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Fwd: BOS Meeting Feb. 14, 2017 item 23

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Jim Mitrisin - El Dorado County <jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us>

Sat, Feb 11, 2017 at 8:37 AM

To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Please add to public comment for Item 23 on Tuesdays agenda.

Thank you.

Jim Mitrisin

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

County of El Dorado

Ph. 530.621.5390 Main

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From: **hilde schweitzer** <hilde@amriver.us>

Date: Fri, Feb 10, 2017 at 7:49 PM

Subject: BOS Meeting Feb. 14, 2017 item 23

To: Jim Mitrisin - El Dorado County <jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us>

Dear Mr. Mitrisin,

If you would be so kind to forward my comments regarding the Mosquito Bridge to the Board I would be most grateful.

I favor the recommendation to the Board that the existing Mosquito Bridge be kept and maintained for pedestrian and bicycle use after the bridge is replaced and that annual maintenance costs, which should be reduced without vehicular traffic, be funded through the annual SMUD funds that the County receives.

This bridge, and the ancillary recreational uses associated with it is directly in the footprint of the UARP and has a direct nexus to benefit from SMUD funding.

Thank you for your consideration,

Hilde Schweitzer

Private boater, landowner on the SF American, Signatory to the UARP Settlement Agreement



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Fwd: Mosquito Road Bridge

1 message

Jim Mitrising - El Dorado County <jim.mitrising@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Sat, Feb 11, 2017 at 8:40 AM

Please add this to public comment for Item 23 on Tuesday's agenda.

Thank you.
Jim Mitrising
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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From: **David J. Pesavento** <DavidP@djpdrafting.com>
Date: Sat, Feb 11, 2017 at 8:14 AM
Subject: Mosquito Road Bridge
To: jim.mitrising@edcgov.us

Good morning Jim,

I want to take a moment to express my interest in the County maintaining the Mosquito Road Bridge for a variety of beneficial purposes including river access, recreation, and local economic interests. Please convey my interest to your board.

Thanks,

David Pesavento



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fwd: Maintaining Mosquito Road Bridge

1 message

Jim Mitrison - El Dorado County <jim.mitrison@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Sat, Feb 11, 2017 at 8:41 AM

Please add this to public comment for Item 23 on Tuesday's agenda.

Thank you,
Jim Mitrison
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of El Dorado
Ph. 530.621.5390 Main
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Email jim.mitrison@edcgov.us

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From: **Bryant Burkhardt** <bryant_burkhardt@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, Feb 10, 2017 at 8:26 PM
Subject: Maintaining Mosquito Road Bridge
To: "jim.mitrison@edcgov.us" <jim.mitrison@edcgov.us>

Dear Board,

I have heard about the possibility of maintaining the existing Mosquito Bridge for pedestrian and other uses after the replacement bridge is built. As someone who has used the bridge for multiple purposes (kayak access, pedestrian, bicycle) I strongly support keeping the bridge with the maintenance costs funded through SMUD funds.

Sincerely,
Bryant Burkhardt
My kayak memoir, *A Paddler's Journey*, now available.
www.bbkayaking.com



Jim Mitrisin <jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us>

Mosquito Bridge

Marc Musgrove <marcjmusgrove@gmail.com>
To: jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us

Sat, Feb 11, 2017 at 6:42 AM

Jim

I wanted to drop a quick note to you ahead of the Board of Supervisors meet to indicate my support for a plan to maintain the current historic Mosquito Road bridge when the newer road bridge is constructed.

This bridge and the highway running down to it provide great recreational facilities for both biking and kayaking. The ride down and up is an iconic part of the Motherlode Century, which would be changed by the new road construction. I understand the new bridge will not have dedicated separation for cyclists from traffic passing over and would be significantly higher - which would mean that wind traveling up/down the canyon could be a major factor for those riding over it.

