >Attached is a map of possible tank locations in the Echo Canyon area. >We will have extra copies at the meeting. > -----Original Message----->From: Roth, Frank J. >Sent: Monday, August 03, 2009 9:45 AM >To: Kirk; Todd Burt Pc: Robert Julyan; Mary Subject: RE: Carnuel Water System Public hearing > >The meeting will be at the City-County building located west of Civic

>Plaza (5th & Marquette). You can park underground of Civic Plaza and >I'll validate your parking. Please bring your parking ticket with you o the meeting. Our office is located on the 5th Floor, Room 5012. >The Water Trust Board hearing was postponed and has not been >rescheduled. The hearing was postponed because they violated the Open >Meetings Act and could not hold the hearing last week. We are still >waiting to hear from them. >-Frank > >----Original Message----->From: Kirk [mailto:kirk@evalteam.com] >Sent: Monday, August 03, 2009 9:36 AM >To: Roth, Frank J.; Todd Burt >Cc: Robert Julyan; Mary >Subject: RE: Carnuel Water System Public hearing >Frank, That works for me. Are you at the City/County building at 5th and > >Marguette? I meant to inquire how Canuel made out with the >re-instatement >of the \$1 million funding with the Water Trust Board last week? thanks, >Kirk > >At 09:16 AM 08/03/2009, Roth, Frank J. wrote: > >Kirk, Bob and Mary: > >Would Tuesday at 10:30 am at the Water Authority Office work for you? > >Todd will be here for a 9 am meeting and is available the rest of the > >morning. > > > >We have a map of the different locations that I will e-mail to you. >Since we have not pinpointed the exact locations yet, I don't have GPS >coordinates. > > > >Thanks, Frank > > > >----Original Message-----> >From: Kirk [mailto:kirk@evalteam.com] > >Sent: Monday, August 03, 2009 8:08 AM > >To: Roth, Frank J.; Todd Burt > >Cc: Robert Julyan; Mary > >Subject: RE: Carnuel Water System Public hearing > > > >Frank, I'd be happy to meet. The only time I'm not available is Tuesday > >August 4 after 4PM, but can meet earlier in the day. Wednesday is open, > >right now. I'd like to include Bob & Mary Julyan, who were the other > >presenters at our meeting. They indicated that they could meet anytime. > >Would you like to meet at one of our houses, or at your offices? > > > >Would it be possible to get the GPS coordinates, so I can preview the > >alternative sites in Google Earth before our meeting? It could make our > >meeting go quicker. > > > >thanks, Kirk > > > > > >At 04:01 PM 07/31/2009, Roth, Frank J. wrote: > > > Kirk. > > >Bohannan-Huston is evaluating two alternative sites for the water >tank. > >> We would like to meet with you to give you a status report. Are you > > >available to meet with us August 4 or 5? We can meet you during the ∛>dav >> > > > > > > > > > or in the evening. Please provide us with available days and times. > > > > > >Thanks, Frank

> > > > > >----Original Message-----> >From: Eric Johnson [mailto:eric@marroninc.com] >>Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2009 12:23 PM > > >To: Kirk > > >Cc: Roth, Frank J.; Todd Burt > > >Subject: FW: Carnuel Water System Public hearing > > > > > > > > > > > >Thank you for your questions. > > > > > >You do not have to sign up before hand to make comments, and we will > > >provide > > >time for your presentation. > > > > > >For comments from the public, we request that > > > spoken comments are limited to 5 minutes. We will have a court >report > > >to > > >record comments. Additional comments can be provided in writing. > > > > > > Representatives from the Albuquerque Bernalillo Water Utility >Authority > > > and USDA Rural Development will attend the meeting. Other funding > > >agencies > > >will received copies of the transcripts. > > > > > >Thanks again for your questions. > > > > > >Eric Johnson > > >Marron and Associates > > >505-898-8848 >> >>> >On 7/27/09 1:41 PM, "Kirk" <kirk@evalteam.com> wrote: > > > > > > > Hi Eric, > > > > > > > > I was wondering if people have to sign up before hand to make > >comments > > >at > > > > the public hearing on Aug. 11th? Also, if one wants to make a > > >presentation? > > > > Are people from the funding agencies invited or expected to >attend? > > > > > > > > thanks, Kirk >>>> >> > >----- End of Forwarded Message > > > > >

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Subject: Re: Comments re Carnuel Water system- Griego Comments Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2009 7:36 AM Om: Eric Johnson <eric@marroninc.com> To: LM Garcia y Griego <Imgarciaygriego@me.com>

Thank you for your comments.

