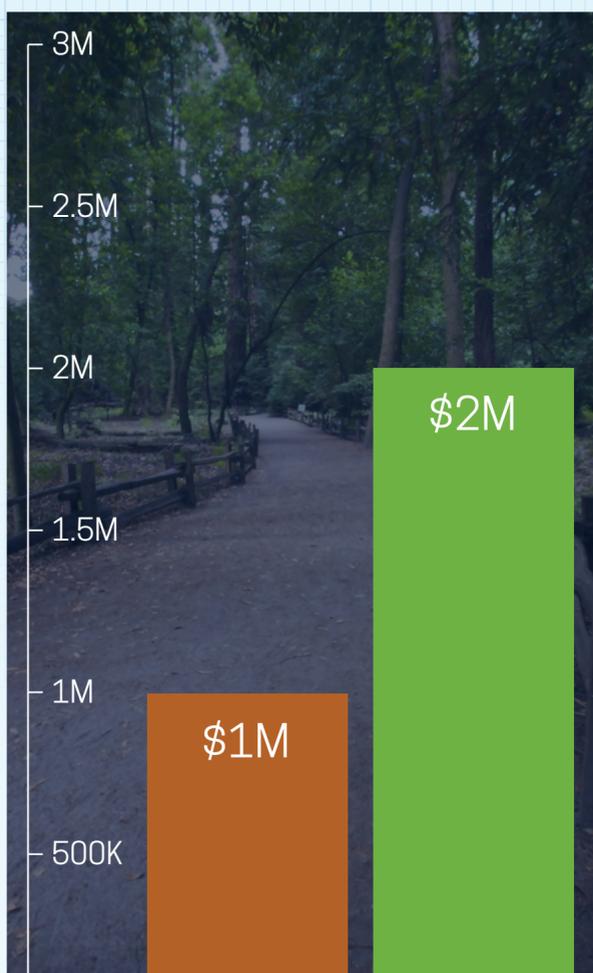


# THE TRUE COST OF CONDEMNATION LEGAL FEES

Condemnation, the act in which a government takes over private property, is a long, complicated and expensive process that has proven to result in higher costs for residents and communities. Takeover advocates often underestimate the true cost of legal fees associated with condemnation, leaving residents to foot the bill for millions more than expected. The experiences in Felton, CA, Claremont, CA and Missoula, MT serve as cautionary tales for other communities considering condemnation.

Estimated Legal Fees

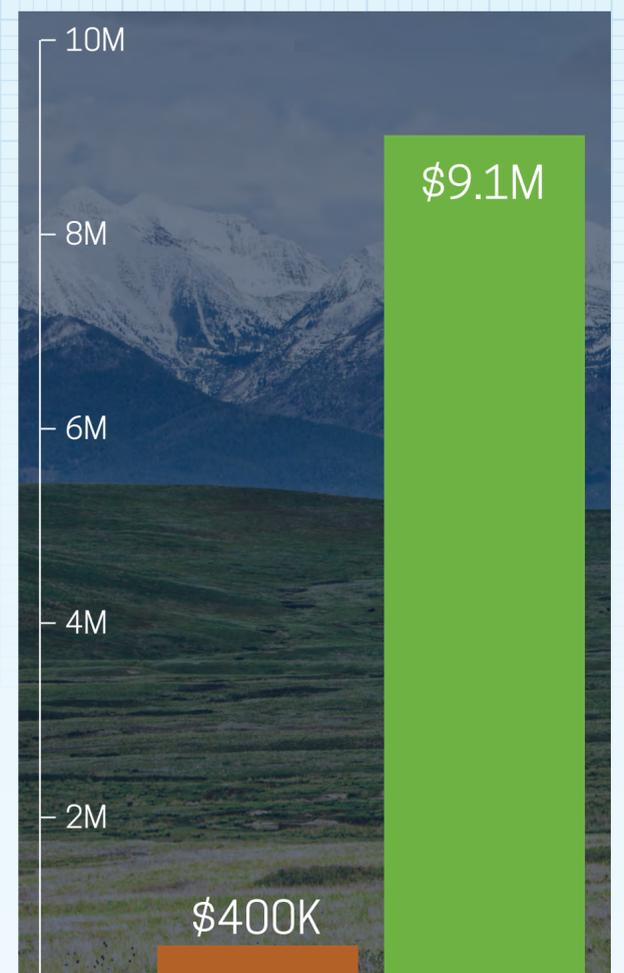
Actual Legal Fees



Felton, California<sup>1</sup>



Claremont, California<sup>2</sup>



Missoula, Montana<sup>3</sup>

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