Secondly for kayaking, we currently use the bridge and small 1-2 car pullout as a primary access point for the Slab Creek run of the South Fork American river. If the road were to be closed and gated off higher up canyon, kayakers would be forced to hike up/down a steep slope carrying a significant amount of gear to do the run. Realistically this means very few would be willing to do the run. This year with the FERC relicensing and multiple days of run off high water spilling over this section, the run has become viable again- and provides a manageable key section of water at a grade above that of the Chili Bar or the Gorge sections.

I understand there are options available to maintain the bridge with a partner such as ARRA. I would ask the BoS to consider developing this solution so that access to this historic site can be maintained for Thea key recreational activities in the county. Please do let me know if I can help provide more detail on the thinking for any of these points.

Many thanks
Marc

Marc Musgrove
+1 408 386 1214

<https://twitter.com/marcmusgrove>

Sent from my iPhone



Jim Mitrisin <jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us>

Mosquito Bridge

Darrick <darrickhilbert@yahoo.com>
To: jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us

Sat, Feb 11, 2017 at 7:35 AM

Dear Board,

I favor the recommendation to the Board that the existing Mosquito Bridge be kept and maintained for pedestrian and bicycle use after the bridge is replaced and that annual maintenance costs, which should be reduced without vehicular traffic, be funded through the annual SMUD funds that the County receives.

This bridge, and the ancillary recreational uses associated with it is directly in the footprint of the UARP and has a direct nexus to benefit from SMUD funding.

Thank you for your consideration,

Darrick Hilbert

Private boater

Sent from my iPhone



Jim Mitrisin <jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us>

Agenda Item #23 17-0159.

Gerald Meral <jerrymeral@gmail.com>
To: jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us

Sat, Feb 11, 2017 at 8:24 AM

Dear Mr. Matrisin

Please convey to the Board of Supervisors our organization's hope that the Board will maintain access to the South Fork of the American River at the "swinging bridge", as a new bridge is installed. Tourism is a vital part of the economy of El Dorado County, and this bridge will continue to serve as access to the river for recreationists.

Thanks for considering our views in this important matter.

Sincerely

Jerry Meral

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Jerry Meral, Ph.D.
Director
California Water Program
Natural Heritage Institute

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Jim Mitrisin <jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us>

Mosquito Bridge Recreation access

greg.didriksen <greg.didriksen@yahoo.com>
To: jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us

Sat, Feb 11, 2017 at 9:27 AM

Hi Jim,

I'm writing to express my support for keeping Mosquito road bridge open to access for recreation. This area is a jewel of El dorado County and needs to be accessible for locals and tourists aswell. Please take your recreational constituents in the decision.

Regards,
Greg Didriksen
Lotus, CA 95651
530-320-0181

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone



Jim Mitrisin <jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us>

Mosquito Road Bridge Agenda Item #23 17-0159

Urs <urs@succeed.net>
To: jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us

Sat, Feb 11, 2017 at 10:01 AM

Hello;

I want to voice my support to keep the existing suspension bridge over the South Fork American River for recreational river access. This enables me and many other kayakers, as well as other river users to access the river. This area would be lost if the bridge gets torn down.

Thank you

-- Urs Schuler, Placerville, CA



Jim Mitrisin <jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us>

#23 17-0159.

steve sylvester <steveirie@hotmail.com>
To: "jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us" <jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us>

Sat, Feb 11, 2017 at 10:43 AM

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Jim, the county and many area businesses would benefit from keeping the swinging bridge for recreational access to the river and river corridor. It is a unique and wonderful place that I and many fellow kayakers have enjoyed using when visiting the Placerville area. Thanks, Steve



Jim Mitrisin <jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us>

Maintain access to river from old Mosquito Bridge. Agenda Item #23 17-0159.