Eric Johnson 898-8848

On 8/25/09 4:57 PM, "LM Garcia y Griego" <lmgarciaygriego@me.com> wrote:

> My name is Manuel García y Griego; my address is 3 Filiberto Ln SE,
> Albuquerque, 87123, in Carnuel. I am attaching to this Email a
> scanned copy of my father's comment. Both of us attended the Aug 11
> meeting you held at the Cañón de Carnué Land Grant. I should note
> also that my sister and I own about six acres in the area between
> Highway 333 and Interstate 40--the high priority area in Carnuel for
> water--and plan to connect to the water system when we construct homes
> there in the next 5 years.

> I strongly support the use of a water tank in Carnuel. It is my > understanding that we can obtain water from the city without a tank, > but that only if we have a tank can we get fire protection. Fire > protection is and should be a strong priority for Carnuel residents. > I support whatever activity the Mutual Domestic Water Association can > put forth to get this done.

> Finally, I want to thank the people who organized the Aug 11 meeting.> It was informative and the organizers struck me as well-prepared and> attentive to Carnuel residents.

-LM García y Griego

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	Comment Form Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (ABCWUA)
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Send form and comments by August 25, 2009 to:

Marron and Associates, Inc. 7511 4th Street NW Albuquerque, NM 87107 Attn: Eric Johnson Phone: (505) 898-8848 Fax: (505) 897-7847 E-mail: <u>eric@marroninc.com</u> To whom it may concern:

We are submitting the documents listed below to support our position that any plans by the Albuquerque Bernalillo Municipal Water Utilities Authority to place one or more large water tanks in Echo Canyon would degrade the character of the canyon, lower property values, and be contrary to the wishes of the community affected. We are supported in this by N.M. State Senator Sue Beffort and County Commissioner Michael Brasher.

Petition from Echo Canyon Residents Opposed to Water Tanks

Letters from Echo Canyon Neighborhood Association to Senator Sue Wilson Beffort and County Commission Michael Brasher

Minutes from Echo Canyon Neighborhood Association Meeting of June 27

Minutes from Echo Canyon Neighborhood Association Meeting of July 15 with Water Authority

Minutes, list of attendees, and materials from Echo Canyon Neighborhood Association Meeting of July 23 with Senator Sue Wilson Beffort and County Commission Michael Brasher

Letter from Brian Hart

Letter from Bob Julyan

Letter from Kirk Minnick

Email from Karen Foster

Presentation materials from August 11th Public Meeting

Our reasons for this position are detailed in the accompanying materials, but on behalf of the members of the Echo Canyon Neighborhood Association I wanted to state formally our opposition to large water tanks being placed in Echo Canyon..

Respectfully,

8/24/09

Robert Thompson, President Echo Canyon Neighborhood Association

PETITION FROM ECHO CANYON RESIDENTS

We, the below signed residents of Echo Canyon, a private residential community, are strongly opposed to any plans for a water tank on proposed sites 1 and 2 for the following reasons:

- 1. The installation would **fail** to meet the New Mexico Environmental Department's standards for land use and visual impact.
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Senator Sue Wilson Beffort 67 Raindance Road Sandia Park, NM 87047

Dear Senator Beffort,

I'm writing to thank your for your responsiveness to the concerns of residents of Echo Canyon regarding placing one or two large tanks in our community, and especially for taking the time to meet with us on July 23 and to attend the public hearing on August 11. We know it was difficult to fit these into your busy schedule, yet you did it, and we are very appreciative.

