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Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2023 9:02 PM
To: Grace Godino; Kirsten Walker; Jennifer Blackman
Subject: BCLT Water Issue

Please circulate to the other members of the board

Dear BCPUD Directors and Staff:

I would like to weigh in on the decision the BCPUD is considering with regard to the BCLT proposal for the trailer park.

When I consider the situation the BCPUD is facing, and as one of the board members responsible for adoption of the moratorium, I have become deeply concerned. I can still remember how much frustration, anxiety, and pain we caused and dream killing we did for property owners with hopes of having a home in Bolinas. These were folks in all socioeconomic classes and plenty of them. People just like us. I am convinced that the moratorium was the right thing to do for Bolinas and it remains just as important today as when it was first adopted. The moratorium safeguards the natural environment and the unique character of the community we all love so much.

I am totally sympathetic to the housing needs for all classes of people and all ethnicities in our community. I also realize the need for a skilled and eager-to-work labor force in our community and the nation. That being said, I am also an egalitarian. I do not see how the BCPUD can justify this project without extending the same right to the multitude of others that would want a meter/more water for expansion.

Trying to justify this project as an agricultural use is a real stretch. According to my information, there are currently two full time farm workers, one working for me, and the other working for Gospel Flats. There is another man working half time at Gospel Flats. The man who works for us has his own farm and family in Sinaloa and intends to return there in the fall. I can only conclude that the future residents of this project should compete with others in our community for the limited housing. If that is not an option, then the moratorium should be ended to open up housing possibilities rather than creating a fiction to solve a pressing problem so unfairly for so many other neighbors in our town.

I urge you not to approve this project unless you are willing to end the moratorium and appreciate the foreseeable consequences for our community.

Sincerely,
Bill Niman