

April 14, 2004  
653 Blair Avenue  
Piedmont, CA 94611

General Plans  
230 Church Avenue  
Building 3  
Salinas, CA 93901

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Dear Commissioners:

I own a house at 3310 Ordule Road adjacent to the western side of the Pebble Beach polo field and I am deeply concerned about the water drainage of any golf course that might be built on the polo field site. 1

We purchased our lot in the 70s when the polo field was lower than our lot. The late Richard Collins, then in charge of Pebble Beach Company's Equestrian Center, brought in dumptruck loads of dirt and raised the level of the field to a height above our lot and had the western end of the polo field started to drain toward our property. We were never informed of this change - it occurred without notice - and it has created drainage problems for us ever since.

In response to our complaints, Pebble Beach Company provided no permanent remedy and simply dug an ugly trench next to our property line. While this ditch conducts some of the water toward the street, it is certainly not an adequate conduit for such a large problem.

Pebble Beach Company gave Mr. Collins permission to build a house and barn behind us although this particular property was designated as "Open Recreational Area" when we bought our lot. In creating a meadow for his horses, he removed every tree, bush and shrub (something not generally permitted) and the water from this meadow increased and ran towards our rear gardens in the winters. This water volume has increased over the years as trees have been cut for new homes on streets above and as trees have died of disease on hills above. Pebble Beach Company is the present owner of the Collins property. 2

Every winter our back and side gardens are submerged in water and it is my fear that this water is affecting our house foundation. In the summer time when the polo field is irrigated, the underground water flows to our property, raising the water table and affecting our plantings. The conditions which are causing trouble for us are also affecting residents below us. I hope that you have heard from them.

It is only through the work of a commission such as yours that we can hope to have homeowners considered. The commercial activities of Pebble Beach Company have very often been detrimental to the forest's residents welfare and your consideration and the enforced placement of a permanent water drainage plan (more effective than ditches) need to be included in whatever plans you consider. 3

Yours truly,

Mrs. Thomas A.H. Martwell