

Disappointed in representation

Editor,

I would like to give you my comments on the two resolutions that were passed by the Redwood City Council on July 28 regarding recycled water so that you can understand my deep levels of disappointment with both the council and the Redwood Shores Community Association.

The clear message that the Redwood City Council sent was that they disregarded, or at least "deeply discounted" the residential opinion that was expressed to them by the majority of the Redwood Shores residents that stayed until 3 a.m. to comment. Since the city attorneys had told the council that passing the first resolution would be sufficient to allow the recycled water project to continue, passing the second resolution to state its safety seemed a direct affront to the residents of Redwood Shores who question its safety. It would have sent a much better message had the council did what they needed to do, to continue the project, but just skip the vote on the second resolution. I think this or a future Council will use the passage of the second resolution as a stepping stool, a basis, for building some future argument in favor of recycled water.

My disappointment with the RSCA is that they did not comment as an organization at the July 28 council meeting (RSOA did appear and comment). RSCA president as well as Redwood City Council candidate Rosanne Foust (who is also the Redwood City Chamber of Commerce chair) was in attendance, but she declined to comment on behalf of RSCA. The only support that RSCA has given the "anti-recycled-water-where-our-children-play" movement is the following resolution on April 17: "RSCA recognizes that our members are concerned about the issues of recycled water in Redwood Shores. RSCA appreciates and supports the decision of the Redwood City Council at their Feb. 3 meeting." Quite frankly, this is inadequate for Redwood City residents.

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Additionally, I feel that Redwood City Council candidate Rosanne Foust is not speaking adequately on behalf of Redwood Shores concerns. I would like to draw your attention to this question and answer on her Web site

(<http://www.resoannefoust.com/RWCissues.htm>): "Should the City approve the recycled water project? Why? Why not?"

[Her Web site response:] "Yes, because I strongly believe that recycled water, for the intended use of landscape irrigation, is safe and absolutely needed. I have done a significant amount of independent research on the subject and find no credible information showing any health-related problems arising in areas where recycled water has been used. Even opponents of its use in Redwood City concede that recycled water can be safely used and that there are no documented health risks."

So finally, how do we make our feelings clear on keeping recycled water away from our children? My personal opinion: we should be careful as to whom we elect to represent Redwood Shores at an organizational or council level.

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