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RE: 7140 and 7150 Knoxville Road Napa, CA 94558

From: Tom Aswad, Owner

To: Brendon Freeman, Executive Officer

LAFCO Napa County

Brendon, per our conversation last week we are very interested in being included in your sphere of influence. Since the fires last year, it has been very apparent that we need defensible space protecting our properties along with a constant water supply. We just finished a collaborative effort between myself, the Bureau of Land Reclamation, and Cal Fire clearing on and around my property.

Late last year I reached out to Steve Silva from the Spanish Flat-Water District about bringing water to my property, which has a 15,000-gallon fire suppression system that is spring fed. In the past, we have had to truck water in to our property when the spring quit producing. In the event that we had a fire during one of those occasions we would be in big trouble. My neighbors the Troy's, at 7100 Knoxville Road are fed by the same spring we are but also have water through the district. Their pipes were damaged and I discussed with Steve that now would be the time to add pipes to our property in the same trench. This way we could share the price of the trenching with the Troy's.

The Troy family lost their home, and are going to rebuild and add some square footage. They are also going to add sewer. When I was discussing this with the District, I was told that they were going to bring the sewer through the lower part of the Troy property. I brought to their attention that the Troy property is pretty much an island in the middle of my property. I do not have a problem letting them cross my property. Later in the conversation I was told that it was found out that I am not in the sphere of influence of the District and that I would have to contact LAFCO. Either the Troy's water comes through my property now, or the District has an encroachment permit to pass by my property along the road. That being said, I am confused why I am not in the sphere of influence, when that sphere passes by my property but includes the Troy's. Other than the road frontage, I own completely around the Troy property.

Please advise me on how we go about being incorporated into the sphere of influence of the water district.

Thanks, Tom Aswad