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To the Board of Supervisors and All parties involved and concerned in the pending decision on El Dorado County Parks:

Having read the legislative file (08-1609) regarding the restructuring/elimination of positions related to the County Parks in El Dorado, I am seeking clarification from you, and also urging prompt, responsible action that considers the health and well-being of the residents of El Dorado.

On January 8, 2008, the Department of General Services recommended adding a separate Parks division consisting of one FTE Parks Administrator, one FTE Parks Project Coordinator, and one TE River Recreation Supervisor. This decision is, to my understanding, being reconsidered at your next meeting. The statement that is of greatest concern is that "the Parks Administrator, which served as the Parks Division manager, is redundant and is recommended for deletion."

Please understand that it is in the best interest for the DGS to consider that "the approved structure does not lend itself to effective project development and delivery" namely because the dearth of facilities employees makes project development and delivery a challenge. I am empathetic to this situation. I, too, work in a place that has fewer staff than necessary to be more successful; however, to eliminate the ONE position that would advocate for the development of recreation programs, you are dooming the fate of El Dorado's largest source of income, recreation and tourism. Recreation is NOT simply a "project" and is not something to be "delivered" in the same way that many of the Capital Projects are. It is the valuing and maintenance of open spaces, and development of programs to enjoy this space, which is the responsibility and purview of a recreation professional, not a civil engineer. This is precisely why there should be a separation of the two areas.

I am aware that there is a tough financial crisis that is being dealt with at all levels. However, I feel that it is premature, inaccurate, and severely detrimental to the future welfare of El Dorado's residents to consider the elimination of this position. I emphatically urge you to move SLOWLY and consider the impacts of this decision.

Thank you for your time.

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