Anthony Montoya of the Water Authority assured us that if an appropriate location for the tank(s) could not be found soon, Phase Two would be postponed and all available funds would be directed to Phase One and additional pipeline for Carnuel. This would allow the project to go forward, and Carnuel will receive city water at the earliest possible date. This is gratifying to us as we do not want to impede the project, as we support efforts to bring clean, uncontaminated water to the residents of Carnuel at the bottom of Echo Canyon. We hope the Water Authority respects our concerns and wants to take the extra time to locate an appropriate location for the water tank(s)that will be consistent with the rural area in which we live.

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Commissioner Michael Brasher Bernalillo County Commission One Civic Plaza NW Albuquerque, NM 87102

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ECNA Meeting Minutes - June, 2009

Present at Dick Bauman's home: Bob Thompson, ECNA President, Bob Yokely, Bob and Mary Julyan, Dick Bauman, Eddie Collins, Fred Sanchez, Jesse Leiker, Kirk Minnick and Ann.

Most discussion centered on the expected extension of water and sewer lines into Echo Canyon as part of plans to bring Carnuel into the Albuquerque water system. "You don't <u>have to</u> hook up to the water system, but if you choose to do so in the future it will be <u>much</u> more expensive," said Bob Thompson.

Of special concern was the placement of a water tank, tentatively to be located in the open space northeast of Jack Malpas's house. It was felt this would be an eyesore and could possibly encourage unwanted vehicular traffic. "Why don't they use the site of the two existing tanks?" someone asked. These are north of the proposed site and are surrounded by shrubbery and relatively inconspicuous. [After the meeting Bob Thompson posed this question to an engineer working on the project and learned that he was unaware of the existing tanks, so the tank situation remains unresolved.] It was learned that fire hydrants would accompany water lines, which would reduce homeowner fire insurance rates. Sewer lines are expected to follow the water lines relatively soon, though the water is the highest priority.

"We don't have enough facts," said Kirk, so it was agreed that Bob Thompson would invite a project engineer to meet with Echo Canyon residents at his earliest convenience. All residents will be notified of this meeting and urged to attend.

Regarding the roads, uncertainty persists regarding their present and future status. The consensus at the meeting was that the present arrangement was adequate for now and that no demands should be placed on Erma Fach's estate at present.

Eddie Collins generously reiterated his offer to create signage at the canyon's bottom, emphasizing not just "private roads" but a "private community."

Jesse Leiker was welcomed as a ECNA member. He purchased the property west of the arroyo and has put in a well in advance of building a house.

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In addressing the need for cooperation on all the issues facing the canyon, Eddie said, "We have a unique opportunity to live in a unique situation—because we have control." Respectfully submitted, Bob Julyan, ECNA Secretary

Minutes from ECNA Meeting with Water Authority Representatives - July 15, 2009

Present were: Bob Thompson, ECNA President; David & Karen Foster, Beverley & Ray Josepherson, Brian Hart & Tori Bushnell, Dick Bauman, Kim Murak, Mary Julyan, Jesse Leiker, Bob Yokely, and Kirk Minnick from Echo Canyon and Anthony Montoya and Fred Roth from the Water Authority and Todd Burt from Bohannan Huston, the engineers.

Bob Thompson introduced members from the ABCWUA and Bohannan Huston (BHI). Anthony Montoya discussed information related to the project at which point Todd Burt of BHI discussed the current status of the project. The following information was shared with the members.

Todd and the ABCWUA discussed the overall project cost and the phasing of the project, which was established, based on the priority areas determined by Bernalillo County. Carnuel area was identified as service Area 1 and given higher priority in the phasing of the project. The upper portion of Echo Canyon would be completed as one of the last phases of the entire project.

Todd identified the areas included in the environmental assessment as an overview to where the pipeline alignment is planned. The line would extend from Camino De La Sierra (which is at the end of Menual) to NM 333 to Echo Canyon. The line would continue east on NM 333 from Echo Canyon to provide service to the area of Carnuel. Within Echo Canyon, the line location would remain in the existing roadway and terminate at the proposed tank.