Chris Tulley <chris.tulley@gmail.com>
To: jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us

Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 9:18 AM

Hi Mr Mitrisin,

Regarding Agenda Item #23 17-0159 for the Feb 14th, I want to ensure the county understands that the recreation community highly values maintaining river access at the old Mosquito swinging bridge. Rafters, Inflatable Kayaks, Kayaks, tubers, swimmer, hikers, bikers, climbers, canyoneers, and fisherman all highly value access to our public lands, including the South Fork of the American river at the existing Mosquito Bridge. These recreationists are both residents/tax payers living in the country and tourists who bring business to the community.

Thank you.

Chris Tulley



Jim Mitrison <jim.mitrison@edcgov.us>

Mosquito Bridge Agenda Item #23 17-0159.

Peggy Blair <pblair25@comcast.net>
To: jim.mitrison@edcgov.us

Sat, Feb 11, 2017 at 4:04 PM

RE: BOS meeting on Tuesday February 14, 2017

I encourage see the County to maintain the bridge for river access and recreational purposes that would support the local economy. I believe recreational use of the Bridge would draw many visitors such as me.

Peggy Blair
Folsom CA



Jim Mitrison <jim.mitrison@edcgov.us>

23 17-0159

mark piasente <mep56@yahoo.com>
To: jim.mitrison@edcgov.us

Sat, Feb 11, 2017 at 4:39 PM

Please keep the mosquito road bridge open! It is an extremely valuable recreational access to a beautiful stretch of river. In a time of sprawling expansion, we need to maintain our connection to nature. Thank you,

Mark Piasente

Sent from my iPhone



Jim Mitrisin <jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us>

Agenda Item #23 17-0159

Thomas Moore <kwood4life@yahoo.com>

Sat, Feb 11, 2017 at 7:11 PM

Reply-To: "kwood4life@yahoo.com" <kwood4life@yahoo.com>

To: "jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us" <jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us>

Dear Board,

I favor the recommendation to the Board that the existing Mosquito Bridge be kept and maintained for pedestrian and bicycle use after the bridge is replaced and that annual maintenance costs, which should be reduced without vehicular traffic, be funded through the annual SMUD funds that the County receives.

This bridge, and the ancillary recreational uses associated with it is directly in the footprint of the UARP and has a direct nexus to benefit from SMUD funding.

Thank you for your time,

Thomas Moore

916-365-5763

5124 Roemer Ln

Sacramento Ca



Jim Mitrisin <jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us>

Feb 14 BOS meeting, Agenda item #23

Devin Martin <advracer.dm@gmail.com>
To: jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us

Sat, Feb 11, 2017 at 9:19 PM

Hi Jim,

I understand that agenda item #23 at the Feb 14 BOS meeting is to discuss a plan to keep the Mosquito Rd bridge over the South Fork in place with the help of a community partner. (I understand ARRA has expressed a willingness to be this partner.) I just wanted to express my total support for this plan. I'm an avid boater and cyclist, so I find the Mosquito Rd bridge and river access to be a very valuable local resource. I have a job as a software developer that allows me to live anywhere I want, and the abundant recreation opportunities nearby are the major reason I live and pay taxes here. So I hope the county will also see the value in maintaining this resource for the future. I also would be very pleased if ARRA does in fact turn out to be the partner, as I know ARRA does a lot of great work to support the recreational opportunities in this area.

Thank you,
Devin Martin
Coloma home-owner

"The greatest obstacle to discovering the shape of the earth, the continents, and the oceans was not ignorance but the illusion of knowledge."

-Daniel J. Boorstin (Pulitzer Prize winner)

"I've learned how to live without knowing. I don't have to be sure I'm succeeding, and (...) I think my life is fuller because I realize that I don't know what I'm doing." - Richard Feynman (Nobel award winner)



Jim Mitrison <jim.mitrison@edcgov.us>

Mosquito road bridge

mike_elam7@yahoo.com <mike_elam7@yahoo.com>
To: jim.mitrison@edcgov.us

Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 11:43 AM

Dear Jim,

Please know that river access at mosquito road is valued by many recreational users, including kayaker and fisherman. Please preserve access to this beautiful place as it is the right thing to do and will also support the local economy.

