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The Planning Department failed to state what's true and what is obvious. The planned animal shelter is not compatible with the adjoining residential and general commercial properties. The property is not surrounded by light industrial properties. The Planning Department failed to note for the third time the families of Springwood Subdivision will be forced to suffer another sizable loss of property value, the resale market and quality of life by being forced to share property lines with an animal shelter, flies, odors, barking dogs and whatever else NOT DISCLOSED by the Planning Dept.

VETERINARIANS AGREE THE ANIMALS SHOULD NOT BE PLACED IN HIGH STRESS SITUATIONS OF NOISE, CONGESTION AND TRAFFIC. NOR SHOULD THEY BE PLACED IN PENS. We live in a rural community and you are proposing to put a cow in and in an industrial park where there is industrial noise, congestion and traffic which will increase as the industrial park grows and added industrial rezoning. I can't have a cow in my front yard, the Board wants to abut a cow to our backyards in a residential subdivision. There is a good reason the cow doesn't belong. It would have devastating results. Loss of property values and cutting into the county coffers at a very bad economic time. This will be the third economic blow coming from the Board of Supervisors. I AM REQUESTING SUPERVISOR SANTIAGO TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH ME IN HER OFFICE. I WILL BE ASKING SUPERVISOR VEERKAMP TO JOIN US.

It appears Board of Supervisors, the Planning Dept. and the animal activists are not aware of the following facts:

One of the abutting properties, THE LORD'S GYM WILL NOT WORK FOR THE ANIMAL SHELTER BECAUSE OF LONG HOURS OF NOISE, CONGESTION AND TRAFFIC. They start up M-F at 5:45AM the sound of cars driving in and out with radios blasting on and off all day till 10PM or as late as midnight. In addition there may be parties rock bands, bar-be-que fund raisers, motorcycle rally and football games in the parking lot and an occasional need for the Sheriff Dept. If the walls of home at times vibrate, so will the walls in the near-by barn.

At 3:30am WASTE CONNECTIONS starts garbage pick-up service. As the trucks go up and down the streets picking up large commercial garbage bins being hoisted, shook and dropped down It is not a quick in and out operation (plus additional am and pm. pick-up services). The noise is best compared to a war zone. It is more than a high probability the dogs will be barking because they are frightened and feeling threaten. When one dog barks; they all bark. There is a dog barking ordinance in El Dorado County which was brought to my attention. I would a copy of the ordinance because there will be non-stop barking.

DURING THE WEEKEND cars race through the park squealing their tires and motorcycles run up and down the railroad tracks and popping wheelies in the large vacant spaces. The Historic Train will run by the animal shelter and toots its whistle as it twice

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crosses Forni Road and several times during the ride. 24/7 heavy duty traffic of commercial trucks ripping up and down Enterprise and Forni Roads.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE PLANNING DEPT. FAILED TO RECOGNIZE PARK WEST BUSINESS CENTER WAS DESIGNED TO BE NOTHING MORE THAN A BUSINESS PARK. PARK WEST AND SPRINGWOOD SUBDIVISION WERE BUILT BY DEVELOPER ROY CARTER. IN THE INTEREST OF HARMONY IT WAS DEEMED PARK WEST WOULD BE A BUSINESS PARK REFUSING ROY CARTER INDUSTRIAL ZONING ACTING IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE RESIDENTS AND MAINTAINING COMPATIBILITY. 35 YEARS AGO THE PRECEDENCE WAS SET PARK WEST WOULD REMAIN A BUSINESS PARK. THE BOARD CANNOT LEGALLY REZONE A PROPERTY INDUSTRIAL FOR ANOTHER INTERESTED PARTY AFTER REFUSING ROY CARTER. UNDER THE AGREED ZONING CONDITIONS THE HOMES IN THE SUBDIVISION WERE SOLD. WE QUESTION THE LEGALLITY OF THE INDUSTRIAL REZONED PROPERTIES IN THE BUSINESS PARK.

THE FACT IS an animal shelter does not have the compatibility needed to be abutted to a subdivision. THE FACT IS industrial is not compatible to residential. The word compatible according to Webster means "going well together". At the meeting all the homeowners were firm in their answer. They would NOT have bought a home in Springwood if they were aware of the industrial rezoning. We recognize there is no up side living next to an animal shelter or an industrial property. In the process of developing the property (Gene Thorne development) behind Clear Court (part of Springwood Subdivision) the Board kept the residents informed, were co-operative and agreed the properties rezoned industrial needed to be the furthest away from residential property and they would need a special use permit. THE FACT IS we live in the same subdivision, but have totally different results. This is the third time the Board and the Planning Dept have not been fully co-operative and willing to work with us. Even though it is our property the entire Board and Planning Dept observed a code of silence making irrational and spiteful plans in secrecy knowing it would lead to a devastating impact and a financial blow to our properties. Jack Sweeney publicly vented his anger and admitted we were suppose to have no knowledge and wake up one morning to the MRF, but didn't because of some big mouth. He could have only done that with the Board's approval behind him. There would be no need for secrecy if the animal shelter was the right thing in the right place, but it's not. It's time the Board looked somewhere else and stopped targeting and retargeting me and the other residents on Bright Court.

I'm asking you to provide in simple terms, no fancy words the FOLLOWING RESPONSES signed by all of you. 1.)The law requires you must consider all the facts and to do less would be an unlawful act of reckless disregard and 2.)it can be construed as depraved indifference which is illegal? 3.)In reference to the General Plan since 2004 it has been written and rewritten several times, and may need to be rewritten again if an animal shelter is considered "consistent" with applicable policies attached to a subdivision I want a copy of this and the date it was implemented 4.)I am requesting a dated copy of Government Code Section 65402 and date. 5.) I am requesting a copy of

the report of "GOV13-0002/Finding of General Plan Consistency for Park West County Animal Shelter Facility". 6.) I am requesting a map of the property (animal shelter) indicating the zoning of all the abutting properties (west, east, north and south). 7. I am requesting on information of the animal shelter property and all the abutting properties originally zoning in 1979 8.) I am requesting which properties were rezoned and when (dates) 9.) I am requesting which properties have never been rezoned. 8.) Considering a precedence was set how was the Board of Supervisors able to empower themselves to undo what was set in concrete? (if they turn down one person; they can not accommodate another). 10.) I would like to reserve the right I ask the Planning Department document the steps how each parcel was rezone. It is only as of this past year that any of the residents became aware the county was rezoning parts of Park West Business Center. For that reason 11) I am requesting for specific information and history of APN # 329-341-04. owners in 1978, 2000, 2010 and 2013, The dates and minutes of all Board of Supervisors meetings, proposals, approval, purchase price, escrow etc. and all dates and minutes of all public meetings to date regarding the Animal Shelter.

AS A FOOTNOTE TO REQUEST #4 AND #5 I am requesting a staff member, Tom Purcel, to help me considering the county failed to timely submit the General Plan to go on file and there were problems. This compounded by the General Plan constantly written and rewritten by the Board. How does anyone know the General Plan is not in conflict with itself? What is the process to rewrite the General Plan? Who has the power?

I am asking for information on the project. Who is the property owner and for how long did he own the property? What was the cost of the property? Where is the money coming from? Who drew-up the plans and the cost, the cost to remodel and complete the project the contractor? I am asking for a copy of the contract of sale?

The Planning Dept. uses the words "consistency" and "compatibility" in their reports ... are judgmental calls not based on facts. Or reports read surrounded by "buildings" that do not exist. To the best of my knowledge they never use the words "inconsistent" or incompatible". 12) BUT obviously the first parcel REZONED INDUSTRIAL IN PARK WEST would have been 'INCONSISTENT' AND 'INCOMPATABLE. It would have been the only property of its kind. I am requesting a copy of the staff report and minutes of the Board of Supervisors' meeting. 13) At this time I reserve the right to ask for a staff report on each of the rezone properties and who owned and brought property at the time it was rezoned.

At the meeting all the homeowners were firm in their response. They never would have bought a home in Springwood if they were aware of the industrial rezoning. They recognize there no up side to living next to an animal shelter or an industrial property. In the process of developing the property behind Clear Court (Gene Thorne's property) the other end of Springwood Subdivision the Board of Supervisors recognized industrial zoned properties needed to be developed the furthest away from the residential properties and they would need to have a special use permit. Same subdivision totally different results.

At the special meeting Laurel Stroud made a point that the residents felt we can no longer trust Roger Trout and the staff in general. Trout failed to notify us in a timely manner. The staff report from his office was vague, basically a lot of words that said nothing. It appears the Planning Dept. letter notifying us of the Planning Commission meeting was deliberately inadequate and misleading to keep people away and miss the opportunity to speak. The letter simply said west side of Capital Av. (no address) and Enterprise Dr. which is more than a block away. The Mt. Democrat had the wrong address directing them away from the site which by law must be corrected within 72 hrs. which was not done to the best of our knowledge making it illegal for the Planning Commission to have a meeting. At that meeting the Planning Dept. states a special use permit is not needed. A better explanation is needed than Mr. Rivas' It appears like the MRF with no knowledge and no voice we were to wake up one morning to an animal shelter. The letter concluded our homes were compatible to an animal shelter, but that was typical of what comes out of Trout's office. Based on what is my home compatible to having flies, odor and a cow urinating.

Those attending the special meeting were concerned about noise, odor, flies, vermin, contamination, fencing, sufficient staff, buffer zones, and set-backs. There was a lot of denial and dodging the bullet regarding noise, odor, flies and fencing. Laurel Stroud suggested everything from the county must be in writing.

I am asking for a clear response to each of the following issues discussed at the special Planning Dept. meeting:

1. Noise.....It was suggested dogs barking would not be a problem because of the design of kennel. They would not be facing each other. Ridiculous. Dogs bark every night acres apart. The problem is not how loud they bark, but how long. Roosters and goats are predawn animals. They can start up as early as 4:30am. I realize their housing may be temporary, but if they wake people up they are still a problem. Without full disclosure other animals may present other problems.
2. Odor/Flies.....There will be odor and flies because they only clean animal feces only twice a day. They will never be able to get it all up. Before the first round of clean-up is completed the animals will do what animals do and it will lay on the ground at one point at least 12 hours. Summer heat will create more flies and breeding and more problems.
3. Vermin.....Barnyard animal feed and dog food will draw rats, mice and meat eaters. The presence of chickens, ducks etc. enclosed or not enclosed will draw coyotes, foxes, bobcats, skunks and feral cats. We know they are out there. We have seen them. These predators are dangerous. They will stalk and attack, especially if they are hungry.
4. Contamination.....There will be contamination of the soil, creek (or ditch if you prefer still carries water, but slower allowing more contaminates to seep in) and residential property. The amount a horse or cow can deposit in a day will very quickly contaminate the limited space even after annexing the additional acres. These big blobs will be seeping in the ground as it sits. There in nothing one can do about the urination. Daily it will soak the ground by the buckets. The rain will

deposit contaminates on and in the ground and will flow on and under the ground into the creek. Residential property is low to high risk depending of the slope of the land.

5. Fencing/ Set-Back/Buffer Zone.....The fencing may need to be a 8' solid, permanent mason wall surrounding the entire compound and maintained by the county to provide backyard privacy from the large animals. The animal shelter is a public facility sharing property boundaries with residential homes with minor children. This means the family needs to be fully protected and at all times the animals are fully contained on the shelter property including the horse who could reach over the fence and nip a child. A 6' wood fencing would not provide adequate protection. It could be brought down by a spooked horse or cow. A llama can spit over or kick down a 6' wooden fence. It will not provide privacy from a curious horse or mitigate light or noise. It would be up-setting for a homeowner having a bar-be-que to have an animal urinate or worse along the property line in full view. There are so many other possibilities because animals are unpredictable. All animals expecting to be feed can be aggressive, male goats in season smell horrible, or he may be doing his seasonal thing. Excellent reason for needing a solid fence. There needs to be adequate 15' evergreen treed buffer zone around the entire compound in Phase 1 and Phase 2 to mitigate light noise. The set-back for buildings must a minimum of 100' to help mitigate noise. A second 6' fence needs to be built 100' inside the mason wall to protect the homeowners and the adjoining residential properties from ground contamination from feces, urine, and other animal fluids e.g. blood, infected open sores. Without a full-time veterinarian they have no idea if they may be exposing homeowners or their family or their pets to a very serious condition.
6. Staff....As for staff there isn't any at the end of the day to shut the dogs up and probably insufficient staffing during the day because of high dependency volunteers.

