West of Twin Peaks Central Council

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Larry Martin, President Recreation & Park Commission McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park 501 Stanyan Street San Francisco, CA 94117-1898

Re: Pine Lake Park Meadow Drainage Problems

Dear Mr. Martin:

The West of Twin Peaks Central Council is an umbrella organization of seventeen neighborhood organizations in the West of Twin Peaks area. The Pine Lake Park Neighborhood Association has brought to the Council's attention the ongoing problem of inadequate water drainage in Pine Lake Park Meadow.

They assert that the drainage problem developed after the recent capital improvement project that included installation of curb cuts and speed bumps on the service road in the Meadow. Excess water run-off from the parking lot at Vale Street and the south side of the Meadow no longer drains directly into Pine Lake, but, because of the curb cuts and speed bumps, is diverted into the Meadow, creating pools of stagnant water.

Although the Pine Lake Neighborhood is most directly affected by the danger of mosquitoe breeding in the stagnant water pools, obviously the hazard cannot be contained, and all residents on the West side of Twin Peaks are at risk.

According to the Pine Lake Park Neighborhood Association, recent attempts to correct the problem have had mixed results. They claim that the most effective solution would be to fill in the three curb cuts and remove one or two feet of asphalt from the northern end of each speed bump so that the run-off will flow into Pine Lake again.

The West of Twin Peaks Central Council urges the Recreation and Park Department to implement this remedy before next fall.

Yours truly,

Don Dutil President

CC: Carmen Chu, District 4 Supervisor

Robert Sheets, Park Section Supervisor

Robert Shapiro, President, Pine Lake Park Neighborhood Association

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