Thanks for reading,

Mike Elam

Tahoe City, Ca

Sent from my iPhone



Jim Mitrisin <jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us>

Keep Mosquito Bridge as a Foot Bridge

Golden Eagle <skatermatt76@yahoo.com>
To: jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us

Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 9:06 PM

Dear Board,

This is very wrong to think that removing access to the river would be a favorable decision for anyone. I favor the recommendation to the Board that the existing Mosquito Bridge be kept and maintained for pedestrian and bicycle use after the bridge is replaced and that annual maintenance costs, which should be reduced without vehicular traffic, be funded through the annual SMUD funds that the County receives.

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Thank you for your consideration,
Matthew Phillips
Private boater, Homeowner in El Dorado County



Jim Mitrison <jim.mitrison@edcgov.us>

Mosquito Bridge Plea!

Brian Ginsberg <grebsnig@gmail.com>
To: jim.mitrison@edcgov.us

Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 10:49 PM

Dear Mr. Mitrison,

Please express to the Board of Supervisors on my behalf that I feel it would be a travesty to discontinue access to the South Fork American River at Mosquito Road. This bridge provides access to one of the premiere stretches of whitewater in the California and disallowing access at the bridge would be an extreme barrier to utilizing this river. Declining access to recreationists is also a disservice to the local tourist economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Brian Ginsberg



Jim Mitrisin <jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us>

Agenda Item #23 17-0159

The Best Ever <josephmyers64@gmail.com>
To: jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us

Mon, Feb 13, 2017 at 8:48 AM

Dear Board,

I favor the recommendation to the Board that the existing Mosquito Bridge be kept and maintained for pedestrian and bicycle use after the bridge is replaced and that annual maintenance costs, which should be reduced without vehicular traffic, be funded through the annual SMUD funds that the County receives.

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Thank you for your time,
Joseph Myers
Roseville Ca.

February 13, 2017

Supervisor Michael Ranalli
Supervisor John Hidahl
Supervisor Shiva Frentzen
Supervisor Brian Veerkamp
Supervisor Sue Novasel
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

RE: "El Dorado County will remain the leader in supporting our safe, healthy, and vibrant communities, wisely managing our natural resources, and preserving our local heritage

Dear Supervisors Ranalli, Hidhal, Frentzen, Veerkamp, and Novasel:

It was hard for us to believe the EIR regarding construction of the new Mosquito Bridge had been halted due to "rafting enthusiasts." Apparently, life and safety of residents in Mosquito and Swansboro are not vitally important as compared to recreational concerns of these rafters who held up the certification process. It says volumes about how you view your tax-paying residents; many who work daily or attend school and need to access this dangerous bridge.

This is the third time construction of Mosquito Bridge has come before the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors. Substantial sums of money and time have been expended (and previously wasted in this process) by the Board. Now again, this project (for the third time with over \$30 million in federal grant funds) has been held up by "rafters" who (I've been informed) could be apathetic about tax-paying residents' safety in our area, as recreational needs take priority; thus the reason for delaying the construction of this vital bridge for safety and well-being of this community. Is it the assessment of this Board that we, taxpayers of this community, continue to pay for rafters' "recreation" to the detriment of our protection and safety?

How can this even be debatable until April? I was recently informed by DOT the EIR "may" come before the Board of Supervisors at that time. The last I heard it was moving along smoothly and was to be certified by you no later than January 2017. How long does it take to do an EIR when it involves securing safety for its own residents?

I must protest. Development of Swansboro was approved by the County of El Dorado decades ago. Expensive building permits have been issued by El Dorado County and paid for by residents in Mosquito and Swansboro. Excessively high taxes have been paid by these same citizens. Where is the concern for these tax-paying residents with regards to their safety and well-being, which is a priority in your mission statement referenced above?