We are not disputing the animals need care, but there are far better choices in El Dorado County then HOUSING FARM ANIMALS IN AN INDUSTRIAL PARK NEXT TO A SUBDIVISION. In a county that is largely rural we could do better than putting a cow on industrial property. What we are hearing is literally our home values and quality of life will be going to the dogs because the county found a building to house dogs, so the 25 homes of the other side of the property line that houses 25 families does not have any priority over a stray dog in the Board of Supervisors office or in the Planning Dept. There is no room for reckless disregard or depraved indifference.


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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The County of El Dorado Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Building C Hearing Room, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA 95667 on **May 23, 2013, at 8:30 a.m.**, to consider **GOV13-0002/Park West County Animal Shelter Facility** submitted by EL DORADO COUNTY for a Finding of Consistency with the El Dorado County General Plan for the acquisition of a 4.27-acre portion of 6.67 acres of real property for a proposed animal shelter facility pursuant to Government Code 65402. The property, identified by Assessor's Parcel Number 329-341-04, consisting of (4.27-acre portion of) 6.67 acres, is located on the west side of Capital Avenue and Enterprise Drive within the Park West Business Center, in the Diamond Springs area, Supervisorial District 3. [Project Planner: Pierre Rivas]

Staff Reports are available two weeks prior at:

http://edcgov.us/Government/Planning/Planning_Commission_Current_Agenda.aspx.

All persons interested are invited to attend and be heard or to write their comments to the Planning Commission. If you challenge the application in court, you may be limited to raising only those items you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Any written correspondence should be directed to the County of El Dorado Planning Services, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA 95667 or via e-mail: planning@edcgov.us.

To ensure delivery to the Commission prior to the hearing, written information from the public is encouraged to be submitted by Thursday the week prior to the meeting. Planning Services cannot guarantee that any FAX or mail received the day of the Commission meeting will be delivered to the Commission prior to any action.

COUNTY OF EL DORADO PLANNING COMMISSION

ROGER TROUT, Executive Secretary

Date: May 10, 2013

May 23, 2013

The Planning Department failed to state what's truth. The planned project is not compatible with the adjoining residential and general commercial properties. The property is not surrounded by light industrial properties. The Planning Department failed to note in its recommendation it will force the families of Springwood Subdivision on Bright Court to take a third hit on property values and quality of life by sharing a property line with an animal shelter, flies, odors, barking dogs and whatever else not disclosed. The second hit was to relocate Waste Connections with its flies, odors, etc. less than a football field way.

Our first hit was sharing a property line with The Lord's Gym, as recommended by the Planning Department....After 8 years it still hasn't worked for all the reasons we told the Planning Department, Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission. Headlights shining into our home at 5:45am, cranked-up radios blasting day and night vibrating our living room walls, partying late hours in the parking lot, the Sheriff Department needed for illegal concerts resulting in fights, and Diamond Springs Fire Department needing to address daily illegal parking and blocked access to the fire hydrant.

Park West Business Center and Springwood Subdivision was built by developer Roy Carter. In the interest of harmony it was deemed Park West would remain as a business park making the county accountable to act in the best interest of the residents maintaining compatibility. An animal shelter attached to a subdivision is not compatible.

To change the zoning to industrial because you could would be in direct conflict of acting in the people's best interest. It is a matter of reckless disregard of the facts and depraved indifference by what appears to be deliberate retargeting the residences of Bright Court by the county. The constant threat by the county to inflict loss of property values and loss of quality of life can be construed as deliberate crime against the people. After 35 years there are still original owners and long time residents living in Springwood. Park West was developed as a business park and needs to operate as it was intended.

In accordance with General Commercial Districts Chapter 17.32.190 (C. animal hospital or clinic for large and small animals, G. kennels, and K. stables) we are requesting the Planning Commission deny a special use permit. There are far too many properties in El Dorado County better suited for an animal shelter than adjoining it to backyards in a highly impacted residential area. Denying the permit will preserve the sancton of our homes; restore the privacy of our backyards; and prevent us from being singled out and retargeted to endure additional financial losses and loss of quality of life, but give us back our civil rights. We live in a subdivision. There is no room for reckless disregard or depraved indifference targeting one person or persons in El Dorado County. Until El Dorado County recognizes this is a serious problem and acts accordingly this county will not move forward. You can start today by taking the right step forward. Thank you,

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animal shelter

Read at the open meeting on June 13, 2013

June 13, 2013

Re: Animal Shelter

The fact is due to the General Plan the county has enabled themselves to abut an animal shelter to a single family residential subdivision.


BUT the county cannot just look at that one fact. The law requires they must look at all the facts. To do less it would be the unlawful act of wreckless disregard of all the facts and construed as depraved indifference. Whatever is placed on the property must be compatible and cannot take away from our quality of life. The beginning of rezoning properties industrial in a business park was in conflict with all the surrounding properties. It was an act of depraved indifference.

The Planning Department is not fully admitting to and addressing the utmost problems odor, flies, rodents, barking dogs, (not loud, but for extreme long periods) and negative impact on real estate values. **WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS THE EL DORADO PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GOING TO DO FOR THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS TO PROTECT OUR HOME VALUES AND QUALITY OF LIFE. We don't want to step in my back yards and hear barking dogs or smell foul odors and or fight flies and contamination. WHAT IS THE COUNTY GOING TO DO TO PROTECT US?**

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Re: **SA-13 0302 El Dorado County Animal Shelter Facility**
Residents Comments Document

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Negative Declaration Statement	Public Comments/Questions #1	Animal Svc Clarification/Comment	Additional Public Comments #2
<p>See Project Description: page 2 Operations - pages 2-3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid staff will be present, 7 days/week from 8:00am to 5:00pm. • “Facility opens to the public 6 days/week, 9:30am to 4:30pm and strays can be turned in from 8:00am to 4:00pm.” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid staff of 14 consists of 4 office workers, 6 field officers, and 4 shelter workers. Is that adequate? Volunteers supplement staff. Are they reliable? • There is no mention of security—manned or electronic surveillance when the facility is closed. Today children’s playgrounds are burned down by vandals for fun. I hate to imagine what sick people could do to live animals. • Are empty cages available for persons dropping off stray cats after hours? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The El Dorado County Animal shelter works with PAWED, which has a 12 year record of consistent volunteer work with the shelter and are more than 60 trained members strong. PAWED volunteers are scheduled at the shelter 7 days a week, 365 days a year. • The project construction process will include a professional security consultant that will design a security system that properly secures the animals, facility and other County assets. Security is essential for the health and welfare of the animals at the shelter. • This county shelter has not had a “night drop” box since the mid 1990’s as they encourage people to drop off animals with no accountability. Modern shelter design and best management practices strongly discourage the “night drop” animal cages. The current shelter location has not experienced an animal abandonment problem as the result of discontinuing the problematic “night drop” policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many volunteers are on site daily? Are contingency plans in effect for unusual occurrences, i.e., outbreak of flu? • What type of security is currently in place in the existing shelter? Security of both the building(s) and the animals are critical. • The statement that a security consultant will be hired is not really an answer. The health and welfare of both the animals at the shelter and the community at large must be taken into consideration. • Large animals will be outside during the day. Has anyone considered predators — such as foxes, mountain lions and coyotes — all of which have been sighted in the neighborhood and will attack in broad daylight? Easy access to a food source may bring more. Will our children and pets be safe? • Is there a fee charged to drop off unwanted animals? • Have you taken into consideration Capitol Avenue is a dark, deserted street at night that is not patrolled by police. There would be nothing to deter people to abandon animals in front of the shelter at night, <u>especially</u> if they want to avoid accountability. • The shelter off Cold Springs had a consistent problem with animals being “dumped” off by people who did not.

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<p>See Project Description: page 2 Operations - pages 2-3 (cont'd)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cat litter boxes scooped throughout day and disposed of in plastic bags. Litter is replaced regularly and the boxes cleaned and disinfected. • Other small animal enclosures are cleaned of waste 1-2X/day • Dog exercise exterior areas scooped after each individual dog exercised.” • “..Livestock areas cleaned daily, waste and bedding is placed in trash bags and removed off site.” • Euthanized pet animals will be removed outside of business hours, out of public view and in unmarked bags and disposed of off-site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor “potty” breaks for dogs commence at 8:00 am. How long does the process customarily take, from start to finish? • Does this include the paddocks? • Where will the manure pile be located? Aside the barn? Elsewhere? • Explain the removal process, once waste is bagged. E.g., where is it placed until it is removed off site? How often is it removed? • What is done to mitigate urine odors? • Where are “body” bags (as opposed to waste bags) placed until they’re disposed off? How frequently are they removed from the site? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog exercise periods are always supervised with no more than 2-3 dogs outside at the same time. Dogs are exercised periodically throughout the day and each dog is exercised for approximately 5-15 minutes, depending on the needs of the dog. • Paddocks are cleaned daily. • Manure will be placed directly into a transport trailer and covered with a tarp. Placing a tarp over the manure starts the composting process and reduces flies. • Manure will be hauled to the County composting facility located adjacent to the fairgrounds near the government center, and this is done every time the 5 CY trailer is full. • ????????? • Euthanized animals are bagged and frozen in a freezer inside building. Bags are removed weekly by a contractor company and disposed of off-site. 	<p>want to pay the fees. Those animals drifted about and into the neighborhood, and ended up sick and feral on properties more than a half mile away. They attacked pets and brought diseases, such as feline leukemia and ringworm to neighborhoods. Since there will be no one at the facility at night, describe the plan that will be in effect to curtail this problem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While the exercise information you offered is valuable, it does not answer the question. How long does the morning “potty break” for dogs <u>customarily</u> take? • Exactly where on the site will the manure transport trailer be located? • What will be done to prevent the tarp from being blown off on windy days or during the rainy season? • If livestock will be onsite as infrequently as you’ve stated, it could take months before the 5 cu. yd. trailer is full. • Still awaiting response on what will be done to mitigate (livestock) urine odors. This is extremely important.

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<p>Environmental Impacts - page 6</p> <p>Aesthetics: pages 6-7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • b. “Would the project substantially degrade the existing visual character quality of the site and its surroundings?” <u>No Impact.</u> • d. “Would the project create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?” <u>No Impact.</u> • “This light <u>could have an impact on adjacent residential areas to the west</u>; however trees bordering the site would diffuse any of this light.” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obviously, only 3 of the 4 sides of the property were taken into consideration. My specific property currently overlooks a “meadow.” • Again, the bordering residential development was not considered. Astronomy? Viewing of meteor showers? Not with outdoor lighting from sundown to sunup • Surely, you are aware that trees drop their leaves in the fall. Additional lighting will adversely impact nighttime ambiance and necessary darkness for sleeping. No resident wants their back yard lit up like a shopping center parking lot. • What type of lighting will be used — the same as the existing lighting in the industrial park? Describe the height, nighttime vs. security (timed) motion detection lighting? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The “meadow” space will remain <u>mostly open</u> as programed to be pasture land. Zoning for “meadow” to remain Industrial. • If exterior lighting is added, light fixtures will be shielded as required by lighting ordinances and should not affect star viewing. • No shopping center parking lots or associated lighting to be part of shelter project. • <u>The County may</u> include some exterior lighting at the barn. Any proposed lighting would be shielded per applicable county lighting ordinances. Lighting and security will be coordinated as needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please define the phrase “<u>mostly open.</u>” • Are lighting ordinances for industrial zoning the same as for residential zoning? Somehow, I doubt it. • I repeat, additional lighting will adversely impact nighttime ambiance and necessary darkness for sleeping. <u>The bedroom window of the nearest residence is 125’ from shelter boundary line and less than 200’ from the barn.</u> • Of course, <u>the County will</u> include some exterior lighting at the barn. It is dark by 4:00pm in the winter. Please give details of lighting ordinances. Since lighting is an essential part of security, please give details of what is planned for their coordination.
<p>Air Quality: page 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e. “Would the project create objectionable <u>odors</u> affecting a substantial number of people? <u>Less Than Significant Impact.</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My husband has emphysema and I have asthma. Air quality rules our life! • This section is about <u>odors</u> but only “fugitive dust” is mentioned. What about particulate matter? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project construction may involve minor grading as required at the barn and some ADA improvements at the entrance. Any miscellaneous grading will comply with County fugitive dust ordinances as applicable for the project scope. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please comment on the Negative Declaration statement re Air Quality, (e) page 8: “Would the project create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people? The issue at the moment is “odors,” not dust.

