



Compass2Truth

Citizens Serving God in Truth and Liberty

9-30-13
#1

P.O. Box 598
Coloma, CA 95613
(530) 642-1670
melody.lane@reagan.com

September 30, 2013

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
Districts #1, 2, 3, 4, 5

RE: 9/30/13 BOS SPECIAL MEETING - LAND USE/LUPPU

Dear Supervisors,

Relevant to today's Land Use Meeting, Bill Wilson recently published a significant lesson I learned while working for Sacramento legislators:

*"There is an old trick in politics that I remember played over and over again in my 16 years as a political consultant to high level candidates and incumbents. They tell the public what they want to hear. They very craftily schedule a vote on it. They get on record as opposing or supporting the measure, **knowing it will fail**. Then they write letters and communicate to their constituents that they did the best they could, but in the end those nasty politicians forced the measure on the American people. Nonetheless, they vow to keep fighting on your behalf. All along they really didn't want the measure to succeed, but in the next election they have enough verbiage and votes to make a good television commercial...*

*The only way to beat this system is through extraordinary action. People must be **publicly vocal** even to the point of civil disobedience...*

*In a Constitutional Republic the people are supposed to be engaged enough that they **demand** what is **lawful and right**...But good people often cause their own ruination by remaining silent on things that they ought to be outright angry over. **Silence is consent**."*

Weekly citizens show up at BOS meetings to voice their concerns, many taking time off of work, but rarely do they receive the courtesy of a response from their elected representatives. We no longer consent to silence and demand what is *lawful and right*...

Let's deal transparently with the most important issue at stake: STOP the SACOG blueprint for sustainable communities also known as Agenda 21 or the Next Economy. The will of constituents is to preserve their property rights and rural quality of life from the encroachments of big developers and special interest groups who unabashedly wield their political clout such as with CRL, Tilden and San Stino projects.

Now would also be the appropriate time for an explanation concerning the obvious wink by County Counsel Ed Knapp to reporter Chris Daley captured on video during the Consent portion of 8/27/13 BOS meeting

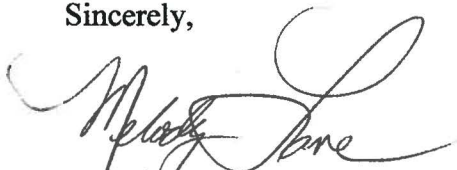
Public Comment received 9-30-13

concerning LUPPU, (often referred to by some as 'PUPPU.')

Was it his cue to publish the "***Pro-growth, no-growth, slow-growth***" article featured in the 9/4/13 Mountain Democrat:

<http://www.mtdemocrat.com/news/pro-growth-no-growth-slow-growth-bos-listens-to-public-points/> ?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melody Lane". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Melody Lane
Founder - **Compass2Truth**



LATE DISTRIBUTION

DATE 9-30-13

1

EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

LUPPU update 9/30_Bass Lake parcel 115-400-12

1 message

Ellen Van Dyke <vandyke.5@sbcglobal.net>

Sun, Sep 29, 2013 at 7:56 AM

To: Brian Veerkamp <bosthree@edcgov.us>, Jim Mitrinis <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, Norma Santiago <bosfive@edcgov.us>, Ray Nutting <bostwo@edcgov.us>, Ron Briggs <bosfour@edcgov.us>, Ron Mikulaco <bosone@edcgov.us>

Cc: GreenValleyAlliance <gvalliance@gmail.com>, Bill Kenney <GSRLA2000@yahoo.com>, Kathy Prevost <blacinfo@aol.com>

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dear Supervisors:

I have supported the idea of LUPPU moving forward toward release of the draft EIR, but I question that position more every day. This Bass Lake parcel rezone may just be my tipping point.

Parcel 115-400-12 is the Bass Lake parcel, and is proposed for rezone under LUPPU. This parcel is Village R of the specific plan for Serrano. It is counted as open space, and zoned for low intensity recreation such as walking trails, with no development to be imposed. This change to high intensity recreational use has not been specifically noticed to our Green Springs Ranch neighborhood. Has it been noticed to the immediate Serrano neighbors as an amendment to their specific plan?

I have this sense that residents will all be told – after the fact – that it was analyzed under the EIR for the TGPA. I am angry that staff is doing it this way, and it reflects badly on the Board of Supervisors. I would like to know if county counsel confirms this path staff is on as legal. This is the response I received from Planning when I asked about the parcel:

“The El Dorado County Parks and Trails Master Plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 27, 2012. This plan integrated a previous master plan developed for the Bass Lake Regional Park including APN 115-400-12. The Bass Lake Hills Regional Park was identified to potentially include intensive uses and amenities such as a community center, group picnic areas, basketball courts, a baseball field, toddler play area, playground, soccer field, dog park, disc golf, outdoor classroom, nature interpretive area, and parking.

