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Subject: Concerns re: Cascade Shores Community Leach Field Project

Dear Heidi Hall (Supervisor, District 1) and Board of Supervisors,

The Cascades Shores Alliance for Land Safety (CSALS) is a citizens group of Cascade Shores residents formed to communicate our united concerns regarding the proposed Cascade Shores leach field project. We are following up on our September 14 letter to which we received no response, expressing our deep concerns regarding the proposed Cascade Shores Community Leach Field Project. We requested the Board of Supervisors work with the State Water Board to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on this project prior to proceeding.

In the upcoming December 11th Board of Supervisors meeting, Item 55a. SR 18-1077 requests approval for an amendment to the contract between Nevada County Sanitation District No. 1 and Coastland Civil Engineering, Inc. for design and project management services for the Cascade Shores Community Leach Field Project, extending the contract termination date from November 30, 2018 to December 31, 2019. [Staff Report Memo Amendment No. 1 Coastland Engineering Cascade Shores C.. 12.11](#) authored by Brad Torres with approval by Trisha Tillotson also states: "that work is currently on schedule and is *planned for a construction start in spring/summer 2019.*"

CSALS provided the attached letter (2018.09.11 Nevada County Board of Supervisors Letter), an abundance of data (including a Nevada County-commissioned report), and an independent study, that conclude the Nevada County project to build a leach field in Cascade Shores on land which has sustained numerous, major landslides has significant potential for loss and damage to our homes, as well as poses a significant safety concern for those living in the surrounding area. Recent landslides in February 2017 on the same Nevada County-owned land designated for construction of the leach field have already resulted in the complete loss of two homes. We understand several lawsuits are currently underway by those who lost their homes due to landslides on County-owned land. To move forward on this project that will inject 14,000 gallons of leachate, on a daily basis, into land that has sustained recent landslides is deeply concerning. Our September 11th letter summarizes the steps CSALS has undertaken that substantiate our grave concerns. Additionally, the interpretation of our California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) legal expert is the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162(a)(2) requires a subsequent or supplemental EIR when substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken. The 2017 landslide that occurred on the County property planned for the leach field clearly is a substantial change in circumstances that our attorney feels must be evaluated. If there was ever a situation that calls for a supplemental EIR under the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, this is the case.

The Board of Supervisors has the responsibility to the citizens of Cascade Shores to protect their property from harm that is likely to result from locating the leach field in this dangerous location. It has a responsibility to taxpayers to assure that the Clean Water funds provided to Nevada County are prudently spent. The Board of Supervisors also has the duty to comply with the law—in this case CEQA and “assure an apprehensive citizenry through a public process that the environmental risks have been minimized.”

CSALS reiterates our request the Board of Supervisors work with the State Water Board to conduct a new Environmental Impact Report on this project, before it proceeds. In light of the information we have provided, to continue to move forward on this project without an EIR is irresponsible, both fiscally and environmentally.

We hope the Board of Supervisors will act in the best interest of the residents of Cascade Shores. We ask for a second time, that the Board acting as the Sanitation District Board schedule a business item to discuss this issue at your next available meeting and notify us reasonably in advance of the date it is scheduled so the citizens of Cascade Shores can communicate directly to you our deep concerns about this project as currently planned and the Board can take appropriate action.

Thank you,

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From: **Cascade Shores Alliance For Land Safety** <csals.888@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Sep 14, 2018 at 1:31 PM

Subject: Environmental Impact of Proposed Cascade Shores Community Leach Field Project

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Dear Supervisor,

Attached is a letter expressing our concerns regarding the proposed Cascade Shores community leach field project. We thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter..

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