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<p>Air Quality Plan: pages 9-10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The proposed project is not expected to have significant air quality impacts because it primarily consists of the interior retrofit of an existing building and installation of fencing and a barn.” <u>Less Than Significant Impact.</u> • e. Odors: “It is expected that animal waste will be generated in these areas, as a result of animal confinement. • “There is the potential for animal waste to generate odors at adjacent residences to the west should this waste be allowed to collect onsite.” • Best Management Practices (BMPs) are given in detail followed by the passive statement that “adherence to BMPs would reduce the potential impacts to adjacent sensitive receptors (a/k/a homeowners) as a result of odors to less than significant levels. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Again, Less Than Significant Impact is checked off with a comment on how the majority of “fugitive dust” will be captured in the trees forming a buffer on the western boundary. Note: Significant parts of the west boundary line <u>have no trees</u>. Whatever role trees may play is contingent on construction taking place when the trees are in full leaf. • On Saturday, June 8th, 2013, the temperature on Capitol Avenue was 109°. I doubt odors would have had a “Less Than Significant Impact” if the shelter were in operation that day. It will take a conscientious effort on the part of management to ensure that BMPs are adhered to – persistently. • Wherever there are animals and animal waste — even contained animal waste — there will be significant odors. Factor in countless weeks of temperatures in excess 90° to 100°+ temperatures and you can be assured there will be odors. • Odors travel. Entenmann’s cake factory was 5 miles from my home in NY and when the wind blew in the right direction, you could identify exactly which type of pastries was being baked – 5 miles away! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project grading to be minor. All grading will follow applicable dust ordinances. • The County can regulate the frequency of disposal pickup based on temperature, <u>ODOR</u> or waste volume. • Current facility experiences <u>no odor problems at dumpster</u> even on high temperature days. • Modern shelter facilities and operating procedures are proven to be compatible in industrial, business and residential neighborhoods. • Shelter operations also reduce the potential for dust and odors associated with livestock through pasture rotation. The Shelter houses very low quantities of livestock and can easily rotate as needed to maintain dust and odor free pastures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please outline anticipated grading. How will it mitigate runoff of urine and manure-moisture that has soaked into the ground? Has the possibility of contaminated ground water been studied? How will runoff to the neighbor’s properties be controlled? • While I am certain the County <u>can</u> do this, I am less certain the County <u>will</u> do this. I am doubtful staff that is undermanned will make this a high priority in their job description. • Sorry, this statement defies logic and real-life experience. It also contradicts what you’ve stated above regarding how “the County regulates the frequency of disposal pickup based on temperature, <u>ODOR</u> or waste volume.” • Kindly provide the documentation of studies that prove this theory. • A site little more than 4 acres in size, containing a multi-purpose administration building/dog/cat/shelter, a barn, paddocks, pens, large dog and small dog exercise areas and a parking lot has very little space left for a pasture large enough to handle livestock rotation. How do you anticipate the rotation will be put into effect?

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many animals were sheltered last year? Break out totals by dogs, cats, small animals, geese, swine, cows, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please see the attached FAQ for animal numbers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What total number of large animals will be allowed at the shelter at one time? • If there is an influx of animals at one time, cleaning and feeding schedules may fall behind, thus attracting flies and vermin. What assurances do we have this will not happen? • Said influx of will also alter the schedule of waste pickup. Describe the contingency plan for such an occurrence and the procedure in place for flexible scheduling of waste pick up. • The only grass in the pasture is wild fescue which is dormant and browned for six months from May through October. When livestock have eaten all the grass in the pasture, the area will be just plain dirt and will raise dust. What allowances are made for the blowing dust? • Horses, goats and sheep will strip an acre of grass and weeds in a heartbeat — even when they are being fed. • In the FAQ sheet, numbers for dogs and cats are identified. Livestock=27 annual. <u>Please identify by number — horses, cows, donkeys, llamas, pigs, etc.</u>

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<p>Noise: pages 22-24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Would the project result in exposure of persons to or generation of noise in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?” <u>Less Than Significant Impact.</u> • “Noise Exposure: ... During testing, average sound levels inside the (dog) holding areas ranged from approximately 95 to 98 dB but reached 103 to 106 dB with multiple dogs barking.” • <u>EDC Allowable Exterior Noise Levels</u> Daytime: 7am-7pm: Hourly=55 Max=70 Evening: 7pm-10pm: Hourly=50 Max=50 Night: 10pm-7am: Hourly=45 Max=55 • ...(AEC, page 5, line 8-9)) “Since the holding areas are either in the center of the building with no exterior wall or behind a concrete portion of exterior wall with no windows or doors leading directly to the exterior, <u>the potential weak path for sound transmission to the exterior is through the roof/ceiling assembly.</u>” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AEC Field Report states that the “Average sound levels during testing in the Bright Court residential area varied from approximately 44 to 49 decibels. If the sound level in the residential area is 44dB but it is 103dB in the holding pen with multiple dogs barking, in an area where the roof/ceiling assembly is deficient, then Potentially Significant Impact would be more realistic. • Per the AEC Survey, “existing daytime sound levels tested on Bright Court are less than the allowable standard.” See EDC Allowable Exterior Noise Levels chart to the left. • Sound carries: The topography, the curving, uphill amphitheater-like slant of the land and the customary quiet of the neighborhood, causes sound to carry in the residential area. Conversations during outdoor coffee breaks at the Marshall building opposite the shelter site can be heard as clearly as if they were standing on Bright Court, about 1000’ away. • Since the sound transmission to the exterior is through the roof/ceiling assembly, it is essential that it be sound proofed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The building shell contains a robust insulation system that consist of both 6” rigid insulation above the roof deck and R-19 batt insulation below the roof deck. • Modern shelters are engineered with purpose built noise reduction components for the benefit of animals and workers. Modern sheltering also reduces animal noise by proper exercising, housing and handling procedures. • The County will maintain compliance with noise ordinance thresholds by maintaining current off-site housing contracts and foster care program for animals that are not well suited as shelter occupants or when there is not sufficient room to house them at the shelter. <u>Animals that can be noisy, such as donkeys, peacocks, roosters, pigs, goats and cattle</u> will be onsite only short periods, if at all. In most cases, problematic animals are transferred to foster care, or will be taken directly to alternate facilities. • The AEC study concludes that “Noise levels transmitted through the roof/ceiling assembly and across to the nearest residential property line are <u>predicted</u> to be well below both daytime and nighttime Leq and Lmax standards without mitigation. No additional noise control measures are required.” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will only be correct if vents are not placed in the roof over the kennel areas. Where will the vents be placed? • Is this a quote from an advertisement promoting modern shelters? Sounds like an advertisement pitch. • I have inquired as to the location of the “alternate facility” for large animals. How odd that neither the Project Manager nor the President of PAWED could answer. Is this because it is infrequently used and problem animals are rarely placed there? Where is the overflow facility for large animals? • Peacocks and roosters are loud and often aggressive. Caged peacocks and roosters get very stressed and become even louder. If they are allowed to roam, peacocks rip shingles off roofs – any kind of shingles— looking for bugs. And they can fly. • The AEC Study lists several assumptions, predictions and expectations. The quote, <u>“the potential weak path for sound transmission, etc...”</u> (see 1st column) is taken directly from their report. AEC’s <u>assumption</u> is that there are few penetrations in the assembly over the area with potentially high noise levels below. They go on to explain what action must be taken to reduce interior

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<p>Noise: pages 22-24 (cont'd)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shelter dogs who are outdoors exercising may or may not commonly bark. However, at the first friendly "woof," all the neighborhood dogs will bark in response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ????? 	<p>to exterior sound transmission. "If vents in these areas are unavoidable, acoustically lined ducts with multiple bends may be required to reduce interior to exterior sound transmission." So, I am asking, where are attic vents located in the building with relation to dog kennels?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the ventilation system and the possibility of noxious odors being released into the residential area. When shelter dogs bark outdoors —and one cannot really expect them not to — one after the other, the 20 dogs that live on Bright Court and Clear Court will join in chorus. Note: I have not counted the many other dogs housed on the northern boundary. They, undoubtedly, will sound off too.
<p>Exterior Acoustic Environment: pages 3-4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Sound levels from animals exterior to the animal shelter building are expected to be less than significant at the nearest residential property without mitigation." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is quite vague. Since no verification is offered, just as easily, sound levels can be expected to be more than significant. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large animals will be housed inside the barn at night. Large animal barn will be hard walled on the western elevation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> And what is proposed during the daytime? As stated before (see column 2), your "expectation" is vague and based upon absolutely nothing!

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<p>Exterior Acoustic Environment: pages 3-4 (cont'd)</p> <p>• “Large animals in the outdoor pens near the residential property line should be routinely monitored to make sure these animals are not creating abnormal and/or loud noises, especially at night.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area near the tree line on the western boundary has been home to a den of foxes for several years. If they remain, they will harass the outdoor animals. • If there is no nighttime staff, how can they monitor the animals to make sure they are not creating abnormal and/or loud noises at night? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The shelter has an officer on call during the night. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the procedure for contacting the on-call officer and under what circumstances can he be expected to return to the shelter for disturbances? Is there a requirement that on-call officers live within a specific distance from the shelter? What distance does the current on-call officer live from the shelter? • Identify procedures in place to handle predators that may harass and/or molest shelter livestock.
<p>Fencing: : not listed in Negative Declaration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although fencing is alluded to in the Negative Declaration, no specific plan is outlined. Please specify the type of fencing planned, namely, its location, height, construction material, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fencing will maintain a 50-75' buffer from the west property line depending on topography. • Fencing will be commercial grade and no-climb to insure the security of the animals. • Final design documents will require additional BOS approval. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial grade...? Please specify the preferred material — barbed wire, chain link, wood, masonry? • No climb by whom? Animals or humans? • How high will the fence be? • Predators can fly, jump, and dig their way in. • Horses chew on wooden fences.

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<p>Insects - Flies: not listed in Negative Declaration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flies are not just a nuisance; they carry diseases which pose a serious health hazard to people and animals. Non-biting flies feed on secretions from the eyes, nose and any small wounds. All told, they are known to be involved in the transmission of more than 65 diseases to humans alone, including typhoid fever, dysentery, cholera, poliomyelitis, anthrax, leprosy and tuberculosis (Greenberg, 1965). • Biting flies can cause even greater irritation to animals and humans, and they too are vectors for disease transmission. • Whenever fly populations are located close to human habitation, they represent a serious health and environmental hazard — not just to the animals sheltered, but to neighbors and local communities. • The major diseases transmitted by flies to humans and domestic animals are enteric diseases and eye infections. Flies also play an important role in various other infections and several parasitic diseases can also be carried and spread by flies. World Health Organization • Describe the procedures in place to control flies. 	<p>Description of the procedures in place to control flies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flies are controlled through a number of shelter procedures and practices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use of Equitrol Feed-Thru Fly Control as appropriate. ○ Use of SprayMaster system installed in paddock area. SprayMaster uses an environmentally friendly programmable application to the animals to ensure animals are free of nuisance flies. ○ Daily cleaning procedures for pastures and paddocks also reduce the possibility of site originated nuisance flies. ○ Manure will be tarped <u>as required</u> to start composting in trailer. Heat generated by composting process minimizes the potential for flies. ○ Frequent removal of manure from site will also ensure animals are not adversely impacted by <u>nuisance flies</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please briefly describe product. • How frequently is the product used? Is it sprayed on all livestock animals or are some excluded for various reasons? • How frequently will the paddocks, pastures and barn be cleaned? • Who requires the manure to be tarped? Is there a written, County procedure that is to be followed? • Previously it was stated that manure is only removed from site whenever the 5 cu. yd. trailer is full. (See page 2, bullet 4) It is also stated elsewhere that large animals will be present infrequently which will impact the frequency with which the manure is removed. • I was told by the Shelter Manager that there will be no flies. • Advise as to the location of the manure trailer and waste dumpster on the shelter site.

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<p>Insects - Mosquitoes: not listed in Negative Declaration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each year an average of 1,000 Americans get seriously ill due to a mosquito bite • More than an annoyance, mosquitoes are blood-sucking transmitters of horrific disease. Many scholars postulate that the mosquito is responsible for more human deaths throughout history than any other organism. • Today we tend to be aware of the deadly role of mosquitoes because of the West Nile Virus. We control the mosquito population to a great extent. Still, on average, over 1,000 Americans annually experience serious illness or death as a result of a mosquito bite. • Water troughs stagnating after livestock animals have been relocated, running or leaking water hoses, and clogged dog pen drains are but a few potential causes of a mosquito population spike at the shelter. University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources • See pages 9, for an article on why you should care about mosquito control. • Describe the procedures in place to control mosquitoes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The shelter will not use common, open style water troughs commonly associated with mosquito propagation. • Water will be changed on a regular basis and water buckets are cleaned frequently. • Watering systems are controlled to measure animal consumption for medical evaluation purposes. Watering control measures are also valuable in removing the possibility of larva in watering containers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please describe what will be used in its place. • Is the frequency with which water is changed and buckets cleaned specified in a procedures document? If so, please describe the procedure and the schedule. • Please describe the process and mosquito control measures.