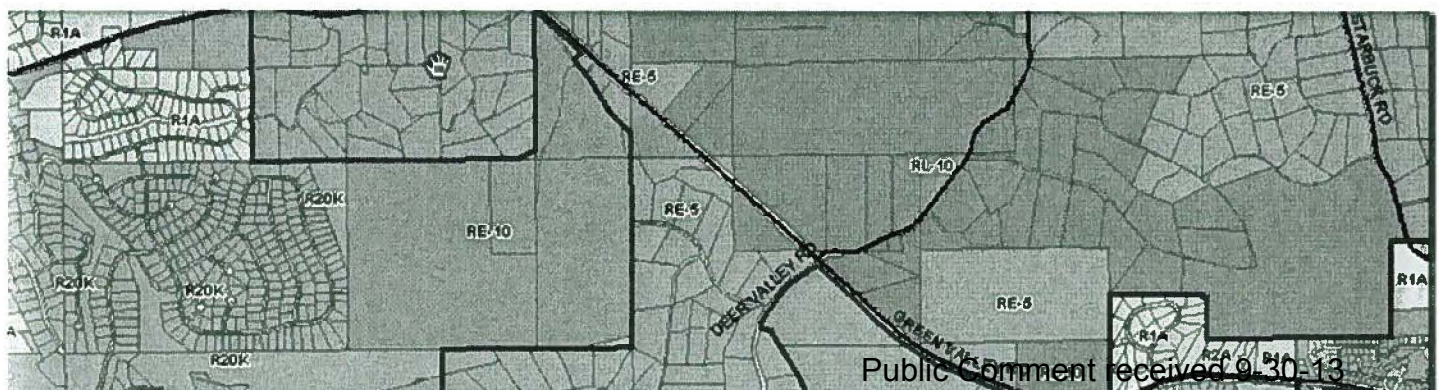
Therefore, this site is proposed to be rezoned to Recreational Facilities High (RFH) consistent with the Board adopted Parks and Trails Master Plan.”

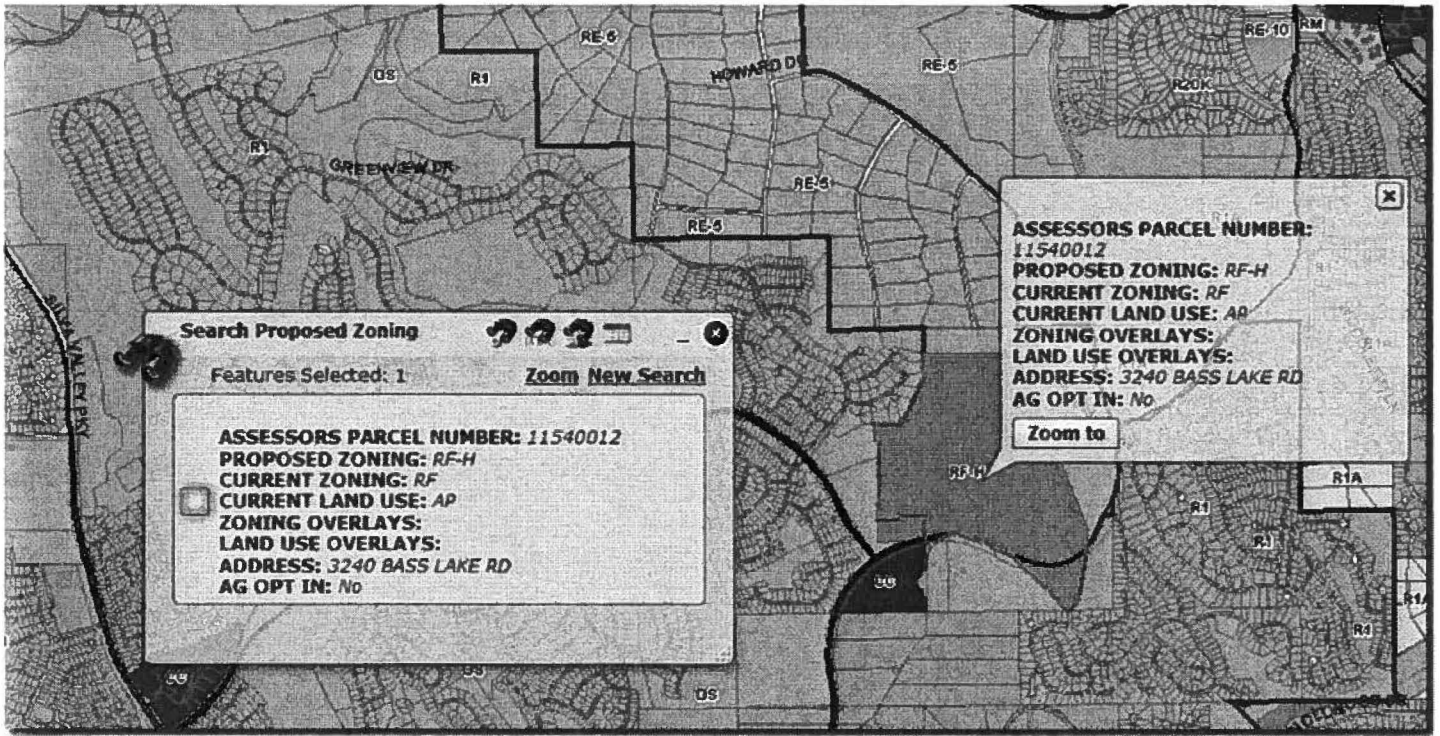
A Community Center? Seriously, if this was the potential, and *intention*, should our neighborhood not have been informed? I went to the 3/27/12 minutes and did not find where this change had taken place. Our border committee for the Ranch has not discussed it because we didn't know!

