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Hi,

I would like to submit public comment on the EPASD item on today's agenda:

On the agenda for the EPASD item, two points should be addressed as follows:

- EPASD's engineering consultants, working under the direction of the EPASD General Manager, predict sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) could occur at 38 manholes due to surcharge conditions in many of its pipes during a peak storm event under existing land use conditions.
- Funding options exist to upgrade EPASD infrastructure to reduce sewer overflow risks

During the past few years, we've seen multiple atmospheric rivers hit the bay area, and recently in East Palo Alto, which resulted in the San Francisquito overflowing into the streets and resulting in flooding in the surrounding areas and damages to cars and property of tenants living on Manhattan Ave. To my knowledge, EPASD's system didn't experience any sanitary sewer overflows. Given recent events, do you think these points can still be used as a justification for dissolving the district?

The City of East Palo Alto has multiple problems with storm drains that need to be addressed before they should even think about taking on additional responsibilities. Attached is a photo of the 1200 block of Weeks St, which always floods during rain storms (via Mark Dinan).

Best regards,
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