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<p>Rodent Control: not listed in Negative Declaration (cont'd)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rats and mice are abundant on animal operations. In some areas, more than 90% are infested with rats and/or mice. In areas where food and shelter is provided, infestations establish rapidly. • Rats and mice are carriers of some 45 diseases and are capable of contaminating feed and water supplies, helping to spread disease from contaminated to uncontaminated areas and from animal to animal. • Although rat droppings are the most common method of disease transmission, diseases can also be spread via their fur, urine, saliva, and blood. Many of these diseases are harmful to livestock and humans. • Describe the procedures in place to control rodent populations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rodent population is controlled by securing potential rodent food sources in secured, cleaned, metal food containers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to Mike Kobus of Koby Kicks Ants (e services), mice and rats are endemic in our area. They are geniuses at getting into food, excrement, and buildings. They can get under a tarp easily. And they can be expected to follow manure and urine contaminated runoff water to the source. • Where will the animal metal food containers located on the site?
<p>New Comments: 6/23/2013 The Hayden Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hayden Law consists of a number of laws passed by the California Legislature in 1998. The purpose of the Law was to reduce shelter euthanasia rates throughout the state, encourage owner redemption and adoptions and improve the treatment of animals. <p>Recordkeeping is an important component of the Hayden Law. The records must include comprehensive information, i.e., date and the circumstances the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is El Dorado County in compliance with the Hayden Law and the Vincent Law? • Please offer statistics to document compliance by listing the number of animals euthanized compared to those who have been adopted, etc. in the past three years. 		

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<p>New Comments: 6/23/2013 (cont'd)</p> <p>animal was taken up, medically treated, euthanized, or impounded; the names of the personnel who took up, medically treated, euthanized, or impounded the animal; a description of any medical treatment provided to the animal and the name of the veterinarian of record, and the final disposition of the animal, including the name of the person who euthanized the animal or the name and address of the adopting party. These records must be maintained for three years after the last date of the animal's impoundment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the major points stated by the Western Slope Animal Shelter Project Manager at the community meeting on June 13th was that the Capitol Avenue location was chosen because it was close to the freeway and would save transportation costs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantiate this comment by offering figures that verify said assumption. • Compare the cost savings of this site with the Shinn Ranch and all former sites the County has considered the past eight years. 		



7/16 Animal Shelter Project

1 message

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Mon, Jul 8, 2013 at 9:45 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear Supervisors Mikulaco, Nutting, Veerkamp, Briggs and Santiago,
I am writing you to encourage you to support the completion of the West Slope Animal Shelter Project.

This shelter will be a valuable asset to our community and will benefit El Dorado County and its citizens (and animals) for decades to come.

While not a perfect solution, the West Slope Animal Shelter is the best viable option available and the time to decide and act is now.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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7/16 Animal Shelter Item

5 messages

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Mon, Jul 8, 2013 at 8:42 AM

Dear Supervisor Briggs,

First of all, a huge thank you for your continued support of the Western Slope Animal Shelter project.

As we near the end of the process (I sincerely hope!) I know you'll renew your approval of the new shelter at the upcoming BOS meeting a week from Tuesday. Please, *please*—we as a county owe it to the stray, abandoned and surrendered animals to finally close escrow on the Capitol Avenue property so the permanent shelter can finally become a reality. I realize there is some misinformed opposition coming from neighbors but their concerns have been addressed and any impacts will be mitigated by design modifications and animal care and maintenance practices.

I will be in the audience on the 16th and hope to see this much-needed project move ahead.

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Mon, Jul 8, 2013 at 8:50 AM

Dear Supervisor Nutting,

As we near the end (I sincerely hope!) of what has turned into a years-long process, please find it in your heart to vote with a majority in support of the new West Slope Animal Shelter. We as a county owe it to the stray, abandoned and surrendered animals to finally close escrow on the Capitol Avenue property so the permanent shelter can finally become a reality. I realize there is some misinformed opposition coming from neighbors but their concerns have been addressed and any impacts will be mitigated by design modifications and animal care and maintenance practices.

I will be in the audience on the 16th and with many, many others wish to see this much-needed project move ahead.

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Dear Supervisor Veerkamp,

As we near the end (I sincerely hope!) of what has turned into a years-long process that predates your term on the board, please vote with a majority in support of the new West Slope Animal Shelter. I am active in PAWED and other organizations and understand you have been much more receptive than your predecessor to animals' needs in this community. We as a county owe it to the stray, abandoned and surrendered animals to finally close escrow on the Capitol Avenue property so the permanent shelter can finally become a reality. I realize there is some misinformed opposition coming from neighbors but their concerns have been addressed and any impacts will be mitigated by design modifications and animal care and maintenance practices.

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Dear Supervisor Mikulaco,

As we near the end (I sincerely hope!) of what has turned into a years-long process that predates your term on the board, please vote with a majority in support of the new West Slope Animal Shelter. We as a county owe it to the stray, abandoned and surrendered animals to finally close escrow on the Capitol Avenue property so the permanent shelter can finally become a reality. I realize there is some misinformed opposition coming from neighbors but their concerns have been addressed and any impacts will be mitigated by design modifications and animal care and maintenance practices.

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West Slope Animal Shelter

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Sun, Jul 7, 2013 at 2:45 PM

Dear Supervisor Briggs,

The Board made it clear in March 2012 that the original project at the El Dorado "Y" cannot be constructed due to site improvement costs. The remaining budget will not provide for new construction – an existing building, meeting general location, size and infrastructure criteria had to be found.

An exhaustive search - over 100 properties - over several months yielded very few options. The Capitol Avenue site is the only viable option.

An animal shelter is an allowable use in an industrial zoned parcel. The use is consistent with the General Plan.

I understand that there are residents near this industrial zoned parcel who have concerns about the Animal Shelter in the Capitol Avenue location. I also understand that Animal Services operational protocols and planned design features as well as the small number of large animals typically housed, provide prevention or mitigation measures that adequately address these concerns.

Please complete the purchase of 6425 Capitol Avenue for the permanent Animal Shelter and reunite Animal Services Officers and shelter operations, including large animals, at one location.

Thanks and best regards,

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Coming Soon to a Neighborhood Near You

1 message

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Mon, Jul 8, 2013 at 3:31 PM

West Slope Animal Shelter

Sheriff John D'Agostini made the following comment to the Board of Supervisors regarding the yellow-legged frog and the Yosemite toad. He said, "I will use whatever authority at my disposal to see that the needs of human beings take priority over bugs, birds and frogs." So too, the needs of human beings should take priority over dogs, cats and livestock.

If you think an animal shelter belongs in a residential sub-division, then — quick! Close your eyes and visualize an image of the proposed West Slope Animal Shelter.

What do you smell? Is it animal waste from dog pens, and cat litter boxes? Although we're told the areas will be cleaned twice a day with waste placed into plastic bags — the bags will then be put in a dumpster, sitting in the blazing sun, awaiting pick up by a garbage truck, every 3 or 4 days! Or, maybe it's livestock urine you smell. Especially in the summer months, odor smells in paddocks and barns can get pretty intense — which should be a real concern if you're a neighbor or a business close by. High ammonia fumes are unhealthy and detrimental to good respiratory health in horses. Undoubtedly, it won't do humans with allergies, asthma or emphysema any good either! The County says there will be no odors — really? What do you think?

What do you hear? Bleating goats? Whinnying horses? More likely, it's barking dogs! Have you ever lived near barking dogs — continual, incessant barking during the day and night? Barking impacts the quality of life for those who live or work nearby.

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Homeowners like to entertain guests in their backyard, relax, garden, or barbecue without the constant disturbance of barking dogs. Businesses want their employees to work in a stress-free environment, able to concentrate on the task at hand without the ceaseless distraction of barking dogs. The County says there will be no noise — really? What do you think?

What do you see? Are there flies hovering about? Are they the non-biting kind that carries diseases and parasites? Or stable flies, known as blood-sucking tormentors? Flies who honor no boundaries and which are just as likely to bite you as the animals. Or is that buzzing the sound of mosquitoes — the carriers of West Nile Virus and newly announced — yellow fever? Leaking water hoses, and clogged outdoor pen drains will cause a spike in the neighborhood mosquito population. The County says there will be no flies or mosquitoes — really? What do you think?

The County has said many things regarding the West Slope Animal Shelter but it has not said anything about how they will protect animals from the smoke when homeowners bordering the shelter take advantage of burn days; how they will handle animals dumped after the shelter is closed for the day; how the runoff from urine-saturated fields will affect ground water; where they will locate the 5 cu. yd. manure trailer or the animal waste dumpster. Also, the County also has not said why they think placing the shelter in the back yards of homes in a residential sub-division is appropriate.

I won't go into detail about the shelter's eight-year timeline and the County's track record because by now you admit to the wasted funds, errors in judgment, false starts and endless delays you were party to, time and time again. Shinn Ranch was supposed to be perfect. Didn't the County even pay — with our tax dollars — to construct a road on the property for the shelter's use? Now they say there are too many oak trees and too many boulders at Shinn Ranch. I don't have the skills to work in the El Dorado Planning Department but, think about it. Weren't the boulders always there? Didn't anyone

notice the oak trees when the site was up for consideration? Isn't it the purpose of the Planning Department to plan?

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) being offered by the County Planning Department is based on predictions, assumptions, and suppositions. Nowhere do they state how conclusions were arrived at, other than by pure conjecture — guesswork. In essence, they pulled it out of th..... thin air! Where is the supporting documentation? How were determinations made? What is their conclusion based on? Where is the accountability? Clear concise and cogent data is based on facts not speculation. Facts were in short supply in this DEIR. Read it, then answer, what do you think?

To reiterate my opening comment, Honorable Members of the El Dorado Board of Supervisors, I urge you to “use whatever authority at your disposal to see that the needs of human beings take priority over” ...cats, dogs, and livestock.”

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West Slope Animal Shelter

1 message

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Mon, Jul 8, 2013 at 3:32 PM

Flies and the West Slope Animal Shelter:

With regard to the Negative Declaration of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), I have shared my concern with the Project Manager, Brent Collins, of flies being prolific at the shelter. The Shelter Manager rather glibly stated at the community meeting on June 13th, **"There will be no flies."**

Animal Services responded to my questions first by stating manure would be stored under a tarp, onsite, in a 5-cubic-yard trailer and disposed of when full. Yet it stated on another page that very few livestock will ever be housed at the site. If this is the case, the manure trailer may stay onsite for months before the manure is disposed.

The house fly, stable fly or blow fly, are well-known pests wherever livestock and pets are housed. Not only are flies a nuisance, but they can also transport disease-causing organisms. Excessive fly populations are not only an irritant to farm workers but, **when there are nearby human habitations, a public health problem could occur.**

Flies have a complete metamorphosis with distinct egg, larva or maggot, pupal and adult stages and it can **complete its life cycle in as little as seven to ten days.** Not enough time for the manure pile to warm up by composting under the tarp.

The legless maggot **emerges from the egg in warm weather within eight to 20 hours..**

Very little manure is needed for larval development, and sand or soil containing small amounts of degraded manure allows for successful below-ground development. When the maggot is full-grown, it can crawl up to 50 feet to a dried, cool place near breeding material and transform to the pupal stage.

Of particular concern is the movement of flies from animal or human feces to food that will be eaten uncooked by humans. Does this mean the back yard vegetable garden will have to be removed?

Among the pathogens commonly transmitted by house flies are *Salmonella*, *Shigella*, *Campylobacter*, *Escherichia*, *Enterococcus*, *Chlamydia*, and many other species that cause illness. These flies are most commonly linked to outbreaks of diarrhea and shigellosis, but also are **implicated in transmission of food poisoning, typhoid fever, dysentery, tuberculosis, anthrax, ophthalmia, and parasitic worms.**

Tell me again, why you think an animal shelter should be placed on the border of a residential sub division?

Toni Beers, 3994 Bright Ct, Placerville, CA 95667 (530) 626-5845



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

7/16 Animal Shelter Item

1 message

Nishimura, Karen, M.D. <NishimK@sutterhealth.org>

Mon, Jul 8, 2013 at 5:31 PM

To: "bostwo@edcgov.us" <bostwo@edcgov.us>

Cc: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Hello. I am a concerned citizen of Cameron Park. I am writing to request that you **complete the purchase of 6425 Capitol Avenue for this County's Permanent Animal Shelter and Animal Services Operations.**

I acknowledge that many concerns are raised by local citizens regarding this purchase. Please note the following **FACTS:**

-we have pursued a suitable location for years to house our County's homeless companion animals, strays, relinquished livestock, and criminal cases, including those of cruelty and neglect. The general public would be in greater danger and loss without a facility to support these issues that directly affect **public SAFETY** as well as civil responsibility.