Please clarify before moving any further down this LUPPU path. I need to figure out where I truly stand.

Thank you – Ellen Van Dyke, resident of Green Springs Ranch in Rescue

ps. Not sure it will come through, but a graphic of the parcel is attached; my neighborhood of Green Springs Ranch is the RE5 area north of Bass Lake.







LATE DISTRIBUTION

DATE 9-30-13

1

EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Re: Bass Lake General Plan/Zoning

1 message

The **BOSTWO** <bostwo@edcgov.us>
To: Ken Cantrell <kgcantrell@yahoo.com>
Bcc: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Fri, Sep 27, 2013 at 5:35 PM

Thank you.

Kitty Miller on behalf of
Ray Nutting
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
530) 621-5651

On Tue, Sep 24, 2013 at 7:46 AM, Ken Cantrell <kgcantrell@yahoo.com> wrote:

As a resident of the Bass Lake area I am writing to express my strong support to the proposed change of general plan to APN 115-400-12, at 3240 Bass Lake Road, which contains Bass lake and is owned by the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID). I believe that the change from RF to RH, allowing for sports fields, sports complexes and recreational parks would greatly improve the access to parks in the immediate area. Currently our neighborhood is woefully underserved with such recreational areas, and the neighborhood and region would greatly benefit from the immediate construction of such facilities. I would hope any planning process would work to incorporate the beauty of the current natural open space, mitigating any impact on surrounding communities and direct resulting traffic onto Bass Lake Road in such a way that the surrounding neighborhoods would be minimally impacted.

I am certain that the neighborhoods and the residents of Serrano, Green Springs Ranch and the Bass Lake area would strongly support a well thought out plan that allows for both open space and park/regional playing fields, dog park, playground use, etc. As such, I urge you to approve the proposed change to the general plan and zoning, and bring high quality parks and recreation facilities to the area, funding construction of such facilities as soon as possible.

Best Regards,
Ken Cantrell

NOTICE: This e-mail and any files transmitted with it may contain confidential information, and are intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to whom they are addressed.

Any retransmission, dissemination or other use of the information by persons other than the intended recipient or entity is prohibited.

If you receive this e-mail in error please contact the sender by return e-mail and delete the material from your system.

Thank you.



LATE DISTRIBUTION

DATE 9-30-13

1

Jim Mitrisin <jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us>

Re: EID Bass Lake Property Zoning, EDHSP Village R

1 message

The **BOSTWO** <bostwo@edcgov.us>

Fri, Sep 27, 2013 at 2:39 PM

To: hpkp@aol.com

Bcc: jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us

Thank you.

Kitty Miller on behalf of
Ray Nutting
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
530) 621-5651

On Mon, Sep 23, 2013 at 5:08 PM, <hpkp@aol.com> wrote:

Good Afternoon:

Attached is our letter of concern regarding the proposed LUPPU rezoning of the Bass Lake EID property in El Dorado Hills.

Kathy Prevost
Vice President
Bass Lake Action Committee

TO:

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

Ron Mikulaco/District 1, Ray Nutting/District 2, Brian Veerkamp/District 3, Ron Briggs/District 4, Norma Santiago/District 5, and Shawna Purvines, El Dorado County Senior Planner

It has recently come to our attention that the parcel listed as 115-400-12, at 3240 Bass Lake Road, which contains Bass lake and is owned by the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID), is proposed to be rezoned under the El Dorado County Land Use Policy Programmatic Update (LUPPU) from its current status as RF - Recreation with a land usage of AP - Adopted Plan, to RH - Recreation - High Usage zoning which allows property to be used for recreational activities with high concentrations of people, such as sports fields, sports complexes, recreational parks, and amusement parks.

We believe this proposed zoning change would be in direct contravention to the El Dorado Hills Specific Plan (EDHSP), which specifically designates the EID Bass Lake parcel as permanently dedicated to open space and low-impact recreation.