BHI prepared a figure identifying the area which will be served with the current funding available and construction activities. Within Echo Canyon, the limit of this zone is near Camino De Cielo.

The engineer provided an overall site plan for the tank site and discussed that the current phase will include the construction of a single tank, however the site area has been evaluated to allow for an additional tank and booster station to be constructed at a later date. The two tanks were recommended due to the limited demand in the area and

concerns with water quality. The tank site was shown in an open area between Triad loop and Camino De Alto. The tank would have approximate dimensions of 24'h x 40'd.

Additionally, a chain link fence as required by current standards would secure the site

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the tank site and the following comments were noted:

The tank dimensions were a concern and a question was raised as to whether or not the tank height could be reduced. It was noted this height is consistent with current ABCWUA standards.. Concerns were noted about the use of a chain link fence around the tank site and if there was some way to make it more visually appealing. Brian Hart, property owner closest to the tank site, indicated he had signed an agreement to have first right of refusal for the property being considered for the tank. He also indicated that the construction of this tank will limit his ability toremodel / expand his house, lower his property value and he would not even be provided water once the tank is constructed.

The booster pump station was discussed as to location. It was noted the public meeting will be held on August 11th and the EA document will be available on the ABCWUA website for review.

The Environmental Report is available on the website at <u>http://www.abcwua.org/carnuel</u>. --Adapted from Todd Burt's minutes by Kirk Minnick
Minutes from ECNA Meeting with Political Representatives - July 23, 2009

Present were: EC residents/owners: Brothers, Brown, Clark, Collins, Husa, Josephson, Julyan, Matulka, Minnick, Moore, Pohl, Sims, Sanchez, Steider, Thompson, Yokley. Guests: NM Senator Beffort, County Commissioner Brasher, Montoya and Roth of ABCWUA, Burt and Thomte, BHI, and Garcia and Gutierrez of Carnuel MDW.

We welcomed our guest and introductions were made. The purpose of the meeting was to express community concerns to our elected official about the plan to install 1-2 large water tanks in the middle of the canyon, just off the road. Kirk, Bob J. and Mary made a 20 minute presentation outlining our concerns. The presentation included a history of the efforts to provide residents in Carnuel/Tijeras Canyon with clean drinking water, including the formation of CDW and their success in obtaining over \$3 million to design and begin building a water system.

Included in the plans are to install a 200,000 gallon water tank next the home of Brian Hart, adjacent to Camino El Alto. Concerns were raised about the visual impact on the community. The tank would be large and surrounded by a chain link fence and bar wire and visible by many in the canyon. It was also pointed out that the tank and its size conflicts with the intent of both the East Mountain Area Plan and Tijeras/Carnuel plans promoting a rural area. It was felt that the proposed tanks were an oversized burden for a small community with 31 homes. The issue of inadequate notification and planning was raised. ECNA did not learn of the proposed size of the tanks until July 15.

Bob J and Mary spoke of the history of the canyon and how Fred and Erma had kept infrastructure to a minimum in order to maintain the beauty of nature. The legality of the easement signed by Erma was raised, since her Erma was 92 and legally blind at the time and her lawyer of 15 years had never seen the document. Although Brain Hart was not able to attend he had written a letter indicating he had right of first refusal to the land in question, his concern for lowered property values and asking the ABCWUA to consider alternative locations.

Throughout the presentation, it was stressed that EC residents are supportive of the water project and do not want to impede its progress. However, the tank site selection in the middle of the canyon was unacceptable. After the presentation, the elected officials asked the ABCWUA if they could look into alternative tank locations.