-the Operations of Animal Services would function far more effectively and efficiently in one physical location. Further, this is **far less confusing to the public** when searching for assistance.

-the original location at the "Y" is not functional. Meeting the minimum requirements to make this location feasible for use **would be too costly.**

-the current location at **6425 Capitol Avenue is legally appropriate**, accessible, and located in geographic terrain that minimizes disruption to animals, vehicles, and workers (including volunteers).

-the shelter design inherently minimizes the concerns raised by the citizens, including odor, water flow, sound, and presentation.

-The Animal Services staff function with minimal resources. A permanent shelter will enhance the ability to recruit volunteers with effective coordination and supervision.

I appreciate your sound understanding in this necessary project.

Thank you.

7/9/13

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Karen Nishimura

6285 Bridgeport Drive

Cameron Park

530-672-2172



7/16 Animal Shelter Item

1 message

Kelly Adams <mail4kellyadams@yahoo.com>

Tue, Jul 9, 2013 at 7:07 PM

Reply-To: Kelly Adams <mail4kellyadams@yahoo.com>

To: "bosone@edcgov.us" <bosone@edcgov.us>, "bostwo@edcgov.us" <bostwo@edcgov.us>, "bosthree@edcgov.us" <bosthree@edcgov.us>, "bosfour@edcgov.us" <bosfour@edcgov.us>, "bosfive@edcgov.us" <bosfive@edcgov.us>

Cc: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am a resident of El Dorado, and I am writing on behalf of myself, my friends, neighbors and family who live and work throughout El Dorado County. We urge you, please, to complete the purchase of 6425 Capitol Avenue for the permanent Animal Shelter. The Animal Services Officers and Shelter operations, including large animals, should be housed at this consolidated location.

The Capitol Avenue location is the only viable option –it matches the key criteria in terms of adequate size, feasible infrastructure, existing building and suitable general location.

An animal shelter is an allowable use in an industrial zoned parcel and the use is consistent with the General Plan.

It is time to make this happen. I am aware that there is a broad base of support for this project and site, and I will be attending the July 16 Board of Supervisors meeting along with many others in support of this action.

Thank you in advance for your attention and action on this business item.

Sincerely,

**Kelly Adams and William Lichtenberger
5305 Sierra Real
El Dorado, CA 95623 and**

**Diane and Loren Adams
5026 Loch Leven Drive
Pollock Pines, CA 95726**



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7/16 Animal Shelter Item

1 message

Stacy Wright <igwrangler2857@gmail.com>

Tue, Jul 9, 2013 at 3:48 PM

To: bosone@edcgov.us

Cc: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear Mr. Mikulaco,

I am writing to urge you to support the purchase of 6425 Capitol Avenue for the permanent Animal Shelter. It is a very important cause for our entire family. We have a rescued dog from the local shelter & he is a wonderful part of our family. We want all homeless animals to have a good place to stay until they can all find happy homes too.

Thank you for your support of this project.

Best regards,

The Wright Family

Cameron Park



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7/16 Animal Shelter item

1 message

Mary Lou Giles <mlgiles18@yahoo.com>

Tue, Jul 9, 2013 at 1:02 PM

Reply-To: Mary Lou Giles <mlgiles18@yahoo.com>

To: "bosone@edcgov.us" <bosone@edcgov.us>, "bostwo@edcgov.us" <bostwo@edcgov.us>, "bosthree@edcgov.us" <bosthree@edcgov.us>, "bosfour@edcgov.us" <bosfour@edcgov.us>, "bosfive@edcgov.us" <bosfive@edcgov.us>

Cc: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Dear Supervisors Mikulaco, Nutting, Veerkamp, Briggs, and Santiago,

I understand that at the BOS meeting next Tues., 7/16, you will be discussing and taking action on the final purchase of the proposed shelter site at 6425 Capitol Avenue, and on the environmental review of this project.

I'm writing to urge you to continue to move forward with this project. For those of you new to the Board, it has taken 9 years to get to this point! There is little debate now that the County needs a permanent Animal Shelter. The dream of building a shelter from the ground up evaporated in March 2012. There was an exhaustive search, over several months, for an existing site involving over 100 properties. 6425 Capitol Avenue was the **only** suitable site found. An animal shelter is an allowable use of that industrial zoned property, and the use is consistent with the General Plan.

I understand there have been concerns expressed by residents near this industrial zoned property about noise, odors, waste, lighting, etc. The Shelter Coalition has posted a O& A on their website that describes in exhaustive detail how modern animal shelter design and operational protocols will prevent or substantially mitigate these concerns. I urge you all to [read this document](#). It's quite clear that "concerns of neighboring residents" is not a valid reason to delay or abandon this project. I know I'm not the only taxpayer and voter who would consider any such delay or abandonment yet another failure of leadership by the Board of Supervisors.

Again, I urge you to approve the purchase of the 6425 Capitol Ave. site, and to move forward with the construction necessary to give El Dorado County its long overdue permanent Animal Shelter.

Sincerely,
Mary Lou Giles
Cameron Park



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7/16 Animal Shelter Item

1 message

Jeff Lee <jeffleeoldawg@gmail.com>
To: bosone@edcgov.us
Cc: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Tue, Jul 9, 2013 at 10:47 AM

Supervisor Mikulaco,

It has been eight years that the Community has been waiting for the new Animal Shelter to be built. All of the location and design options have been explored many times in these past years.

The only suitable property available is 6425 Capitol Ave.

Time for action is now! I urge you vote yes on the final purchase of this property and start the process for the new Animal Shelter.

Sincerely,

Jeff Lee

515 Hwy. 49

Placerville, CA 95667



Shelter El Dorado County

1 message

Elizabeth Sorensen <critterswelcome@comcast.net>

Tue, Jul 9, 2013 at 10:10 AM

To: bosfour@edcgov.us

Cc: edc.cob@edcgov.us

July 9, 2013

Dear Honorable Supervisor Briggs: et,al

The people and the animals have a real and justified need for the completion of the this long over due animal shelter facility in El Dorado County.

Hours of exhaustive research have been done and the shelter fits with the general plan.

The current facility is unacceptable and almost embarrassing to visitors.

I get my therapy dogs from your facility and am appalled every time I enter the small back holding containers where the dogs are kept.

Even the cats have small cages to live in. They too, make wonderful therapy pets for the elderly and shut-ins.

Therapy dogs provide, emotional support, physical support, nursing home support, hospital support and support for shut ins.

Please recognize this worthy cause and proceed with the once approved shelter.

The people in need of a pet and the animals currently housed in the current facility, deserve better from our county.

This is El Dorado County, my county of twenty years and this is just unacceptable.

Please move forward and let us all thrive.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Sorensen
3057 Secret lake trail
Cool, CA 95614
530 889-9049



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

7/16 Animal Shelter Item

1 message

Ileen Jensen <ileenj@directcon.net>
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Tue, Jul 9, 2013 at 9:08 AM

Please complete the purchase of the permanent Animal Shelter.

Thank you.

A supporter of the new Animal Shelter.

Ileen Jensen
Placerville, CA



Comments Regarding Agenda Item

1 message

Chuck Marchant <chipower9@hotmail.com>
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>
Cc: g_exstrom@comcast.net

Tue, Jul 9, 2013 at 3:56 PM

To the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors -

I am writing to you about the West Slope Shelter Project that is scheduled for discussion at your July 16 meeting. It is my intent to attend the meeting, but if for some reason I cannot, I want the board of supervisors to know that I support the shelter as a permanent asset of El Dorado County.

I have a rescue dog, who without the shelter that took him in, would have been destroyed. Shelters are important assets for cities and counties to help match perfectly adoptable pets with caring and loving owners. I strongly encourage you to approve the following items that are slated for discussion, and related to the shelter:

- The project's environmental review
- The lot split
- The final purchase agreement.

I understand concerns have been raised by neighbors to this industrial zoned site, but I feel that these concerns have been more than adequately addressed by the Animal Shelter Coalition for El Dorado County.

Please do what is right for the animals and for El Dorado County by voting unanimously to move forward with the shelter.

Respectfully -

Charles Marchant (registered voter)
2660 Night Hawk Way
Camino, CA 95709
530-613-1693

Sent from my iPhone



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

7-16 Animal Shelter item

3 messages

Kristie Phillips <kristieinedh@comcast.net>

Thu, Jul 11, 2013 at 8:59 AM

To: bostwo@edcgov.us

Cc: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear Mr. Nutting,

I am unable to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on July 16 but would like to share my support for the purchase of the West Slope Animal Shelter. I moved to El Dorado County in June of 1994. I have been a volunteer with PAWED since October of 2010 and a frequent volunteer at the El Dorado County Animal Shelter.

While the existing shelter location may be considered adequate it is certainly not the best our community can offer. Please make every effort to complete the purchase of the new facility so that we may be able to care for our animals and transition these innocent creatures into permanent homes for many years to come.

These animals are innocent and are dependent on us for help and protection.

Thank you for your prompt action on the West Slope Shelter purchase!!

Kristie Phillips
916-220-3310

Kristie Phillips <kristieinedh@comcast.net>

Thu, Jul 11, 2013 at 9:01 AM

To: bosone@edcgov.us

Cc: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear Mr. Mikulaco,

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Kristie Phillips <kristieinedh@comcast.net>

Thu, Jul 11, 2013 at 9:03 AM

To: bosthree@edcgov.us

Cc: edc.cob@edcgov.us

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Fwd: Please Continue Supporting West Slope Animal Shelter Project

1 message

The BOSFOUR <bosfour@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Thu, Jul 11, 2013 at 8:51 AM

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From: **Michael Damer** <mjdamer@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jul 8, 2013 at 9:41 AM
Subject: Please Continue Supporting West Slope Animal Shelter Project
To: bosfour@edcgov.us

Dear Supervisor Briggs:

I am writing you to thank you for your past support for a animal shelter for our county and to encourage you to support the completion of the West Slope Animal Shelter Project.

This shelter will be a valuable asset to our community and will benefit El Dorado County and its citizens (and animals) for decades to come.

While not a perfect solution, the West Slope Animal Shelter is the best viable option available and the time to decide and act is now.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael Damer
Placerville

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Fwd: Animal Shelter

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The BOSFOUR <bosfour@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Thu, Jul 11, 2013 at 8:51 AM

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From: **Mary Frost** <sn0wmanfrost@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Mon, Jul 8, 2013 at 9:44 AM
Subject: Animal Shelter
To: "bosfour@edcgov.us" <bosfour@edcgov.us>

Dear Supervisor Briggs,

As you are aware we have been working on a permanent animal shelter for many years without resolution. We have a viable solution and I request your support to finalize the project. The unwanted, abandoned and abused animals of our county need human help to survive. They can not do it on their own. Please help to establish our permanent shelter so we will have a place to care for and find forever homes for these deserving creatures.

Thank you,

Mary Frost

Sent from my iPad

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Fwd: 7/16 Animal Shelter Agenda Item

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The BOSFOUR <bosfour@edcgov.us>

Thu, Jul 11, 2013 at 8:50 AM

To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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From: **Lynnee Boyes** <lboyes@prodigy.net>

Date: Mon, Jul 8, 2013 at 9:45 AM

Subject: 7/16 Animal Shelter Agenda Item

To: bosfour@edcgov.us

Supervisor Briggs,

On July 16 the "final purchase of the shelter site and environmental review" is on your BOS Meeting Agenda. I urge you to please **support the purchase of 6425 Capitol Avenue for the permanent Animal Shelter and reunite Animal Services Officers and shelter operations, including large animals, at one location.** When the county investigated a site for the shelter on Business Drive in Shingle Springs behind my home, I was opposed to the plan. But I then visited the Animal Shelter on Bradshaw Road and learned first-hand that there was not noise or odor pollution. I have also educated myself on large animal boarding and see the shelter plans are as responsible and that the number of large animals in the Western Slope Shelter is very low. I was embarrassed by my knee jerk reaction and decided to join the Shelter Coalition to find a viable solution for the shelter.

After the county has researched hundreds of properties over 9 years, I am concerned this may be the last feasible site. I know yours is a stressful job with many opinions pulling you in many directions. I hope in the end you will agree that this site is the best solution to what has been an exhaustive search.

