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I realize you are busy but can you please get back to me?

On Monday, February 24, 2025 at 09:46:50 AM MST, alicia asher

wrote:

Hi,

I was gone and just got the flyer about this meeting. Can you tell me what the decison is? If you've decided not to let APS put them above ground, can you please let me know?

If you're going to let them put this above ground can you tell me what other agencies I can contact about this? And here's my information you might want to review below.

I need to let you know that I think above ground towers will be an extremely high risk to residents and will cause problems getting insurance at all or getting it with a decent price.

I know this because I used to live in San Diego and my friends/family that are still there have gone thru these

problems because of the fires that are hundred of miles away from their houses.

The problem is insurance companies are trying to reduce their risk so people in San Diego can't get insurance, and they can't buy or sell their houses. My insurance in VOCA went up by 1,400 about 3 months ago. So a few weeks ago after the fires I tried to get bids for less but the rates were HIGHER!

I don't have time to list all the problems this has caused. It's devastating. As you probably heard a lot of people in the recent CA fires didn't have insurance for the same reasons listed above. I can tell by the questions asked by the insurance companies a few weeks ago, they want information on what type of landscape and risks are involved or near a home before issuing a policy

BUT the most important concerns the residents have is the FIRE DANGER. I work for insurance companies handling claims/lawsuits and I know that most people underestimate the risks of many dangerous situations. Then I get the lawsuits after people get killed or injured or their property is destroyed. So I'm can't understand how the residents don't get to vote on this since there's a HUGE risk. I can already see the captions on these lawsuits.

Can you please let me know what is going to happen? Thanks Alicia Asher