The lawyer, Tim Steider, for Erma's estate attended the meeting and expressed sympathy for our concerns regarding the tank placement. He also stated "I can file a TRO if need be". --Submitted by Kirk Minnick Carnuel MDW&WWCA Meeting: July 23rd, 2009

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Encantado Water Tank



Visible Impact of Tank on Community

- Proposed tank is large and is designed to hold 200,000
- Will be surrounded by chain link fence and barbed wire
- Placed right in the middle of canyon, just off road
- Would be visible by many homes, both up and down the canyon
- Early plan was to provide water from Escondido tanks using underground pipes, not large storage tanks in a rural area









Inadequate Notification and Planning

- Learned of size and location of tanks on July 15 at a meeting requested by ECNA
- Neighbor adjacent to tanks site was never contacted
- No alternative sites for Phase 1 tank(s) explored
- Every "alternative" in Environmental Report includes tanks in Echo Canyon
- Public hearing is scheduled for a Tuesday at 5:30PM in August
- Feeling that the stimulus money, more than anything else, is driving the project instead of good planning







Neighbor Adjacent to Proposed Tank Location

- Right of first refusal for land in question
- Echo Canyon Corporation who currently owns the land has not been approached
- Do not want to work against water project
- Consider alternative tank locations
- Eminent domain rumors
- Tank and pumping equipment will lower property value

Reactions from Elected Representatives

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Senator Sue Wilson Beffort

County Commissioner Michael Brasher

Dear Senator and Commissioner,

My name is Brian Hart. I was not able to attend tonight's meeting as I am in Missouri for a Family Reunion.

I live directly adjacent to the property of the proposed Tank location. When I purchased the home I am currently living in, one of the biggest selling points was my right of first refusal for the land in question.

It is my understanding that Echo Canyon Corporation has not been approached for the sale of this land and has not been informed that the land will be used for the purposes of water storage or distribution.

I have heard rumors of eminent domain coming into play. I hope that the myriad needs of the community and I will not be ignored by such an invasive and reprehensible government action.

I do not want to work against the water project and neither do the other concerned members of this community. I understand the needs of Carnuel, Echo Canyon and beyond. I would ask that concessions be made and considered for an alternative location (like the site of the current tanks). There is already land that we all consider unavailable and designated for utilities. If an alternative location cannot be used, A more attractive and compact design might be a possibility.

On a personal note, this tank and related pumping equipment will definitely lower the curb appeal of my home and thus lower my property value. Ironically, all of this will happen and my house will not receive a drop of new water for 7 to 12 years if you consider the current plan.

Please take note of the wishes and suggestions of me and all of the attendees at tonight's meeting. As voting constituents, please represent our wishes to the best of your abilities.

Sincerely,

Brian Hart

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One Resident's Perspective

At a hastily called and sparsely attended meeting last week with a representative of the Albuquerque Water Authority, Echo Canyon residents learned that plans to bring city water to the Carnuel area include placing at least one large water tank (25 feet high by 40 feet in diameter) in the open space immediately north of Camino el Alto and Triad Loop. We also learned that houses north of Bob Thompson's home that do not have wells and that need water will not soon get it under this plan–and that sewer lines, a more pressing, universal need, remain a distant dream.

Not only is the proposed tank enormous, but also it would be surrounded by a formidable chain-link fence, perhaps topped with razor-wire. For those of you not familiar with these tanks, please visit the one at Encantado NE a tank (see picture below) with approximately the same dimensions as the one proposed for Echo Canyon can be seen at Four Hills as well.

The installation of such a tank in the center of Echo Canyon would dramatically degrade the canyon's character, from the quasi-natural environment we all love to something resembling an industrial site. It certainly isn't consistent with the vision Fred Fach had for the canyon; he wanted all utilities underground the area landscaped for the enjoyment of all the Echo Canyon residents. The area where the tank would be located is an important and well-used corridor for wildlife, whose passage would then be blocked.

All our property values would be significantly reducedand many residences who need water the most still would not get it for many years. As one resident put it, "Echo Canyon has become the sacrificial lamb. We will morph from the most desirable area in Carnuel to the least, all in the next few months."



