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Fire Protection District

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EL DORADO COUNTY

May 28, 2009

El Dorado County
Ms. Gayle Erbe-Hamlin, CAO
330 Fair Lane
Placerville CA, 95667

RE: Cash Advances to Districts

Ms Hamlin:

In November of 2008, this District received several communications from the El Dorado County Auditor Controller suggesting that the Board of Supervisors rescind or modify Resolution 436-74. As we face adoption of budgets under the specter of the State's fiscal crisis, our District is formally requesting a position document from the County on this matter.

Aside from the looming fiscal crisis, we are facing yet another catastrophic California fire season. This District can not commit to our annual mutual aid agreement unless we have a clear understanding of our relationship with our business partners at El Dorado County. Our bottom line issue is that we, as a public safety agency, can not support offering mutual aid to neighboring counties, unless this District has a firm commitment from El Dorado County on continuing the historical commitment of Resolution 436-74. Without the ability to exercise these aid agreements there is no guarantee that assistance will be reciprocated by other communities.

The clearly defined intent of the County will be of great value in planning our operations.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TC', written over a horizontal line.

Todd Cunningham
Fire Chief

Cc: Joe Ham, Auditor Controller
Board of Supervisors
Robert Larsen, Board President
Thomas Keating, President, El Dorado County Fire Chiefs Association