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**To:** BCPUD  
**Subject:** Bolinas Resident Voicing Support for the Tacherra Ranch Emergency RV Trailer Park Project

To the BCPUD Board,

I am writing today to express my **support for the Tacherra Ranch Emergency RV Trailer Park Project.**

The families currently residing at the Tacherra Ranch are not strangers to us; they are our neighbors, friends, our children's classmates, and the hardworking individuals who provide essential services such as serving, house cleaning, landscaping, and more. We rely on their contributions more than we realize, and it is only fair that they have access to safer, cleaner, and improved living conditions.

Our water resources should be shared by the entire community, regardless of homeownership or socioeconomic status. **I am aware of and support the idea that water usage at the ranch will be capped to accommodate the needs of the 60+ individuals it has been serving for many years.**

**As a community, we have a responsibility to serve all members,** and this project is an opportunity for us to fulfill that obligation. The community members who will live at the Tacherra Ranch Emergency RV Trailer Park Project make up an integral part of our community, and I urge you to approve the plan.

**It is crucial to recognize that the water usage at the Tacherra Ranch is not the same as new development;** it has been accounted for and factored into the town's overall water usage calculations for several years. It is my understanding that the existing water usage has not caused any significant issues in the past, and it should not be a reason to deny support for this vital project.

If concerns about water scarcity persist, I urge the BCPUD to **redirect its focus towards addressing excessive water usage in ornamental gardens** rather than scrutinizing the health and hygiene needs of the most vulnerable members of our community. By targeting non-essential water consumption practices, we can ensure a fair and equitable distribution of water resources while still meeting the basic needs of our residents at the Tacherra Ranch.

Furthermore, **by granting a limited water use meter under the supervision of the Bolinas Community Land Trust (BCLT), the water usage at the Tacherra Ranch can potentially be more effectively controlled.** This oversight mechanism will help ensure responsible water management practices while supporting the well-being of the residents who rely on this essential resource.

**Finally, approving the Tacherra Ranch Emergency RV Trailer Park Project presents a unique opportunity to foster greater equity within our community.** By providing improved living conditions and essential services to our most vulnerable residents, we take a significant step towards creating a more inclusive and fair society. It is our duty to uplift and support all members of our community, regardless of their circumstances or background.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sam Murch