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To: Fellow Board Members  
From: John R. Knight, Supervisor District I  
Date: May 11, 2012  
Re: Board of Supervisors Meeting May 15, 2012, Item #20, Legistar # 12-0602

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I intend to pull Item 20, and place it off calendar. I cannot support the resolution as written. I believe the issue of local land use control vs. regional cooperation is an item of great complexity and warrants a lengthier and more thoughtful discussion by our Board than we will be able to give that issue on today's fully packed agenda.

It is my job to best represent the interests of my colleagues on the Board and the citizens of El Dorado County to ensure that these laws are compatible with the rural lifestyle we enjoy in El Dorado County.

While I, as a Board member, am committed to maximizing our local autonomy over issues of local concern and fully support the private property rights of our citizens, I, and my fellow Board members, are also committed to working with other jurisdictions over issues of regional significance like our highways, through organizations such as SACOG and RCRC. In addition, we as a subdivision of the state, are bound by the various land use planning and environmental laws adopted by the state legislature, regardless of our personal opinions as to their wisdom.

We must work to streamline our local regulations to make them as supportive of our constituents' local desires as possible while complying with the state and federal laws that govern our actions.

I believe the Board should engage in the discussion about how State laws pertaining to land use, water right, natural resources and transportation planning and funding affect the County; I believe that as we go forward with amending and streamlining our local land use rules, the public should be fully engaged in the discussion of local control.