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Subject: Iron and Manganese Filtration

Although water quality tests have shown that our existing well water shows iron and manganese contents to exceed the State's Safe Drinking Water Standards, capital expenditure for complicated filtration equipment is NOT necessarily required. Iron and manganese fall under the State's secondary standards which do not require correction if the users of the system vote to accept the secondary standard deficiency by voting not to install corrective equipment.

High iron and manganese content is common for well water found throughout Tuolumne County. Contents higher than the State Standards do not pose a health risk. However, typical results of high iron and manganese are staining of porcelain and/ or a reddish/darkening discoloration of laundry (particularly with bleach or bleach containing detergents). These effects are aesthetic rather than health related.

As a Sierra Park Home owner for 10 years, I have always enjoyed the taste of the Odd Fellows Sierra Park water. The system has been very reliable at a very low cost. I believe adding iron/manganese filters is unwarranted and will create an operation and maintenance cost burden that will be as undesirable as the horrendous \$20,000 to \$30,000 initial expense. Both of these undesirable expenditures can be avoided only if the voters of the Park vote against the installation of corrective equipment. A failure to vote must, by State regulation, be counted as a vote for the equipment and expenditure.

I request the Board of Directors include this letter in the next set of Board Minutes to be mailed to all Sierra Park Home Owners.

Respectfully,

s/ Tommy A. Keller