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Board of Supervisors
County of El Dorado
330 Fair Lane
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**Re: Authorization for Staff to Commence Negotiations for Purchase of
Property Identified as APN 070-261-82**

Honorable Supervisors:

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board authorize staff to enter into negotiations for the acquisition of property identified as APN 070-261-82.

Reasons for Recommendation:

This property is approximately 8.9 acres, located on the north side of Highway 50, between Ponderosa Road and Cameron Park Drive. It may have utility to the County in two ways. It is located in the Pine Hill Preserve and may have value as mitigation for rare plants, adding it to the preserve lands which are already under public ownership. A portion of the property may have value as right-of-way for Wild Chaparral Road.

Staff is asking for authority to enter into negotiations with the owner of the property to determine whether an acquisition is possible under terms deemed acceptable to the County. The terms of the negotiation will be discussed with the Board in closed session.

Fiscal Impact:

None. The fiscal impact of a potential acquisition of the property will be analyzed upon conclusion of negotiations.

Steps to Be Taken After Approval:

Staff will meet with the Board in closed session to discuss the terms of negotiation and will proceed to contact the owner of the property, Detmold Limited Partners, represented by Cherie L. Raffety. The County negotiators will be Louis Green, County Counsel, Peter Maurer, Principal Planner, and Pete Feild, Right-of-Way Program Manager.

We would be pleased to respond to any questions the Board might have.

Respectfully submitted



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