



McCloud Community Services District

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Dear Siskiyou County Planning Commission

On behalf of the McCloud Community Services District (MCSD) we would like to express our concern with the Vacation Rentals in the McCloud Community Services District service area. It was stated during a previous meeting held by the Siskiyou County Planning Commission that McCloud has 80% of the vacation rentals in Siskiyou county and that we do not seem to be concerned about the impact on our community.

I understand that the MCSD has been asked before about how we felt about all the vacation rentals in our service area and our concerns remain the same. We are concerned because McCloud is a severely disadvantaged community by state standards and as such, we will eventually need to have our infrastructure replaced. This will require grant funding since there is no possible way for us to have our community members absorb such a cost. For instance, our water infrastructure system is outdated and projected to cost over 20 million dollars to replace from the beginning of our collection system source springs to the end of our towns distribution system. Many of our full-time residents are retired and live off of a fixed income and could not pay the rates that would be required if we were to try and pay to have these infrastructure replacement needs completely funded inhouse.

The reason that vacation homes are an issue in this situation is that the grant funding opportunities that we would apply for have stipulations that could make it very difficult or disqualify us from being funded if we exceed 50 % vacation homes or vacation rentals that are not occupied full time. That is a huge concern for us as a community services district and for our customers who are residents. This would also present grant funding problems for us with our other services with grant funding needs for the same reason.

The services that we cover are municipal water, sewer, alleys maintenance- including snow plowing, parks services, refuse collection services, fire and ambulance services and our towns library.

As a CSD, The State of California recognizes that we have authority for and over services that we provide in our jurisdiction/ service area that are identified in our MCSD Ordinances and Policies.

Some of our community members have also came to our District office or meetings and presented other concerns. We will refer these concerns to your department as it falls under the purview of your jurisdiction.

As the McCloud Community Services District, we appreciate being able to work together with the Siskiyou County Planning Commission to help provide a happy medium for residents and home owners of McCloud to contribute to their personal freedoms and relative peace of mind. Please let us know what our options are for keeping this situation from having adverse effects on the operations of the CSD.

Thank you for giving this situation your thoughtful consideration.

Amos McAbier,
General Manager,