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Subject Fw: March 11th's Public Hearing Response, Pioneer Fire
District's Chief Gill

Good Afternoon Supervisor Baumann,

After further review on this potential parcel split on "Sweeney Road/Miners Trail" in my fire district, I thought I should provide some you some updated input about it. I'm unable to attend the public hearing on March 11th due to a prior commitment, but I thought this was important enough to provide you guys with updated information and some concerns we have while considering this request.

Thank You For Your Time and Support as Always, Have A Great Day!

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To: Aaron Mount Associate Planner
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Date: Friday, March 7th 2008

Dear Aaron Mount,

I am writing in response to the scheduled March 11th "Public Hearing" with the county Board of Supervisors concerning Sweeney Road/Miners Trail that was published in the Mountain Democrat on February 22nd. I am the new District Fire Chief for Pioneer Fire Protection District, for which this parcel (APN #: 093-021-71) is located.

Since the splitting of parcels within El Dorado County fall into the realm of the county Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors, not local fire chiefs or local fire districts, I felt compelled to formerly respond to this parcel split request.

As per my letter dated on October 26th 2007 to Supervisor Bauman, District-II stated at the time, their was no reason for me to deny this request based on the information I had at the time. It's a county gov't issue, (i.e., not a fire chief or fire district issue in its present form as requested). With that being stated, I am responsible for enforcing all related fire codes and ordinances within the Pioneer Fire Protection District.

After further investigation, having time to review the history, and having an on-site visit to Sweeney Road/Miners Trail on Wednesday, February 27th 2008 for myself and my engine company crew from Station-38, I as the District Fire Chief support Mr. Bill Draper's denial request on this project based on the fire safety related information and deficiencies noted by Mr. Bill Draper, a Fire Safe Planner of Placerville in-accordance-with NFPA Standard 1142, the California Fire Code Title-24, Part-9, the Dept of Forestry Fire Safe Regulations sections 1270 to 1276.83, the County of El Dorado Fire Safe Regulations and the El Dorado County Ordinance for design and improvement standards. Also to be noted that due to extended response times by our engine company crews, the lack of water supply readily available, and current sub-standard road access for our fire apparatus, and no fire safe plan submitted, I can't support this project in its present form requested, again as noted from a district's fire chief perspective.

In closing, again, it's an El Dorado County Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors issue in its present form, and should have the same practical effect as stated in the current county fire safe codes and regulations adopted.

Respectfully,

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cc: Ms. Helen Baumann, District-II Supervisor and Tom Oldag, Battalion Chief (Acting) Cal-Fire (AEU)