

May 31, 2024

County of El Dorado Planning and Building Department 2850 Fairlane Court Placerville, CA 95667 ATTN: Karen L. Garner RE: Fee Waiver Request for the Emergency Resource Center

Dear Director Garner:

The Food Bank of El Dorado County, a local, nonprofit 501c3, would like to submit an official request for a fee waiver for the Food Bank of El Dorado County's "*Emergency Resource Center*" facility that will be located at **4550 Business Drive** in Cameron Park. The fee waiver request includes any and all fees associated with the grading and stockpiling of soil due at the time of the permit issuance.

The Food Bank is in the process of constructing a large facility adjacent to the existing building. The facility is designed to not only warehouse and distribute emergency food, but to prepare El Dorado County residents for imminent climate disasters such as wildfire, excessive precipitation, mudslides, high winds, and others. The facility will provide services to all El Dorado County residents, including those in rural and remote areas. The ERC is a part of the new El Dorado County Hazard Mitigation Plan, and will work in contract with The El Dorado County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services to procure, store, and distribute all in-kind donations in case of disaster.

The centrally-located ERC facility will primarily serve as a preparation and storage facility for emergency food and supplies, but will also be used in times of inactivation by the community for classes and event space. The Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians Tribal Fire Department will assist the ERC with emergency residential safety dispatch in rural and remote areas during times of disaster activation. The facility will also have a mobile dispatch unit which can distribute emergency food, supplies, and prepared emergency meals to anyone in the county during disasters. These items will be delivered to 30 partner agencies located throughout El Dorado County; including those in rural and remote areas, to enable them to serve their immediate communities.

The facility will not only help those less fortunate, but the entire population of El Dorado County. The intention of ERC services is to provide equal support and access to resources for all residents, and to ensure no community will be left behind moving forward.

We truly appreciate your consideration and support! Please let us know if you have any questions to follow.

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