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## NOI to Adopt RON for Newtown Rd Bridge Replacement Project

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Wopumnes Tribe &lt;tribalcouncil@eldoradonisenanmewuk.com&gt;

Wed, Jun 15, 2022 at 1:26 PM

To: Chandra Ghimire &lt;chandra.ghimire@edcgov.us&gt;

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Thank you Chandra,  
Our attorneys will take care of the objections.  
Regards,  
Louie Smith, III

On Wed, Jun 15, 2022 at 1:19 PM Chandra Ghimire &lt;chandra.ghimire@edcgov.us&gt; wrote:

Good afternoon,

Thank you for the information, and we will attach your letter to the Item as public comment like we previously noted. In order to run effective public meetings, staff does not read individual letters out loud to the Board, but they will be provided the letter in advance and will have an opportunity to review it. Please see Board Policy H-1 regarding communications between the public and the Board members, and please review our letter from June 9, 2022, if you have questions on the process to file objections before the hearing on July 19.

Sincerely,

**Chandra Ghimire, PE**  
Senior Civil Engineer

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On Wed, Jun 15, 2022 at 12:17 PM Wopumnes Tribe &lt;tribalcouncil@eldoradonisenanmewuk.com&gt; wrote:

Hi Chandra,

Please attach our response to your report to the Board and read it outloud as requested. It is not a public comment. It is a response from the owners. Treating it as a public comment is not what you are supposed to do with a response from the owners as it has the significance of the actual respondent of the imminent domain proceeding which is YOUR responsibility to communicate to the Board.

Thank you,  
Louie Smith, III

On Wed, Jun 15, 2022 at 10:22 AM Chandra Ghimire &lt;chandra.ghimire@edcgov.us&gt; wrote:

Good morning,

Thank you for your email. If you like, I can ensure that your email is attached as public comment to the Board Item. In addition, if you would like to speak on this matter during the Board hearing, please send a request to the address listed on the letter we provided you.

Sincerely,

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On Tue, Jun 14, 2022 at 11:37 PM Wopumnes Tribe <[tribalcouncil@eldoradonisenanmewuk.com](mailto:tribalcouncil@eldoradonisenanmewuk.com)> wrote:

Dear Chandra,

We request that you or your colleagues read this letter out loud in the public forum to the Board of Supervisors at their meeting July 19, 2022 regarding this issue.

**1. It appears that somebody at the County hasn't done their research.**

The Conservation Easements for both 4901 and [4820 Newtown Road](#) are legal conservation easements and the burden of proof is on the county to prove otherwise. If you had done your research you'd find that the Conservation Easements were recorded at the County Recorder Office on December 17, 2018, before the December 18, 2018 Notice of Intent was discussed and voted on. The Conservation Easements placed into the Tribe's Tax Exempt 501(c)3 non-profit, the Wopumnes Nisenan and Mewuk of El Dorado California Heritage Preservation Society FEIN 83-2671897 formed November 30, 2018. The 501(c)3 was updated and brought into good standing with the IRS and a letter confirming this received March 8, 2022. See the most current IRS letter attached. The EIR signed-off by the Sacramento-Verona Band posing as the Shingle Springs Indians and being a non-historical group is void as according to Federal Law they do not have standing to sign-off on any project outside their Rancheria because they are not aboriginal or historic to El Dorado County (see the Board of Supervisors Statement of April 29, 2003 attached).

**2. Regarding CCP 1240.055**, our attorneys, Glenn Block and Christopher Washington have been in contact with you since July 2021, meeting the deadlines described. *It is our understanding that you are railroading this project and have not yet met the requirements necessary to even ask the Board of Supervisors for a Notice of Necessity.*

**3. We fully object to your project as it is encroaching on our archeological sites, sacred sites, ecological habits and watersheds located within and beyond the recorded Conservation Easements. Your project endangers the public should there be a fire, is excessive and not in the public interest.**

4. Our new address is [515 Main Street, Placerville, CA 95667](#)

We will let our attorneys handle the rest of the objections to your letter.

Regards,  
Louie Lawrence Smith, III  
Secretary  
[Wopumnes.com](http://Wopumnes.com)

On Thu, Jun 9, 2022 at 2:44 PM Chandra Ghimire <[chandra.ghimire@edcgov.us](mailto:chandra.ghimire@edcgov.us)> wrote:  
Good afternoon,

Please find the attached Notice of Intent to adopt resolution of necessity for Newtown Road Bridge Replacement Project.

Sincerely,

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