Respectfully,

Lynnee Boyes

El Dorado County Resident

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7/16 Animal Shelter Item

1 message

Mary Winkler <jmwink36@comcast.net>

Wed, Jul 10, 2013 at 3:27 PM

To: bostwo@edcgov.us

Cc: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Supervisor Nutting,

I am writing to urge you to complete the purchase of 6425 Capitol Avenue for the permanent Animal Shelter and reunite Animal Services Officers, and shelter operations in one location. Completion of this project is **long, long** over due. As you are aware, the Board determined that the original project at the at the El Dorado "Y" cannot be completed due to construction costs. Now, after an exhaustive search of over 100 sites, the Capitol Avenue site is the only viable option. This is an industrial zoned parcel, and Animal Shelter is an allowed use in an industrial zoned parcel. It is also CONSISTENT with the General Plan. Although some nearby residents have expressed concerns about the Shelter, El Dorado County Animal services operational protocols and planned design features provide prevention or mitigation measures that adequately address these concerns.

Completion of this project is essential and once again, I request that you approve this critical project.

Mary Winkler
Shingle Springs



Animal Shelter Item on BOS Agenda of July 16, 2013

2 messages

beichley@comcast.net <beichley@comcast.net>

Thu, Jul 11, 2013 at 2:04 PM

To: bosthree@edcgov.us

Cc: bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear Brian,

The attached letter includes my thoughts, knowledge and pleas for your approval of the Animal Shelter relocation site and the Environmental Assesment of "Negative Declaration" so that the project can move forward leading us to a whole Animal Services Facility. As you know this project is near and dear to my heart! Its time has come!

Thank you,
Kathleen

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The BOSTWO <bostwo@edcgov.us>

Thu, Jul 11, 2013 at 2:16 PM

To: beichley@comcast.net

Cc: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

I will make sure this your letter is made part of the agenda. Kitty

Thank you.

Kitty Miller on behalf of
Ray Nutting
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
530) 621-5651

On Thu, Jul 11, 2013 at 2:15 PM, The BOSTWO <bostwo@edcgov.us> wrote:

Thanks, Kathleen. It was nice speaking with you the other day. Enjoy Canada. Kitty

Thank you.

Kitty Miller on behalf of
Ray Nutting
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
530) 621-5651

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Thank you.

July 11, 2013

Re: Animal Shelter Relocation
Approval of Site Purchase and
Environmental Assessment: Negative Declaration

Dear Supervisor Veerkamp,

As you are aware, as County Staff Architect, I spent several years working on the Animal Shelter Project prior to retiring from the County. That was four years ago. Since that time I have continued to follow and be involved with providing a suitable animal shelter for our County, including attendance at most BOS meetings where decisions were made about the project.

As a 39 year resident of El Dorado County, District III, I have come to understand the background, the issues and the essential public service provided by Animal Services - I have experienced the minimal facilities that have been provided over the years, eventually moving forward with a temporary facility upgrade which was to lead to a permanent facility within two years. The separation of animal service units for what was to be a temporary condition has been inefficient and costly to Animal Services and the public. It is time for Animal Services to be reunited in a permanent facility that follows State regulations and accommodates the animals, the staff, and the public in the most efficient and environmentally healthy manner!

Unfortunately, I will not be available on July 16, 2013 when the Board, again, has an opportunity to consider and change the future of this important community facility. Please accept this letter in lieu of my presence. I urge you to take action to complete the purchase of 6425 Capitol Avenue and move quickly to complete the Animal Services facility on the industrial property that is proposed. It meets the selection criteria long established and re-established in March 2012 when the original 10 acre site was shelved due to site costs. The Complete facility - Animal Services Officers, small animal and large animal sheltering is offered at this site. Its building can be retrofitted efficiently and its adjacent open area will effectively accommodate a well built and mindful of its surroundings: barn for the small number of large animals that are a required part of Animal Services in our West Slope community.

Again, on July 16, 2013, I urge you to adopt the Negative Declaration and approve the required final actions to complete the purchase of 6425 Capitol Avenue for the Western Slope Animal Shelter.

Thank you for your consideration of this important action.

Respectfully yours,

Kathleen R. Beichley, AIA Architect



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

7/16 Animal Shelter

1 message

JoAnn LoFranco <jlofranco@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: JoAnn LoFranco <jlofranco@yahoo.com>
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Thu, Jul 11, 2013 at 7:29 PM

I urge the Board of Supervisors to vote to complete the purchase of 6425 Capitol Ave. for the permanent location of the animal shelter. This will allow all animal shelter operations to be in one location.

Since the permanent animal shelter could not be built on the Shinn property because of cost issues, this is the only property that has been found that can house the shelter.

Yours truly,

JoAnn LoFranco

Gary and Debi Banks
4153 Forni Road
Placerville, CA 95667
Contact Phone: (916) 390-3666

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

July 11, 2013

To whom it may concern:

We are writing in regards to the negative declaration for the proposed property acquisition and construction of a county operated animal shelter facility located at 6425 Capitol Ave, Placerville, CA 95667, File: SA13-0302.

In section III Air Quality it states "any remaining fecal matter is **washed down the drain and a standard animal shelter disinfectant is applied and left on for the proper contact time. The disinfectant is then rinsed down the drain.**"

Under section IV Biological Resources states "There is a **drainage ditch located on the north side of the property** that exhibits characteristics; however, this is well outside of the development footprint, and will not be impacted by any of the proposed activities. There would be no impact to riparian habitat or wetlands.

Under section XVII Utilities and Service Systems states "Construction of New Drainage Facilities: On-site storm water drainage facilities consist of a **drainage ditch located on the northern boundary of the site in a 20-foot wide drainage to capture sheet flow from the site..... There would be no need to construct newer drainage facilities for this project. There would be no impact.**"

We have meet with the county to find out if the wash off of the shelter property will be going down the drainage ditch which is mentioned above. No one was able to provide us with any information.

Our Concerns are:

1. Is the wash off of any fecal matter or disinfectant going to flow into the ditch located on the northern boundary of the site?
2. Will any storm water drainage from the proposed project, wash fecal matter or disinfectant into the drainage ditch located on the northern side of this site? Where will all the contaminated run-off water go?

3. If so, there is a culvert located along that ditch which goes under the rail road tracks over to the ditch on the other side. I have attached a few pictures of our ditch as the county calls it, for you to see during the winter; this ditch over flows and runs through most of the pasture area on our property. There is water in this ditch throughout the year. Therefore the fecal matter and disinfectant will be running all over our property at any given time. What environmental affects will this have to our property? I also have two dogs which drink from this ditch, what diseases will affect our dogs?
4. Has there been any data collection, further investigation, or possible study that would help define or assess a hydrologic concern, issue, or problem? Has any reports been completed and provided for public review?

Thank you for whatever information you can provide us regarding the flow of any wash off or storm water flow locations and the contamination of this water with regards to our property located at 4153 Forni Road, Placerville CA 95667.

Gary Banks

Debi Banks

Gary and Debi Banks



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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
OF A DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR SA13-0302 COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER FACILITY-PARK WEST

Community Development Agency-Development Services Division, as the Lead Agency, has prepared a draft negative declaration for the proposed property acquisition and construction of a county operated animal shelter facility. The draft negative declaration is being prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code [PRC] Sections 2100 et seq. and the CEQA Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations [CCR] Sections 1500 et seq.).

This draft negative declaration is available for public and agency review for a 20-day period beginning **June 5, 2013 and ending June 24, 2013**. The purpose of this comment period is to consider the content of the draft negative declaration and the potential environmental impacts that may result from the project implementation. Comments pertaining to the impact analysis, criteria and thresholds, presented in the draft negative declaration will be considered by the County during preparation of the final negative declaration. The County must certify the draft negative declaration prior to Project approval.

The draft negative declaration and supporting information may be reviewed and/or obtained at Development Services Division-Planning Services; 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA 95667 (www.edcgov.us/planning)

All written public and agency comments must be received by **5:00 PM on June 24, 2013** and should be directed to: El Dorado County Development Services Division-Planning Services, Attention: Pierre Rivas, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA 95667. Please include the name of the contact person of your agency, if applicable. Comments submitted via email must either be included in the body text of the message or as an attachment in Microsoft® Word or Adobe® PDF format.

PROJECT TITLE: SA13-0302 El Dorado County Animal Shelter Facility

PROJECT APPLICANT: El Dorado County; 2850 Fairlane Court; Placerville, CA 95667

PROJECT LOCATION: 6425 Capitol Avenue, on the west side of Capital Avenue, approximately 470 feet north of the intersection of Capitol Avenue and Enterprise Drive within the Park West Business Center in the Diamond Springs area.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: El Dorado County is proposing to acquire a 4.27-acre portion of a 6.67-acre parcel identified by Assessor's Number 329-341-04, which contains a 21,086 square foot building, parking and existing landscaping. The project would include tenant improvements within the existing building, construction of a 2,500 square foot barn, and the grading and installation of paddocks for containment of livestock, other large animals, and dogs.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: The draft negative declaration addresses environmental issues including Aesthetics, Agricultural Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology & Soils, Hazards & Hazardous Materials, Hydrology & Water Quality, Land Use & Planning, Mineral Resources, Population & Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation & Traffic, Utilities & Services Systems, and Mandatory Findings of Significance/Cumulative Impacts.

COUNTY OF EL DORADO
ROGER TROUT, Development Services Division Director
June 5, 2013



