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Subject Proposed Reorganization of General Services

Dear Supervisor Briggs,

I have major concerns with the proposed reorganization of general services (item 25 on today's agenda). My first concern is the elimination of a Parks and Recreation Department. I believe recreation is an important component of El Dorado County's economy and needs a department that focuses on providing parks and recreation services to its residents and visitors. My second concern is moving the River Manager position under Environmental Management. This position primary mission is managing the recreation on the South Fork of the American River not water quality. And finally moving trails under the Department of Transportation without adding additional staff. Trails are how people explore the environment, I am concerned that trails will always take a back seat to filling potholes. For other county districts with recreation services provided by CSDs, this reorganization may make sense. If this reorganization takes place it might be in the best interest of residents of the Coloma/Lotus rural center to join the Georgetown Divide Recreation District and fight to transfer the River Manager and River Trust Fund to GDRD as well as Hennigsen Lotus Park and the County's property at Cronan Ranch. The reorganization was a big surprise to me and I'm concerned how it will negatively effect both quality of life for residents of district four and the recreational visitors that spend their money in district four. Please consider opposing this reorganization or at least ask for more time for the public to understand it's effects on recreational tourism.

Thanks,

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