



The County of El Dorado

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Christine Turner,
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Dear Christine,

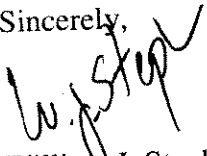
The County of El Dorado Department of Agriculture, Weights & Measures is participating with the County of Placer Department of Agriculture, Weights & Measures by making a one time contribution in the amount of \$20,000 to jointly purchase a new weight truck that will be used by the counties of Placer, El Dorado and Amador. This Letter does not create a binding agreement between Placer County and El Dorado County for the use and maintenance of the new weight truck. A Memorandum of Understanding to establish the basic terms, percent of usage, and cost for maintenance will be established by Placer County and forwarded to El Dorado County Counsel for review, concurrence and adoption by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors.

BACKGROUND:

- A. The Department currently uses a 1990 International Medium Capacity Weight Truck that is mandated by California Air Resources Board Regulations to be retrofitted with a Diesel Particulate Trap prior to December 2009. Preliminary estimates for the kit with installation by A to Z Services (Contracted through Department of Transportation) will cost the Department \$21,488 (\$20,000 has been budgeted). The age, rapid decline in value and high cost of maintenance each year coupled with the additional cost of the mandated particulate trap makes it extremely difficult to justify the overall expenditure by the Department on a vehicle that will require replacement in the very near future.

- B. The Department currently has rental agreements with Placer County and Amador County which allows both counties to use our medium capacity weight truck, equipped with hoist, motorized weight cart, and (10) 1,000 pound certified weights. Each county currently uses the weight truck an average of four to six weeks per year for the specialized testing/inspecting of commercially used vehicle, winery, livestock and large capacity shipping and receiving scales.
- C. Placer County's Board of Supervisors has approved partial funding for the purchase of a new weight truck by their Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures. Enough funding for the new weight truck will be available with the additional El Dorado County contribution of \$20,000. To complete the functionality of the new truck without additional expense, the use of our (10) 1000 lb certified weights and motorized weight cart will be included in the agreement. The participating counties will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the use of the new weight truck whenever necessary each year.

Sincerely,



William J. Stephans

cc: CAO/Budget Transfer document