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Hello,

Please read the comment out in the 4/26 council meeting, and include it in the council meeting minutes, public comment.

Clean drinking water is fundamental and essential to good health. California Water Service delivery to Los Altos, from ewg.org, finds 14 contaminants exceeding their health guidelines. These may be associated with the processed ground water being blended into our drinking water.

California Water Service is now planning to process waste water and also blend that into our drinking water. That processing will be particularly challenging, given all of the drugs and other things now a part of waste water. The Washington Post article, 'To find out where the covid pandemic is headed, look here: The sewer', would indicate that waste water has major issues. (https://url.avanan.click/v2/https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2022/04/14/coronavirus-in-wastewater-sewer/_YXAzOmxcv2FsdG9zY2E6YTpvOjE4OWNkYTAwODY1ZDQ2MDcwYmFmZg5ODUxNj5NDY4OjY6NzgyODo5Mm10ZTE0Y2I0YWFmMzg2ZDI4NTBkYzAxNzk0NzU0OTM3Nzg3ODhkMDUyODhkMWQ3M2NhODZlY2FmZjMjRiOnQ6VA). Who will be responsible for monitoring the 100% effectiveness of this process, California Water Service? It seems that the processed waste water is intended to increase quantity rather than quality.

Council created a housing plan for thousands of new residents. Where is that incremental drinking water coming from, more ground water and sewage in the blend? The situation sounds remarkably unplanned, unsustainable, and unhealthy. Drought conditions further exacerbate an already marginal situation with the current residential population of Los Altos.

Most residents do not seem aware of the sewer water development, and would likely not be happy about it. It is also unlikely that visitors would flock to Los Altos to sample the sewer water, and participate in the experiment. Vibrancy and vitality might well suffer.

Careful management of the quality and viability of our drinking water supply would be a huge service to the residents of Los Altos. The type of fundamental, essential service studiously avoided by City Council and the Environment Commission. Perhaps city government can, for once, step up to something actually relevant and important, carefully managing our water supply. If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem (or THE problem).

thanks - Roger Heyder
resident of Los Altos