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To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Another Far West issue



Mr. Pierce,

I've decided to write to you since you are familiar with Yuma and the Mesa del Sol area.

My wife and I bought our property here on the course in 1985 and built in 1992. For the most part, the course and the water was maintained adequately since that time. However, for the past four or five years, the maintenance of the course and the quality of the water has declined drastically. I'm aware that the course issue is not of your concern and I've tried to keep that separate.

In 2005, all of the fish died in the pond behind our property. MDS blamed it on Far West and Far West blamed it on MDS. Casey Prochaska, who is our next door neighbor, got involved with the county health department and ADEQ was called in. It was determined that MDS failed to add enough fresh water to the pond and the oxygen level dropped too low. However, I learned quite a bit about Far West Water at that time and what their requirements are.

Shortly after that problem was identified, Far West was required by ADEQ to build an additional pumping station on the second hole at MDS. This is the location where unfortunately, a gentleman was killed and the subsequent law suit against Far West was filed. It seems since that time, the feces odor from that area has increased with every passing year. Recently, we have been unable to open our windows in the morning due to the overwhelming odor coming from the course.

I've contacted Eagle Golf, MDS maintenance etc. in regards to this problem. It is no longer an issue about adding fresh water to the pond behind our property but an issue with the quality of water to start with. The odor permeates the area on adjacent streets away from any of the ponds and is obviously making the area that was once very desirable, less than ideal.

I am aware of the sewer rate increase that Far West is requesting but I'm asking that you also keep this issue in mind. Far West is failing on all accounts. If it's not their sewer, then it's their water. The quality of life for ALL Far West residents appears to be in jeopardy and I have no doubt that if the ACC approves the sewer rate increase, Far West will soon come back to the commission with a request to increase the rates on their water.

Far West is a poorly run company that has very little concern for their customers and their quality of life. The next time you're down in Yuma, please drive around Mesa del Sol and take a deep breath and then tell me that there isn't a problem with Far West water and/or their filtration/pumping system.

Sincerely,

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