

July 5, 2017

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Marin Community Development Agency  
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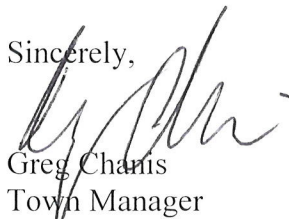
Dear Mr. Havel,

The Town of Tiburon is in receipt of your June 19, 2017 notice, requesting comments to the Martha Company's June 6, 2017 modified project Master Plan. The Town has reviewed the modified project and offers the following comment relating to fire safety.

The proposed Martha Company project is adjacent to the Town of Tiburon's Hill Haven and Lyford Cove/Old Tiburon neighborhoods. Given that any fire on the Martha Company's property could quickly spread to these neighborhoods, the Town is concerned about the project having an adequate water supply to suppress any potential fire emanating from the property. The Town understands that the modified project lowers the proposed water tank, and that the relocated water tank would have less pressure to certain proposed lots within the subdivision. However, the Town has no information indicating that this potential loss in pressure will not diminish the utility of required fire sprinklers and/or fire hydrants. The Town has not been provided with any calculations concerning whether the resulting water pressure from the lowered water tank would be sufficient to both 1) supply water to sprinklers within each proposed lot, and 2) provide sufficient water to each fire hydrant should those hydrants be needed to combat any fire. Without these calculations, the Town is unable to verify whether there is in fact adequate water pressure to mitigate any potential damage resulting from a fire.

The Town expects that the County will review these calculations before considering approval of the modified project, and obtain independent third party confirmation that the water pressure is adequate to provide water in the event of a fire. Given the important health and safety issues involved in preventing damage and potential loss of life in any fire, the Town requests third party verification that the proposed relocated water tank will adequately serve the project.

Sincerely,

  
Greg Chanis  
Town Manager

Cc: Tiburon Fire Protection District  
Marin Municipal Water District



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