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Ms. Cahill:

The Conservation Elements of the Napa County General Plan (pg 3-29) state in part (my emphasis added):

- a. *“(The County shall) Protect groundwater and other water supplies by requiring all discretionary projects demonstrate the availability of adequate water supply **prior to approval**. Adequate demonstration may include evidence or calculation of groundwater availability and may be satisfied as part of compliance with County Code “fair share” provisions and state requirements, or coordination with applicable cities and public and private water purveyors to verify water supply adequacy (PolicyCON-53)”.*

- b. *“The County shall maintain or enhance infiltration and recharge of groundwater aquifers by **requiring all discretionary projects be designed (at minimum) to maintain a site’s pre-development groundwater recharge potential**, to the maximum extent feasible, by minimizing impervious surfaces and promoting recharge (e.g., via the use of water retention/detention structures, use of permeable paving materials, bio-swales, water gardens, cisterns, and other best management practices) (Policy CON-54).”*

- c. *“Napa County Sensitive Domestic Water Supply Drainages Section 18.108.027 of the Napa County Conservation Regulations sets regulations for watersheds designated as Sensitive Domestic Water Supply Drainages **(Such as the Miliken Watershed)**, for retention of existing vegetation cover, winter-shut down, and drainage facilities. Vegetation cover requirements include maintaining minimum amounts of tree canopy cover, shrub, brush and associated annual and perennial herbaceous vegetation during earth-disturbing activities. All earth-disturbing activities shall be limited to the period of April 1 through September 1 of each year and all winterization measures shall be in place no later than September 15. No earth-disturbing activities other than installation of winterization measures shall take place during other times of the year. Concentration of runoff shall, wherever feasible, be avoided. Runoff shall instead be spread in small incremental doses into relatively flat buffer areas.”*

Questions:

- 1.) When will the County perform the required tests of the Circle Oaks Water supply *“requiring all discretionary projects demonstrate the availability of adequate water supply **prior to approval**.”* ?
- 2.) When will the County reform the required tests which will assess whether the Hall's wells will *“maintain a site’s pre-development groundwater recharge potential.”* ?
- 3.) When will the County assess the Hall's project in light of the regulations governing Sensitive Water Supply Drainages?

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