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District 3 Dear Pinewood/Munds Park Resident,

After a year of the community wrestling with the challenges of seeking an appropriate location for a Public Works facility close to, or within the community, our Citizen's Committee concluded their process in December 2020 and issued their recommendations (see attached committee report). While ideally, we would have seen a single location, it was challenging to achieve that objective. They narrowed potential sites down to areas that will need additional work in the future.

To provide the opportunity for this process to occur, we removed the funding for this project to be considered in future budgets. Now that we have experienced the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the economy and the resulting downturn, we will have to delay the project for an indefinite amount of time (see attached letter from Public Works Director and Deputy County Manager Lucinda Andreani). The Committee's work was quite helpful in narrowing potential locations into more practical and acceptable sites related to community perception. Additionally, we may have an opportunity to work with the Pinewood Sanitary District on a temporary solution to enhance our service.

I need to compliment the Committee Members, starting with their Chair Tom Eade. While dealing with emotions and varied information, often which rolled off social media in rapid-fire, Tom maintained a steady hand navigating the process by bringing it back to focus on the task at hand.

I compliment him and the committee members for their willingness to put themselves out there to work through a process where public scrutiny could become adversarial in front of their community. It is not comfortable to sit in such a seat. As the process progressed, it provided the opportunity to stabilize. I want to compliment every Committee member for their work in this process:

- Bud Alter
- Walt Brodzinski
- Sandee Caviness
- Wes Deam
- Dick Drinen
- Sharon Emery
- Joe Holcombe
- Cat Klein
- Roy Levenda
- Gail VanDeurzen
- Everette Worfolk

I also want to thank Scott Bowen and Roy Levenda, who were initially on the Committee but resigned.

I thank our Public Works staff who worked with the Committee and the community. Special thanks to Deputy Public Works Director Eslir Musta who was the coordinator. Thank you Eslir! Job well done! Thanks to Lucinda Andreani for providing staff to work together with the community. Additionally, they are:

- Carl Fuller, Road Maintenance Operations Division Manager
- Jeff Stein, Capital Projects
- Jeremy Floyd, Administrative Services Division Manager
- Marc Della Rocca, Community Relations Manager

I thank the Sheriff's office, District Ranger Matt McGrath and Forest Service Staff, Fire Chief Josh Tope and The Pinewood Fire District, Pinewood Sanitary District, and Flagstaff Unified School District for their participation in the process.

I thank the community for participating in the process and seeking creative solutions.

Finally, I wish to conclude by encouraging the Community of Pinewood/Munds Park to take the opportunity to work with your neighbors on community building. I believe that this is a moment to encourage us to recognize the beauty of the community and the people who live within. It is a time to remember this and enhance our relationships.

Sincerely,



Matt Ryan
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