The EID Bass Lake property is designated as Village R in the EDHSP. According to the EDHSP, "Village 'R' constitutes 157 acres of the El Dorado irrigation District's (EID) Bass lake water reservoir and water treatment facility. Once used as a recreation area, the lake and the surrounding properties are no longer available for public use. . . . The lake and the surrounding properties also constitute an additional area of permanent open space "..... (EDHSP, page 35).

The EDHSP Design Guidelines provide, in reference to open space: "(a) Natural open space, as designated in the Specific Plan, will be preserved in perpetuity in an essentially unaltered condition. (b) No development will occur in these areas except for maintenance, fire protection, trails, and permitted uses. (c) Use will be restricted to such activities as jogging, hiking, and horseback riding, where the impact on the natural environment will be minimal." (EDHSP, page B-12).

Therefore it appears that this restriction prohibits using any of the dedicated natural open space in the EDHSP, including Village R, for high recreational use.

The neighborhoods and the residents of the Bass Lake area, including Green Springs Ranch, would no doubt object strenuously to any use of the EID Bass Lake property other than use as natural open space.

Therefore we urge that the LUPPU process not change the zoning of the EID Bass Lake property from its current status of RF - Recreation with a land usage of AP - Adopted Plan.

Public Comment received 9-30-13

Recreation with a land usage of AP - Adopted Plan.

Sincerely,

John Thomson, President
Bass Lake Action Committee
530-677-3039
www.basslakeaction.org

NOTICE: This e-mail and any files transmitted with it may contain confidential information, and are intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to whom they are addressed.

Any retransmission, dissemination or other use of the information by persons other than the intended recipient or entity is prohibited.

If you receive this e-mail in error please contact the sender by return e-mail and delete the material from your system.

Thank you.

/

Martha Skye Martin

6000 Manganite Street
El Dorado, CA 95623
(530) 622-2628
martha-martin@att.net

September 29, 2013

The Honorable Supervisors
El Dorado County
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Honorable Supervisors:

At a Board of Supervisors meeting in 2010 I posed the question, "I wonder how many of you are on the take from the developers?" A few weeks later I bumped into my Supervisor, Ray Nutting, at George's Pit Stop as the Pony Express was coming through town and it made a lengthy stay there. George's Pit Stop was built on a Pony Express way station. Mr. Nutting asked me where I got my information. I feel his demeanor and voice betrayed him; he really thought I had inside information! At that time I was merely pondering. I still think that most, if not all, of you are beholden to the developers. If you were not, you'd do as we the people ask of you. And that is s-l-o-w growth.

Most, if not all, of you *say* that you're for keeping this county rural. Supervisor Nutting is famous for saying what we want to hear and then, in my opinion, doing the exact opposite. Do an Internet search on the History of El Dorado County Supervisors Voting Record and you will find scores of such things as letters to the editor, Mt. Democrat, as well as the actual voting records. They paint the picture of you Supervisors siding with the developers over and over.

Most telling are the answers to the question, "What is your understanding of the current status of the General Plan?" posed to the two candidates for Supervisor, District 3 in 2000.

Answer from Kathi Lishman:

The General Plan adoption process began in 1989. After extensive public input, the first draft of the General Plan was released in 1992. The draft would have allowed a maximum County population of 200,000 over 20 years. Our current population is 150,000. When the plan was released, developers wanted more growth. A new Board majority was elected in 1992, with the help of developers, who then lobbied to have the General Plan turned over to the "developer-friendly" Planning Commission for final revisions.

The developers had the ear of the Commissioners. Public attendance dwindled, as residents' input was ignored vote after vote. In 1996 the re-drafted General Plan was adopted, allowing enough housing growth for 360,000 people, and ignoring the question of what to do

when roads fill up and water supplies run out. In 1996 a group of residents sued the County over the General Plan. They won their lawsuit in 1998, when the Courts found that the County failed to address the impacts of new development on county roads. The Court ordered the County to throw out the General Plan and begin again. I strongly opposed the hijacking of our General Plan by the developers. I am the only candidate for District 3 Supervisor who did.

Answer from Carl Borelli:

After years of preparation, and unfortunately years of contentious debate, the General Plan is serving as a wedge in El Dorado County. By design, the document is intended to be used as a tool to chart the course of development and growth. But the integrity of the General Plan is being undermined by a group of *extremists* (emphasis mine) who, unable to craft a true "no-growth" General Plan, now use elements of the Plan to ignite development battles and stall potential economic progress within El Dorado County.

Borelli won, as do most of you who side against us, your constituents. Are the developers behind this?

My original query stands: "I wonder how many of you are on the take from the developers?"

Respectfully from an "Extremist,"

Martha S. Martin

Martha S. Martin

P.S. Your job is to represent the wishes the people of El Dorado County, not do the bidding of Big D.

P.P.S.

Where you gonna get the water?