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Fwd: Item 30. Aug. 30 Eminent Domain, 4820 Newtown Rd.

Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>
 To: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Tue, Aug 30, 2022 at 6:21 AM

Can you please attach along with the attachments. Thanks Kim

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From: **Wopumnes Tribe** <tribalcouncil@eldoradonisenanmewuk.com>
 Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2022 at 9:53 PM
 Subject: Fwd: Item 30. Aug. 30 Eminent Domain, [4820 Newtown Rd.](#)
 To: Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>, To: Kyle Kuperus <kyle.kuperus@edcgov.us>

This email was sent to the BOS on Thursday last week regarding item 30 and a "Thank you received" response was returned. Please post this letter with its attachments to Item 30. Also a previous letter we sent (6-15-2022) was posted to item 30 but did not include the attachments... Please include the attachments. The attachments are important.
 Thank you.

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From: **Wopumnes Tribe** <tribalcouncil@eldoradonisenanmewuk.com>
 Date: Thu, Aug 25, 2022 at 8:05 PM
 Subject: Item 30. Aug. 30 Eminent Domain, [4820 Newtown Rd.](#)
 To: The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>, The BOSTWO <bostwo@edcgov.us>, The BOSTHREE <oldbosthree@edcgov.us>, The BOSFOUR <bosfour@edcgov.us>, The BOSFIVE <bosfive@edcgov.us>
 Cc: wanda Nagel <fyrfax@flyisa.net>, Christopher Washington <cgw@caledlaw.com>, Nisenan Mewuk <tribalcouncil@eldoradonisenanmewuk.com>

Dear Supervisors,
 Before you on August 30, 2022 will be "Notice of Intent to Adopt Resolution of Necessity
 Newtown Road at Weber Creek Bridge Replacement Project CIP
 #77122/36105030
 Assessor's Parcel No: 077-431-062 ("Subject Property")
[4820 Newtown Road, Placerville, CA](#)"

As of today, John Kahling of El Dorado County DOT, has not sent out any NEW documents showing that he addressed the "incomplete issues" described by our attorney, Christopher Washington (see letter dated June 22, 2022 attached). Nor has Mr. Kahling addressed our points we sent in email, regarding the neighbor located at [4784 Newtown Road](#), who also relies on the same easement for ingress and egress through Wanda Nagel's property and has been excluded from the compensation. EDCDOT has been planning this project since 2010 yet their project documents still are incomplete. In the 12 years of planning the EDCDOT has not brought before the BOS any substantial reason to destroy our artifacts and environmental factors located in conservation easements given to us by the owners of 4901 and [4820 Newtown Rd.](#)

Our conservation easements have a higher public value than EDCDOT's bridge project. EDCDOT and the County Counsel did not update their records and report to the BOS that there were Conservation Easements, belonging to the El Dorado County indigenous Nisenan Tribe of the Cosumnes River Treaty and El Dorado Gold Rush history, the Wopumnes, before the Notice of Determination was voted on (Dec. 18, 2018). This BOS was not notified that this project would do substantial damage to our conservation easements and sacred sites. As you know, the Sacramento-Verona Band of Homeless Indians, calling themselves the Shingle Springs Indians... are not the Shingle Springs Indians of El Dorado County Gold Rush history. The Sacramento-Verona Band, a Federal transplant from Sutter County, has no history in El Dorado County prior to 1980 and therefore does not have First Nation status in El Dorado County. The Sacramento-Verona Band authorization on this project as the Shingle Springs Indians IS VOID outside the Rancheria according to Federal Law because they are not aboriginal to the area. This problem needs to be addressed by the Board of Supervisors as it was the 2004 BOS that recognized the Sacramento-Verona Band for the purpose of building Redhawk Casino. We the Wopumnes are the Shingle Springs Indians, named by John Sutter himself, signed the 1851 Treaty of Cosumnes River, recorded by the Federal Government in 1915 and Federally Recognized in 1935 by our representatives, Elizabeth Padilla, Herbert Padilla and Lillian Padilla voting as resident representatives of the Shingle Springs Rancheria in the Indian Reorganization Act. According to the Funding Plan, the Sacramento-Verona Band (SSBMI) is contributing 9% to destroy OUR Conservation Easement sacred sites.

This bridge project also interferes with the traffic detour necessary for residents of Pleasant Valley while the Dorado Oaks project would be under construction. This is a substantial fire safety hazard for residents having to use both either Newtown Rd. and Pleasant Valley Rd. at 49 which would be blocked due to construction at the same time.

The Newtown bridge project states that its "goal is to keep Weber Creek from flooding"... yet in the history of the Newtown, it has never been flooded. The houses located on the immediately affected parcels or on any parcel down the hill below the site line of the bridge are not required to have Flood Insurance which would be designated by a FEMA Flood Map zone.

Another reason the EDCDOT has given is that the "bridge is unsafe", yet again has provided no evidence of such and weekly allows hundreds of gigantic full load log trucks to drive over it at high speeds. In other words, EDCDOT has not brought you an urgent shovel ready project to vote on. If the project description being presented by EDCDOT is incomplete, and by law the Board will have to continue the hearing until it is complete... **Why are we having a hearing on August 30, 2022 to eminent domain our Conservation Easements located on 4820 and 4901 Newtown Rd.? We encourage you to step onto the properties and view the orange markers placed by the EDCDOT to understand the ludacris, egregious, encroachment into Wanda Nagel's property and destruction of our Conservation Easements this project causes.**

Thank you,
Louie Smith, III
Cultural Resources Officer

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2 attachments

 **L WOPUM-ELDORADO - Letter to El Dorado County re Objection to 7-19-22 RON Hearing (signed).pdf**
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 **2003 casino-statement-from-board-of-supervisors.pdf**
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