

Max Overland

From: Melissa Stone on behalf of Clerk of the Board
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 10:54 AM
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Dear Clerk,

I am one of the home owners in the old abbey place area, san jose. On behalf of the home owners in this area, I am writing to let you know that we are suffering from crazily high flood insurance cost for our homes. We hope this issue can be reviewed and addressed.

My home address as an example: 1315 Old Abbey Place, San Jose, CA 95132

Fact:

1. The current flood insurance is more than \$2.2k/year. This is at a "discounted rate", and it is increasing every year to a "full-risk" premium, which is more than \$8k/year;
2. Meagan Calahan of SVWD researched that this area was not flooded in the last 65 years;
3. Elevation certificate is not useful.

It is understood that flood may happen at a certain probability. However, the concern is if a model-calculated 1% flood zone (AE zone) is truly reflecting the flood risk in this particular area, and if yes, we are eager to see near-future efforts on it. Two years ago, I was told a Penitencia-creek project with both federal and local fund can cover this area, but the recent update shows only local fund is available. After that, I lost the context for this project.

Just hours ago, I got the information there will be a public hearing tomorrow on the Penitencia-creek project. It is a bit late for me to fit it into my schedule, so I am sending my comment through email and hope it is reviewed at the public hearing. I hope there is another opportunity that we can meet and discuss the risk of flood, protection, and the burden on the home owners in this area. I hope there will be meaningful actions to address this issue.

Best regards,
Dr. Ming Xia