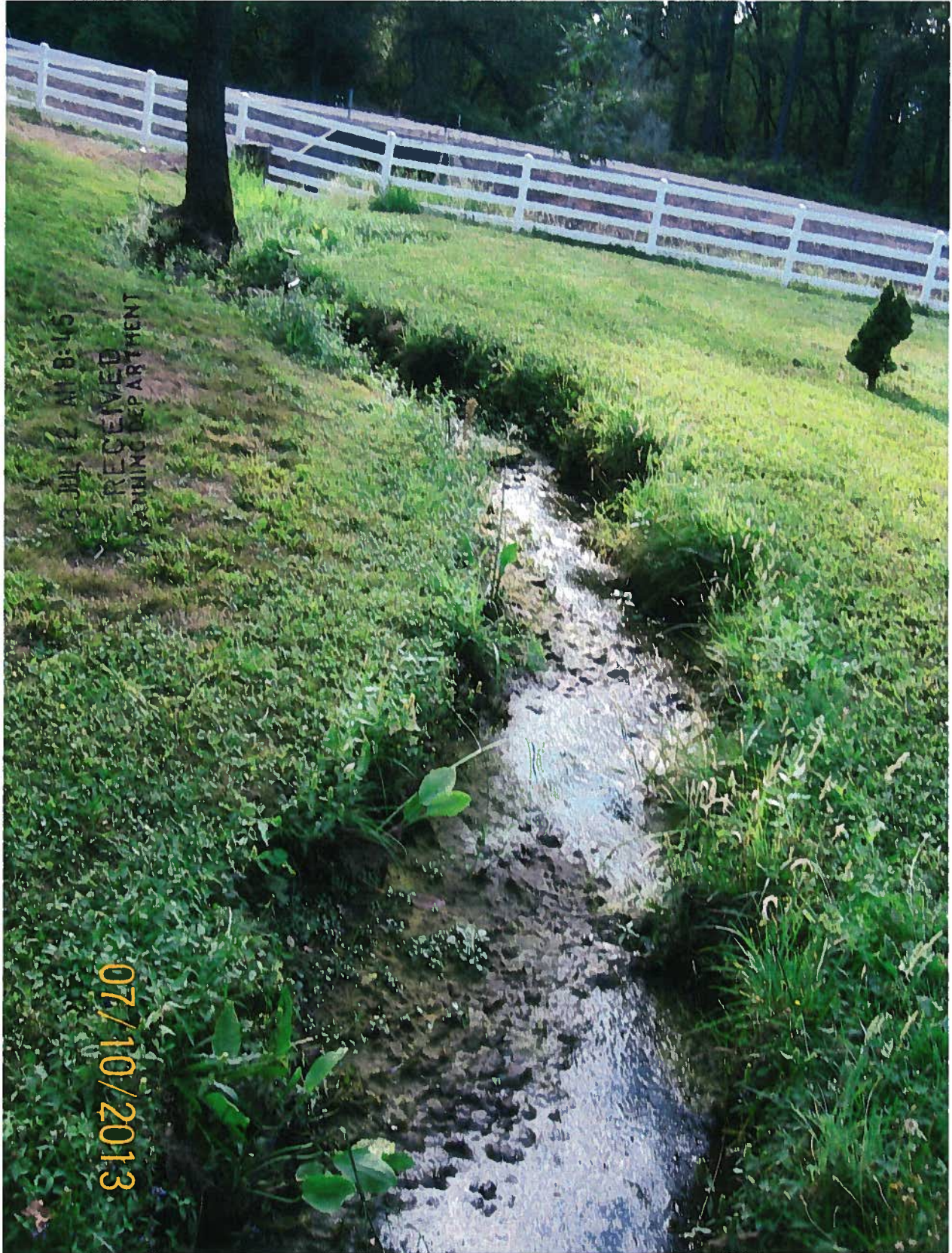
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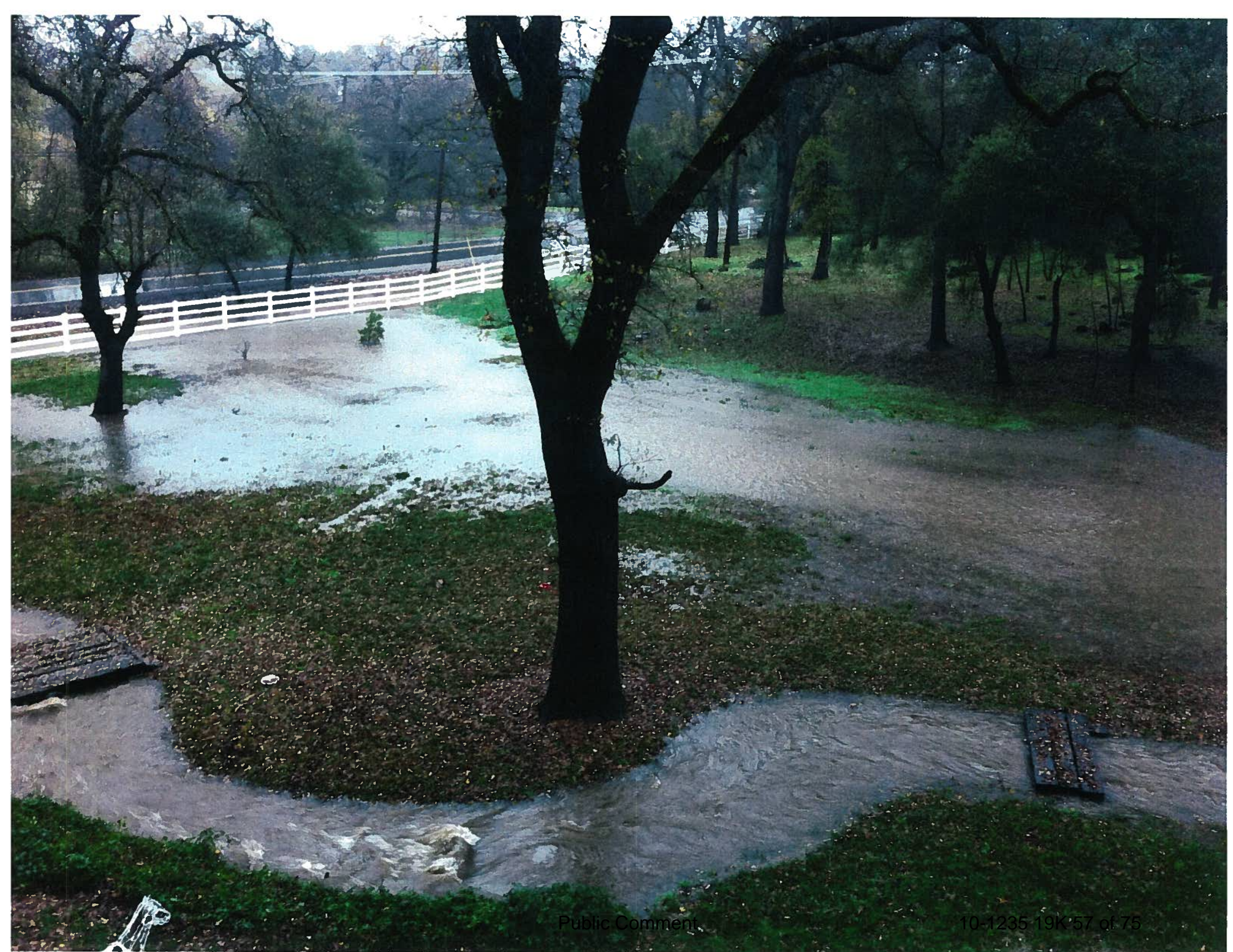
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Animal Shelter Coalition for
El Dorado County

July 12, 2013

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Re: 7/16/13 Agenda Item No. 35 - West Slope Animal Shelter

Board Members,

On behalf of the Animal Shelter Coalition, I urge you to adopt the Negative Declaration, and approve the agreements that finalize the purchase of 6425 Capitol Avenue for the West Slope Animal Shelter. Coalition supporters include hundreds of local residents as well as businesses and animal welfare groups. We understand thoroughly the need for this public facility and have engaged with you for years in the goal to create a cost effective, functional, healthy, Animal Shelter. Supporters have been before you countless times, consistently stressing widely accepted principles: siting criteria; adequate space; and functional, efficient design.

In March 2012, while continuing to stress the critical principles and criteria, we supported the major course change, when the 10-acre site at the "Y" was rejected. We followed the extensive property search/evaluation process and the limited alternatives that exist.

With the benefit of this experience, and because this property is the option that provides the space and the building to effectively consolidate Animal Services Officers, Shelter staff, small animal and large animal care, we strongly support this site. It meets selection criteria, the facility is an accepted use on this industrial parcel and the use is consistent with the General Plan. In terms of compatibility with its surroundings, however, the following is also fundamental. No one cares more than Animal Services staff and shelter volunteers that the animals in their temporary care are healthy and housed in a clean, well-maintained, safe environment. Among other things, that requires specific maintenance and cleaning/sanitation protocols for their kennels, cages, rooms, barn stalls, and exercise areas. These maintenance and care protocols, together with accepted shelter design features, not only accomplish our animal care goals – they are the reason the shelter can be a good neighbor.

We urge you to complete the purchase of 6425 Capitol Avenue for the future West Slope Animal Shelter. Thank you for your work on this longstanding project and your careful consideration of this important community goal.

Sincerely,

/s/

Barbara Lee
Coordinator, Animal Shelter Coalition for El Dorado County

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Coloma, CA 95613

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Re: FW: 7/16 animal shelter

1 message

The BOSTWO <bostwo@edcgov.us>
To: Kat Arrington <katelack@comcast.net>
Cc: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fri, Jul 12, 2013 at 3:54 PM

Thank you for your concern regarding the new Animal Shelter. I will forward it to our Clerk of the Board to assure it is part of the agenda

Thank you.

Kitty Miller on behalf of
Ray Nutting
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
530) 621-5651

On Fri, Jul 12, 2013 at 2:00 PM, Kat Arrington <katelack@comcast.net> wrote:

From: Kat Arrington [mailto:katelack@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2013 2:00 PM
To: 'bosone@edcgov.us'
Subject: 7/16 animal shelter

I have been a volunteer at The El Dorado Animal Shelter since 2008. We are in desperate need of a new and larger facility. Please approve the purchase of the property at 6425 Capitol Ave.

Thank you,

Kathleen Arrington

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Thank you.



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

7-16 Animal Shelter Item

1 message

Rob & Cindy Zitta <zittarc@att.net>

Sun, Jul 14, 2013 at 10:46 AM

To: bosfour@edcgov.us

Cc: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear Mr. Briggs:

I am contacting you because I strongly feel that we need to complete the purchase of 6425 Capitol Avenue. A significant amount of time has passed and I believe it is time for the PERMANENT Animal Shelter to be reunited physically with the county Animal Services Officers and shelter operations, including large animals, at one location. The people who are paid and volunteer to take the time and care for these animals, who are often victims to economic or otherwise unfortunate circumstances, should have the tools available to keep these services strong, consistent, efficient and sustainable. Because I cannot attend this meeting due to my employment responsibilities, I respectfully request that my elected official voice my wishes to the appropriate decision-makers. I appreciate your time and consideration on my behalf.

Sincerely,

Cynthia L. Zitta

Greenwood, CA



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

"7/16 Animal Shelter Item

1 message

Jolene Bishop <eldoradojb2@comcast.net>
To: bostwo@edcgov.us
Cc: edc.cob@edcgov.us, asc.edc@gmail.com

Sun, Jul 14, 2013 at 10:41 AM

Vote YES and complete the purchase of 6425 Capitol Avenue for the permanent Animal Shelter and reunite Animal Services Officers and shelter operations, including large animals, at one location. Our county needs an updated Animal Shelter to aid the domestic animals and their owners.

**Jolene Bishop
6200 Quartz Drive
El Dorado CA 95623**



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Please vote yes for purchase of animal shelter on 7/16!

3 messages

Dave Cook <deerdave@sbcglobal.net>
 To: bosthree@edcgov.us
 Cc: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Jul 14, 2013 at 10:19 AM

Supervisor Veerkamp – I'll be brief because I believe that in spite of your relatively brief tenure on the Board, you've no doubt heard quite a bit about the importance of finally establishing a permanent animal shelter on the Western Slope. On behalf of all the animals that will benefit as well as all the people who care about those animals, I ask you to vote for the purchase of the land & building at 6425 Capitol Avenue at your meeting this coming Tuesday, July 16th. The County's efforts to establish such a shelter have continued for nearly a decade without a useful conclusion. It is time to bring this issue to a successful close and the property in question meets all of the related business needs. I cannot imagine a more important issue that will come up on Tuesday and I thank you in advance for your affirmative vote!

Dave Cook

Shingle Springs

Dave Cook <deerdave@sbcglobal.net>
 To: bosone@edcgov.us
 Cc: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Jul 14, 2013 at 10:21 AM

Supervisor Mikulaco – I'll be brief because I believe that in spite of your relatively brief tenure on the Board, you've no doubt heard quite a bit about the importance of finally establishing a permanent animal shelter on the Western Slope. On behalf of all the animals that will benefit as well as all the people who care about those animals, I ask you to vote for the purchase of the land & building at 6425 Capitol Avenue at your meeting this coming Tuesday, July 16th. The County's efforts to establish such a shelter have continued for nearly a decade without a useful conclusion. It is time to bring this issue to a successful close and the property in question meets all of the related business needs. I cannot imagine a more important issue that will come up on Tuesday and I thank you in advance for your affirmative vote!

Dave Cook

Shingle Springs

Dave Cook <deerdave@sbcglobal.net>
 To: bostwo@edcgov.us
 Cc: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Jul 14, 2013 at 10:23 AM

Supervisor Nutting – I'll be brief because you know this topic well. On behalf of all the animals that will benefit as well as all the people who care about those animals, I ask you to vote for the purchase of the land & building at 6425 Capitol Avenue at your meeting this coming Tuesday, July 16th. The County's efforts to establish such a shelter have continued for nearly a decade without a useful conclusion. It is time to bring this issue to a successful close and the property in question meets all of the related business needs. I cannot imagine a more important issue that will come up on Tuesday and I thank you in advance for your affirmative vote!



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Animal Shelter agenda item, 7-16-13

1 message

Teri Mizuhara <kiku.harui@yahoo.com>
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sat, Jul 13, 2013 at 9:52 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to encourage you to vote in support of the purchase of EDC West Slope Animal Shelter on Tuesday. I believe that the 6425 Capitol Avenue location is really the best location after an exhaustive search by the county staff. It's been nine long years since this process began and in my humble opinion it is the right thing to do. Reuniting Animal Services Officers and Animal shelter operations, including large animals, at one permanent location is the prudent economic choice.

Thank you,

Teri Smith



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

July 16: Animal Shelter Item

1 message

Bill Smith <bill_teri_smith@yahoo.com>
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sat, Jul 13, 2013 at 9:44 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I hope that you will be voting in support of the purchase of EDC West Slope Animal Shelter on Tuesday. The 6425 Capitol Avenue location is the best location after a lengthy and exhaustive search. After nine long years it is the right thing to do. Reuniting Animal Services Officers and Animal shelter operations, including large animals, at one permanent location is the prudent economic choice.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

William K. Smith



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

7-16 Animal Shelter Item

1 message

Christine Lykos <christinelykos@hotmail.com>
To: "bostthree@edcgov.us" <bostthree@edcgov.us>
Cc: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Sat, Jul 13, 2013 at 5:41 PM

I urge you to complete the purchase of 6425 Capitol Avenue for the permanent Animal Shelter and reunite Animal Services Officers and Shelter Operators including large animals at one location.

Sincerely,
Christine Lykos
Home Sweet Home Professional Overnight Pet Care
530.748.9165



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Please vote yes for purchase of animal shelter on 7/16!

2 messages

Dave Cook <deerdave@sbcglobal.net>

Sat, Jul 13, 2013 at 3:56 PM

To: bosfour@edcgov.us

Cc: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Supervisor Briggs – I'll be brief because you know this topic well and you have been a good supporter of this & similar issues in the past. On behalf of all the animals that will benefit as well as all the people who care about those animals, I ask you to vote for the purchase of the land & building at 6425 Capitol Avenue at your meeting this coming Tuesday, July 16th. I cannot imagine a more important issue that will come up on Tuesday and I thank you in advance for your affirmative vote!

