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**Public Comment for Board of Supervisor's Meeting June 23, 2015 Item #48**

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The Lotus Coloma Valley is one of the three largest contributors to the county's economy and part of its economic contribution is at risk. The acquisition of the Lotus Fire House property was one of the tier one priorities identified in the Henningsen-Lotus Park Conceptual Plan. The owner of this property has donated its use in past years for major event parking but the property is now for sale and this event parking use will be lost without an acquisition by the county.

The Henningsen-Lotus Conceptual Plan speculated that for event parking, the county would be able to direct visitors to Marshall Gold Historical State Park parking facilities, but the State Park has publicly stated its opposition to this use. Thus, without the acquisition of this property, existing multi-day events which rely upon this property for parking and which draw overnight visitors to the county will not be feasible.

In addition to event parking, this property is needed for additional day-use parking, and it can also be utilized for additional recreational opportunities down the road. Current parking facilities at Lotus Henningsen Park are inadequate even for day use on some summer weekends and this acquisition would help address those needs.

I support the requested use of some of the SMUD and TOT funds for the purchase of this property.

Karen Mulvany  
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