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Mr. Ed Spayd
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Dear Mr. Spayd:

After our meeting when we discussed the sunseting of the homeowner restrictions on Golf Estates II twenty five years from platting, I contacted our attorney, John Lynch. It is his interpretation of the document that Article 29 would survive the twenty five years "because perpetual restrictions of certain types have been allowed by the courts and this particular restriction appears to be directed to the health, safety and welfare of the public." I am satisfied by his interpretation that we will not see the loss of those restrictions on the subdivisions we discussed.

However, this does not do anything to address any of the concerns for future development as we discussed. It does, however, remove the urgency with which we need to address the issue. As we are not facing a deadline for action, plans for developing those restricted lots can now be site specific and integrated to address the overall impact to the lake.

Review of our files shows that there has never been a comprehensive soils study/septic system impact study or groundwater study undertaken on Lake Isabella. To propose or approve an across-the-board increase in the minimum lot size as a condition for approval of sewage disposal may be short sighted and detrimental to either the lake or the landowner. What I mean is, there are some lots and soil conditions that may warrant an increase in the lot size and conversely there may be areas where the current lot size may be adequate for treatment of sewage before disposal.

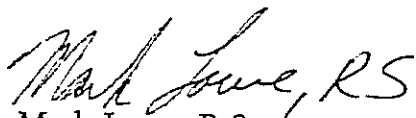
In either case, a sewage disposal options plan should be developed to address the protection of Lake Isabella and the groundwater during the development period between the time of septic system installation and the completion of a public sewerage system.

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We are indeed still very interested in seeing some resolution to the current stalemate at Lake Isabella and look forward to working toward an amicable solution that will adequately protect the environment and citizens of Isabella County.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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