Supervisor Michael Ranalli
Supervisor John Hidahl
Supervisor Shiva Frentzen
Supervisor Brian Veerkamp
Supervisor Sue Novasel

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No safe “launch” exists for rafters at the historic Mosquito Bridge. It is dangerous and difficult to access the South Fork of the American River from this site. Each time an individual rafts down these dangerous rapids, emergency personnel’s safety is in jeopardy when rescue of these “recreational enthusiasts” is required.

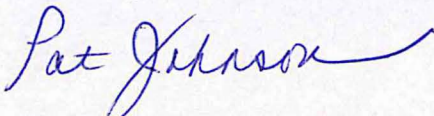
We have just experienced torrential rains this winter. Extremely dangerous conditions are present on Mosquito Bridge, Mosquito Road, and Rock Creek Road. For the safety of your citizens, do the right thing and get this EIR certified promptly; move forward with the construction of a two-lane bridge for access by not only residents but by fire personnel, ambulances, school buses, etc. Mosquito Bridge and Mosquito Road are now closed indefinitely due to these rains. The integrity of the bridge and road are very concerning and costing EDC taxpayers more expensive repairs with no end in sight.

Furthermore, the integrity of Rock Creek Road is now in question. We in Mosquito and Swansboro are amazed (and relieved) that no EDC public school bus has yet to drive off Rock Creek Road into the American River Canyon. (It would be extremely easy to do.) Is this what the county is waiting for—a major catastrophic event to beset this community before you provide a safe ingress/egress for its citizens with \$30 million grant funds that are available now?

If we lose this substantial grant money due to “recreational enthusiasts” and the inaction of the EDC Board of Supervisors, it will tell me much about the community I live.

Thank you for your kind consideration of these observations and comments.

Another Concerned Citizen Advocating Construction of Mosquito Bridge
Utilizing the \$30+ Million Federal Grant Funds,



Pat Johnson
6987 Dyer Court
Placerville, California 95667

cc: The Honorable Governor Jerry Brown
Fire Chief Edward Dwyer, Mosquito Fire Protection District
Board of Mosquito Fire Protection District
Board of Swansboro Country Property Owners Association
El Dorado County Fire Safe Council
El Dorado County Department of Transportation



Jim Mitrisin <jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us>

Agenda Item #23 17-0159 (Mosquito Road Bridge Access to South Fork American River)

Tyler Jose <twjose1977@gmail.com>
To: jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us

Mon, Feb 13, 2017 at 1:31 PM

Dear Board,

I favor the recommendation to the Board that the existing Mosquito Road Bridge be kept and maintained for pedestrian and bicycle use after the bridge is replaced and that annual maintenance costs, which should be reduced without vehicular traffic, be funded through the annual SMUD funds that the County receives.

This bridge, and the ancillary recreational uses associated with it is directly in the footprint of the UARP and has a direct nexus to benefit from SMUD funding.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tyler Jose
Private boater



Jim Mitrisin <jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us>

Feb 14th BOS meeting

william crenshaw <wecrenshaw@gmail.com>
To: jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us

Mon, Feb 13, 2017 at 12:36 PM

Dear Mr. Matrisin,

Please convey to the Board of Supervisors my hope that the Board will maintain access (and safe passage) to the South Fork of the American River at the "Mosquito bridge" during and after the new bridge is constructed. I cannot emphasize enough the importance that these types of resources have on local and regional recreational tourism, and in turn the local economy. Every weekend thousands of recreationalists including cyclists, kayakers, climbers, and fisherman migrate to El Dorado County to participate in activities that features like the Mosquito Bridge provide. I understand that sometimes short term funding issues are not always easy to solve, however I would maintain that keeping resources such as the bridge will benefit the long-term rural recreational character, and recreational economy of El Dorado County.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this issue.

-William Crenshaw