Dave Cook

Shingle Springs

Dave Cook <deerdave@sbcglobal.net>

Sat, Jul 13, 2013 at 3:58 PM

To: bosfive@edcgov.us

Cc: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Supervisor Santiago – I'll be brief because you know this topic well and you have been a good supporter of this & similar issues in the past. On behalf of all the animals that will benefit as well as all the people who care about those animals, I ask you to vote for the purchase of the land & building at 6425 Capitol Avenue at your meeting this coming Tuesday, July 16th. I cannot imagine a more important issue that will come up on Tuesday and I thank you in advance for your affirmative vote!

Dave Cook

Shingle Springs



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

7/16/13 Agenda item #35

1 message

Charlene Welty <pets4life@att.net>
Reply-To: Charlene Welty <pets4life@att.net>
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fri, Jul 12, 2013 at 11:15 PM

Hi James--attached is our letter to the Supervisors with comments on the West Slope animal shelter project agenda item, scheduled for discussion at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16. Thank you.

Charlene Welty, President
People for Animal Welfare in El Dorado County (PAWED)
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July 12, 2013

Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, Ca 95667

Dear Supervisors,

On July 16, 2013, you will be discussing the final purchase and sales agreement for the new animal shelter project site at 6425 Capitol Avenue, Diamond Springs. We urge your YES vote and enthusiastically support this site for the much needed West Slope permanent animal shelter!

Guiding Principles

Since the inception of this project in 2005, PAWED has consistently advocated that the following principles guide decision making in finding a new animal shelter site. The Capitol Avenue site meets all these criteria:

- **Location**—a central location that is:
 - easily accessed by the public and volunteers,
 - facilitates response time for Animal Services Officers to respond to calls from the public,
 - can easily be accessed to assist animals and the public during disasters.
- **Functionality:**
 - size should be based on needs assessment,
 - design based on accepted standards of shelter animal care,
 - includes space for housing large animals on the premises.
- **Safety and Security:** location and design must insure safety and security for the animals, staff , volunteers and the public.
- **Community Resource/Asset:**
 - must be visible and have a positive image,
 - as the FIRST permanent animal shelter for the West Slope, it is an important community asset that should have at least 40 years of productivity.

- **Volunteer Assistance:**
 - volunteer assistance is critical to the operation of the shelter,
 - an accessible, functional and safe shelter will help attract and retain volunteers.

We appreciate the considerable amount of effort that CAO staff have invested to find a suitable site, by reviewing over 100 possibilities throughout the county. This site is the **ONLY** one that was found to meet the needs for the specialized operation of the animal shelter that must be designed to adequately care for small and large animals. On behalf of our 350 members and over 1,000 donors, thank you very much for your support.

Sincerely,

/s/
Charlene Welty
President



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

7-16 ANIMAL SHELTER ITEM

1 message

Ruthie Loeffelbein <ruthieloeff@gmail.com>
To: bosone@edcgov.us, edc.cob@edcgov.us

Fri, Jul 12, 2013 at 7:11 PM

Please complete the purchase of 6425 Capitol Ave for the permanent Animal Shelter, so the shelter offices and operations, including large animals, can all be in one location.

As a viable option, this is our only chance to get the Shelter the County needs. And the industrial zoning makes this use consistent with the General Plan.

We are fortunate to have the Shelter Coalition, which is dedicated to making this shelter a reality, and to helping address concerns of residential neighbors through modern shelter design.

Proceeding with this project at this site is in the best interest of the whole county - human and critters alike. Please support it! Make it happen!

Thank you for working on this.

Sincerely
Ruthie Loeffelbein, 619 Canal Street, Placerville



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

7-16 Animal Shelter Item and Moni Gilmore

1 message

Sandy Gallagher <gallaghersandy@hotmail.com>
To: "bostthree@edcgov.us" <bostthree@edcgov.us>
Cc: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jul 15, 2013 at 11:54 AM

Dear Supervisor Veerkamp,

I am a resident of district 3 and want to express my support for the new location of the animal shelter site within your district. I live very close to the shooting range and would much rather have the sounds and smells of a well maintained animal shelter than what I have! We have the loud sounds of guns and something that sounds like grenades going off day and night 7 days a week. BUT I understand the need for this shooting range because it hones the skills of the brave men in uniform who protect our county and put their lives on the line for us everyday.

I have neighbors who own livestock and sure I smell it but this is the country life which we love. I've learned to live with these things because I understand the need for our district and county.

Recently I learned that we have a connection to the late Moni Gilmore so please print and read the attachment to this letter. Jack and Jake are still healthy and happily living with me and Alex. I'm sure Moni would be pleased!

Thank you for your time,
Sandy Gallagher

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THE STORY OF JACK AND JAKE BELOVED PETS OF THE LATE MONI GILMORE

Many in El Dorado County knew Moni Gilmore, a tireless advocate for senior services in the community. Her sudden death in April, 2008 left her two dogs, Jack and Jake, homeless since there were no family or friends who could care for them.. This is the story of how El Dorado County Animal Services and PAWED stepped in to help....

My name is Jack. I am a small, white Maltese dog, but I really feel much larger than I am. The first six years of my life were happy and pampered with my brother Jake and our mom, Moni Gilmore. Our mom loved us very much and gave us everything our hearts desired. Sometimes we got to ride in the car with her to go visit friends at the El Dorado Hills Senior Center. We never went hungry and didn't know fear. My only job was to protect our home as any good "guard dog" would do!

One day all this changed when mom didn't wake up to feed us our breakfast. We started to get really worried when she didn't let us outside all day and didn't feed us at dinner time. Things seemed different and we kept checking on her, but she didn't move. Later we heard sirens and saw flashing lights in front of our house. The front door opened and lots of people in uniforms came inside. Jake and I were so scared and confused when they took mom away and one of the people picked us up and took us outside and into a truck..

After what seemed like a very long drive we were taken into a building called El Dorado County Animal Services shelter. The people there were very nice and gave us some food to quiet our hungry stomachs and warm blankets to sleep on. We were put in a large cage with barking dogs on either side of us and we barked back. Where were our beds, our toys.... our mom????? I tried to comfort Jake, but to tell you the truth, I was pretty scared too. We didn't know at that time that we would never see our mom or our home again.

Jake and I were very upset and didn't eat the food that the nice people brought us. I heard the people saying words like "stressed" and "scared" and "waiting for the coroner's office to release them". After several days, we were so unhappy that we barked a lot when anyone came near us.

Then a lady came and knelt down in front of our cage and asked in a soft, kind voice if Jake and I would like to leave with her. I told her in my loudest semi- large dog voice "Yes"! I learned this lady's name was Charlene Welty and on the side of the car we rode in was a sign that read "PAWED, People for Animal Welfare in El Dorado County". I figured these people help dogs like Jake and I who are scared and don't have a family. Turns out Charlene found out about our situation from another PAWED member, and director of the senior center, Janet Kenneweg,

After a short ride, we went to a nice, cozy house and were greeted by a dog who told us her name was Alex. Looking around we saw soft beds, toys, food and water and met Alex's mom, Sandy Gallagher. No cages and other barking dogs here! Jake noticed the television first and sat down to catch up on his favorite show on Animal Planet. We heard Charlene and Sandy talking about something called "foster home" while Jake and I explored the house with Alex---- so many new smells! Soon after, Jake and I curled up on a bed and closed our tired eyes. We slept a lot those first few days with Sandy and Alex. Jake preferred to sit on Sandy's lap, but not me! My biggest job was to find the toys that made squeaking noises and figure out how to make them stop squeaking!

After a few days our stomachs started feeling much better and we ate the good food Sandy gave us. I even took on the job of protecting the house and yard! Over the next few months Sandy took us to meet a few new people in other houses. Jake didn't want to leave Sandy's side, but I would explore these houses. I even spent the night at one of them, but the nice people could see how much I missed my brother Jake and took me back to Sandy the next day. After awhile I started to like sitting in Sandy's lap too, and especially liked it when Sandy held my face in her hands, kissed my forehead and told me "I love you Jack".

Well, Jake and I are very happy because Sandy decided to make us a permanent part of her family and we get to stay together. After several months of "fostering", she could not bear to part with us, so she went to the shelter and filled out the paperwork to make it official. Isn't that great?! Jake and I have new haircuts and new collars with bright shiny tags. I'm sure one of my tags reads "the Protector", but I think what this

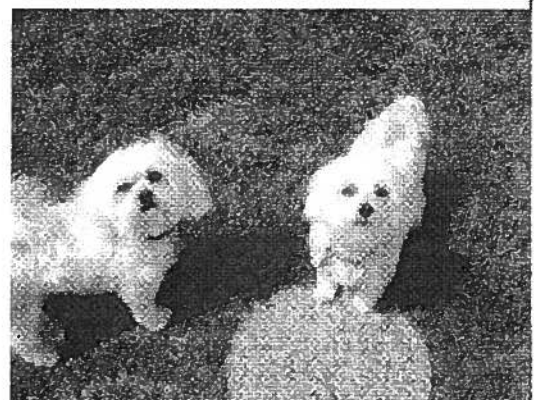
really means is that we are here to stay with mom Sandy and our sister Alex. We will never forget our first mom, Moni, but are so grateful to find this wonderful new home.

Jake and I send lots of kisses to thank everyone who helped us! Oops, sorry but I have to go..... I see birds in the yard--- BARK! BARK!

Jack Gallagher



Jack basking in the sun of his new home



Jake and Jack ready for their bird watching



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

EL DORADO ANIMAL SHELTER DECISION

1 message

Elizabeth Sorensen <critterswelcome@comcast.net>

Wed, Jul 17, 2013 at 10:56 AM

To: bosfour@edcgov.us

Cc: edc.cob@edcgov.us

7-17-2013

Dear Honorable BOS,

Thank you for voting to proceed with the much needed animal shelter for El dorado.

I look forward to visiting and bringing visitors to the new shelter to adopt animals.

I also look forward to finding therapy dogs for different purposes.

Your decision to go forward will help many people, young, old and children, who need the affection and touch of an animal.

Thank you for making me proud of our El Dorado County Board of Supervisors and our animal facilities.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Sorensen

3057 Secret lake Trail

Cool ca 95614

“When animals express their feelings they pour out like water from a spout. Animals' emotions are raw, unfiltered, and uncontrolled. Their joy is the purest and most contagious of joys and their grief the deepest and most devastating. Their passions bring us to our knees in delight and sorrow.”

— Marc Bekoff, The Emotional Lives of Animals: A Leading Scientist Explores Animal Joy, Sorrow, and Empathy - and Why They Matter.



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

EDCBOS July 16, 2013 Animal Shelter Item

1 message

EDDOG <eddogdogpark@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 15, 2013 at 2:20 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, Ronn Briggs <bosfour@edcgov.us>, Norma Santiago <bosfive@edcgov.us>, Ron Mikulaco <bosone@edcgov.us>, Ray Nutting <bostwo@edcgov.us>, Brian Veerkamp <bosthree@edcgov.us>
 Cc: PAWED <pawed@att.net>, asc.edc@gmail.com, Holly Morrison <eddogdogpark@gmail.com>, Holly Morrison <HGMorrison10@hotmail.com>

Dear Supervisors Mikulaco, Nutting, Veerkamp, Briggs & Santiago,

El Dorado Dog Owners Guild (EDDOG) members are located throughout the entirety of El Dorado County, therefore, each of you are addressed with this communication.

On behalf of the EDDOG Board of Directors and 1,000+ membership, I am writing today to urge you to complete the purchase of 6425 Capitol Avenue for the permanent Animal Shelter and reunite Animal Services Officers and shelter operations, including large animals, at one location.

The Board made it clear in March 2012 that the original project at the El Dorado "Y" cannot be constructed due to site improvement costs. The remaining budget will not provide for new construction – an existing building, meeting general location, size and infrastructure criteria had to be found.

An exhaustive search - over 100 properties - over several months yielded very few options. The Capitol Avenue site is the only viable option.

An animal shelter is an allowable use in an industrial zoned parcel. The use is consistent with the General Plan.

I understand that there are residents near this industrial zoned parcel who have concerns about the Animal Shelter in the Capitol Avenue location. I also understand that Animal Services operational protocols and planned design features as well as the small number of large animals typically housed, provide prevention or mitigation measures that adequately address these concerns.

On behalf of EDDOG and its members we urge you to complete the purchase of 6425 Capitol Avenue for the permanent El Dorado County Animal Shelter.

It is TIME to complete this long needed project!

Thank you for your consideration.

Holly Morrison
 EDDOG President and Chair
 530.676.9699
 EDDOGdogpark@gmail.com
 www.EDDOG.org

El Dorado Dog Owners Guild (EDDOG)

<http://www.eddog.org/>

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