INRMP Board of Supervisors

May 24, 2011 Item 37

Supervisor Jack Sweeney's Comments

A review of the proposed RFP (11-0330 2A.1 through .24) leads me to believe that the direction that has been attempted to be given by our Board since September 2006 is not being understood or followed.

Each Board has continually said that we want to satisfy the requirements of the General Plan and associated documents and provide for **mitigation** of the affects of the development allowed by the adopted General Plan! We have clearly said that we do not want, nor do we need, nor can we afford, a conservation plan! We will need to identify sufficient areas for offsite mitigation for projects that so choose. We need to have a plan for management of those areas if and when we acquire them. We cannot afford to manage the 350,000 or so acres of land that we have mapped for its habitat. We have identified that habitat and must simply keep development from reducing habitat; either by on site planning or offsite mitigation.

Remember the EDAC presentation? They suggested that we will be developing on about 50,000 acres, so why manage 350,000? Why not find 25,000 acres of habit that might be obtained by easement or fee on the presumption that half of the land being developed would require offsite mitigation?

What we need is to satisfy the requirements of the General Plan by the least expensive method. That will not be a conservation plan like is being requested through the proposed RFP!

Since we did not see this document until Thursday May 19 and have not had much time to review the information, and since we are now going into budget sessions, and since the proposed document has not been to ISSAC or PAWTAC, I propose to continue this matter to June 21,2011.