## **Yvette Gillespie**

**From:** Yvette Gillespie on behalf of Records Clerk

Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 3:22 PM

To: 'Gary Galloway'
Cc: Consumer Contact

Subject: RE: RE. Docket #20240032-SU

Good afternoon Gary and Judy Galloway,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20240032, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

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We, homeowners on Don Pedro Island, are writing to ask the PSC to **deny** Environmental Utilities LLC application for wastewater service for the following reasons:

- 1. No water quality testing has been done in our area to prove a need for sewers. This project brings the potential for destruction of habitat and interference with endangered species such as the gopher tortoise.
- 2. We have not requested sewer service on the Island.
- 3. We are concerned that EU is a private, for-profit utility company and therefore is not accountable to anyone. If problems arise, residents have no direct recourse for addressing issues.

- 4. EU has <u>no experience</u> owning a wastewater utility and that is very concerning. We do NOT want to be their guinea pig project.
- 5. We are concerned with the costs involved in doing this project. Since EU has no experience doing a project like this, they have no history of information on which to base the costs involved. They are only guessing what the costs will be for homeowners.
- 6. EU has **not** included in the cost projection the following:
  - \*The burden to homeowners of having a licensed electrician install an electrical panel to handle the system pump.
  - \* The grinder pump has a limited capacity (60 gal) and in the event of a power outage will be unable to function for long. Homeowners will need a generator to keep the system running to avoid sewage back-up.
  - \* Landscaping and hardscaping around the septic area will need to be cleared at the expense of the homeowner to gain access to crush & fill the septic tank.

The PSC ruled on this proposal in 2022 and nothing has changed since that ruling. The Islands residents don't want a <u>private entity sewer system</u> and Mr. Boyer and EU are <u>not experienced</u> in this type of utility. <u>Please deny this application once again.</u>

Gary and Judy Galloway

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