

Suspicious?

Editor:

While two experts were testifying June 9 against the use of recycled sewer water where children play, the connection to the TV channel broadcasting the Redwood City Council meeting was "mistakenly" turned off.

Because council meetings are taped, the mayor agreed to rebroadcast the meeting on June 18 at 7 p.m. I had my VCR ready to tape the program and guess what? It wasn't on.

Is this another mistake or does the city not want the public to hear about the dangers of using recycled sewer water on playgrounds and school yards where young children play?

The proper place for recycled sewer water is on street medians, along freeways, and for industrial uses. Young children do not have fully developed immune systems and should not play on it.

Please attend the upcoming City Council meetings where the recycled sewer water issue will be discussed:

On July 14 they'll discuss changes in water and sewer rates. Phase I of the project to bring us recycled sewer water is estimated to cost \$43 million dollars and we have to help pay for it. On July 28 they'll vote on whether to approve the project.

According to the City of Redwood City Master Plan for the Use of Reclaimed Water, dated August 1991, Phase I is using recycled sewer water in Redwood Shores. Phase II includes the rest of Redwood City as well as parts of Menlo Park, San Carlos and Belmont.

Why, you ask, is the council so interested in use of recycled sewer water? Without it, there can't be any new large-scale building in our area.

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