Construction and maintenance of the tank and pump house would lead to increased vehicular traffic on the canyon's dirt roads, and raise the possibility of vandalism. Road traffic in the canyon would increase, as would the potential for vandalism

Input into these plans by canyon residents was minimal at best; the meeting at which the plans were described was called by the canyon residents, not by the water authority, who were invited. And no one notified of the meeting had any idea that a huge tank would be discussed; we had always been led to believe that both city water and sewer would be brought to the canyon via buried lines.

The plan does not adequately address the genuine water needs of the canyon, as water from the tank would not be available to approximately half the residents.

We have great sympathy and support for the Carnuel residents whose wells are contaminated, and also for the Echo Canyon residents whose water supplies are inadequate. But we do not believe that these problems can only be solved by sacrificing Echo Canyon, and we ask you to join us in urging the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Authority less harmful and more effective alternatives.

Bob Julyan 31 Avenue Almendra Albuquerque, NM 87123

August 18, 2009

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Dear Marron & Associates,

Many of us in the canyon were not pleased with the information we received at the meeting about the water tank. I count myself among them.

I personally have been a member of the Carnuel Water Association since 2002, which I believe is the year it was formed. I thought it was a good idea for the community and me personally. I've already put in 2 wells, one in 1990 and another in 2005 when the first went dry. The second one cost me \$8,000. My understanding was the Carnuel Mutual Domestic Water & Waster Water Consumers Association (CMDW&WWCA) was formed to be able to have a say in how water and sewer would be provided for them, not to them. Their mission has always been to: ...provide quality water and wastewater service for the community of Carnuel. The CMDW&WWCA is committed to protecting common land and water for future generations".

Well, we have common land in Echo Canyon that we all want to protect. According to the engineering study the number of residents in the Carnuel/Tijeras Canyon study area in 2010 will be 2,220. I think that is a little high, since it is based on county population growth estimates. I can state that Echo Canyon has 31 homes and one small apartment building for a grand total of 80 residents. So why do we need a 200,000 gallon tank?

There have been multiple attempts to bring water to the Tijeras canyon area and especially Carnuel, where ground water is high in nitrates.

According to the Tijeras Canyon/Canuel Plan 2006, "In 1998, the City of Albuquerque commissioned Boyle Engineering to prepare the Water Master Plan 1998." That water plan proposed using the existing Escondido Reservoir located in the Manzano/Four Hills Open Space and a new Escondido Pump Station and new 12E reservoir, in order to transport water from the existing reservoir to Dead Man's Curve. The plan was pretty detailed and I remember attending the public meeting at the Community Center in Tijeras. It was not well received by most people in attendance, which seemed to include residents from Carnuel, Monitcello, and Echo Canyon. There was a lot of concern about the potential for growth that the water would bring growth and the lack of input by residents in the design of the system. I believe there was also a study in 2000 by Souder Miller that reiterated the recommendation of the 1998 study.

The county has not served the residents of the Tijeras Canyon/Carnuel area well over the years. Collectively we do not have a lot of voting power and we do not have money and resources like Four Hills. The money that is currently being used for the water plan was received though a lot of hard work by the CMDW&WWCA. As far as I know, there is no money being contributed by the County itself.

I have experienced city planning while living by 4th and Menual. Again, this was not an area with a lot of political influence. W&W Steel wanted to expand their operation into the surrounding residential community. Residents did not want the additional noise and lights, etc. The solution was a high block wall and landscaping to shield the wall. The landscaping was planted but sparsely

watered, so that within a couple of years we were staring at a concrete wall with concertina wire on top. I think you'll see the same kind of forgotten landscaping in the picture of the Encantado tank just over the mountain.

Last weekend I went to Four Hills to try and find their water tank. I couldn't find it. Why? Because they were able to force the then ABQ Water Authority to place the Escondido tank behind their hill. Well, it's behind their hill, but it's the one we see. The other tank is well placed out of sight behind natural obstructions, not plopped right in the middle of the community. Can you imagine them having a 200,000 water tank by Four Hills Golf Club?

Now, I don't mean to pick on Four Hills. I think they have a wonderful community and have worked hard to keep it that way. They have a strong neighborhood association and support each other. We can, however, learn from them and others who have invested the time, energy and money to protect their community.

These water tanks would have a significant impact on our canyon and our way of life. Let me end by sharing a recent article from the Eastern Arizona Courier about a similar situation. A homeowner objected to a 2million gallon tank being planned next to his land. He asked if the engineers could come up with some options to place the tank elsewhere. The director of utilities stated that the project was viewed as a critical capital need, and the engineer explained that the site selection fit the main criteria and every rule had been followed. The mayor and city council of the community of Safford, AZ instructed the engineers to find another site, because even though all the rules were followed and the city had met its legal requirements 100%, it did not meet its moral obligation. Let's hope that we in Echo Canyon can have a similar outcome.

Sincerely,

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Kirk Minnick 49 Camino El Alto NE Albuquerque, NM 87123

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I'm sorry we won't be able to make the meeting. David has never gotten home that early. Is there a way we can let someone speak for us? We agree that the tanks are totally unacceptable, both for the esthetic value and property value devalued. Also it is not just for Echo Canyon to shoulder the greatest burden and then some not even be able to get water anyway. We also remember that the early plan was for us to get water straight from Albuquerque by means of underground pipes. Please voice our concerns as well since we won't be able to be there. I could give you something in writing if that would help. Thanks

Karen Foster

----- Original Message -----

From: "Kirk"

Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2009 8:16:33 AM GMT -07:00 US/Canada Mountain

Subject: ECNA Meeting with elected officials

There will be a special meeting this Thursday July 23 at 5:30PM with NM Senator Sue Wilson Beffort and County Commissioner Michael Brasher. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the plan to build first one and possibly two large (25 tall by 40 wide) water tanks in the middle of the canyon along the road. Please plan to attend so you can provide your input.

Public Hearing: Carnuel Water System Improvements

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Echo Canyon Neighborhood Association Concerns about Water Tank Sites

August 11, 2009



- 1998 Boyle Engineering prepared a Master Water Plan for Tijeras Canyon/Carnuel area
- 2000 Souder Miller Engineers affirmed 1998 study of using Escondido Reservoir
- 2001 Carnuel Mutual Domestic formed



- CMDW worked hard to apply for and receive \$2.8 million in funding from State, SPA, NM Water Trust Board, and USDA
- 2004 CMDW drilled a well able to serve 140 homes by A. Montoya school and planned to construct a 140,000 gallon water tank
- NM Water Engineer required they obtain water rights, which slowed progress



- 2007 CMDW members voted to work with Water Authority
- 2008 September Community meeting led by Water authority outlining plans
- 2009 April –Community meeting presenting Preliminary plans and alternatives
- 2009 May –CMDW receives \$2 million in Federal stimulus money
- 2009 July Bohannan Huston engineers release Environmental Report

Visible Impact of Tank on Community

- Proposed tank is large and is designed to hold 200,000 gallons
- Will be surrounded by chain link fence and barbed wire
- Would be visible by many homes, both up and down the canyon
- Early plan was to provide water from Escondido tanks using underground pipes, not large storage tanks in a rural area



Inconsistent with Rural Area

- Conflicts with East Mountain Area Plan(EMA), as well as Tijeras Canyon/Carnuel plans
- EMA plan states "in a rural area, a healthy natural ecosystem dominates the landscape, and development is limited and not easily seen from most roadways"
- Large water tanks are not consistent with either of these plans produced by the county with public input over many years



Echo Canyon Efforts

- ECNA and over 20 residents met with Senator Beffort, Commissioner Brasher and Water Authority on July 23
- Water Authority began search for alternative sites
- Neighbors met with engineer and visited sites

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- Alternative sites share similar problems to proposed site in Environmental Plan
- Additional time is needed to select/design tank location(s) more conducive to a rural community
- Recommend providing water to Carnuel through pipeline from existing Water Authority tanks

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