



Public Comment #8
 County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>
 BOS RCVD 4/6/2021

Re: For Public Comment: Tuesday Agenda: Award to 1848

1 message

Wopumnes Tribe <tribalcouncil@eldoradonisenanmewuk.com>

Mon, Apr 5, 2021 at 8:09 PM

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Dear BOS, We sent our letter at 8:26 am April 4, 2021 and we have confirmation it was received. It was not posted for public review with the other letters submitted for public comment. We are sending it again so you can post it for Tuesday's meeting. Thank you.

FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Letter in SUPPORT of award to El Dorado Gold 1848

April 3, 2021

Attn: Board of Supervisors, El Dorado County
 Email: don.ashton@edcgov.us

Re: Letter in Support of El Dorado Gold 1848 Plan and Award of the Post Office and Annex

Dear BOS,

We are writing this letter because we became aware of the Award of the WPA Post Office and Annex Surplus Buildings to **El Dorado Gold 1848**. **YES, we the historic Wopumnes Tribe of El Dorado County are in favor of the award to El Dorado Gold 1848.**

We would like to re-introduce ourselves for the newly elected Supervisors. We are the Federally documented indigenous Nisenan Indian Tribe of El Dorado County, the Wopumnes. Our Tribe signed the 1851 Treaty of Cosumnes River, was written about by John Sutter in his diaries and helped John Marshall build the Mill and discover gold at Coloma. We were known in the county as the "Koloma Indians", "Pollock Pines Indians", "Placerville Indians" and named the "Shingle Springs Indians" by John Sutter himself. Our Tribe's village was located where today stands the town of Shingle Springs incorporated in 1865. We were known for delivering salt and cedar shingles to the settlers throughout the county. In 1870, the Sacramento Daily Union wrote an article about our Chief Charlie "Camino" calling Indians from many miles to a "Pow-wow in Shingle Springs" where we had a fandango and he gave a speech of friendship. To survive the influx of gold seekers from all over the world, our Tribe did the best it could to blend in. We took up mining, raised cattle, labored along side the settlers and even married them. In 1906 we were counted in C.E. Kelsey's Census of Off-Reservation Indians, land was purchased for us by the US Government and Federal Records show

we exercised our rights in the Indian Reorganization Act of 1935. In the early 20th century we were documented by C. Hart Merriam, E.B. Gifford, Alex Kroeber and UC Davis as being linked to the historic archeological sites in El Dorado County (including Upper Broadway) and exhibits of our ancestors are in El Dorado County's museums. My personal "Bureau of Indian Affairs" Identification number is 59256. *We have no relationship to the non-historic business group, who's Federal records show they are from Sutter County, occupying the Shingle Springs Rancheria calling themselves "California Indians" and running the Redhawk casino.*

Our Tribe has witnessed the changes caused by new-comers in our aboriginal Territory of El Dorado County for over 200 years and therefore we can speak with authority to the issues discussed in this letter. Because we are Federally documented as the Tribe of El Dorado County, our Tribe should have a say in what happens to "our" exhibits of our history.

As you know, the Wopumnes Tribe and the Gold Rush Fire Brigade were contenders for the Confidence Firehouse and Immigrant Jane buildings in May of 2019.

Little did we know, as our presenter took the podium to give that presentation on May 6th, 2019, that the sitting City Council, was fully in a Joint-Application contract with the Arts Council for a \$35k and a \$100,000 match grant from the NEA (shown by the City's own proposal submitted to you on March 19, 2021) since 2016. Being a Government Entity yourself, you well know Procurement Law; the City Council was in Contract with the Arts Council makes the Award of the Confidence and Jane buildings to the Arts Council a violation of Government Procurement law, as the Arts Council should have been barred from the RFP competition. Though these historic buildings would be turned into nothing but apartments and offices, earning the City a mere \$45k in rent a year, the City Council was clearly biased towards the Arts Council because of this Joint-Application for a matching grant and previous work jointly conceived before the RFP was even publicized for bid in November of 2018.

Our proposal for the Confidence Fire House and the Immigrant Jane Visitor's Center, was to restore the 1860 Fire House to its glory days, circulating many of the artifacts (including stories and fire engines) stored in people's barns around El Dorado County, and as a living Fire Safety Education (past and present) Interpretive Center for the public, through Confidence Hall by the Gold Rush Fire Brigade docents and volunteers from the local fire departments. For the Immigrant Jane building we proposed to provide a base of street operations for the Hangtown Marshalls in their own Marshall's office and jail. Behind the Office, a Natural History Learning Center, partnering with UC Davis to design, install, curate as rotating exhibits of many of our Nisenan-Mewuk artifacts they collected from over 1100 archeological sites in El Dorado County, reflecting the City General Plan to honor the indigenous. The back room would be a large multipurpose room and the upstairs would be offices to rent to the non-profits running the center. The entire building could be rented for private events. Our estimate was that the Confidence and Jane Downtown Placerville Visitor's Center, open year around, would bring in at least as many visitor's as Gold Bug Park during its short 180-

day season and earn the same. The visitor's center also would serve the many events happening on the street currently, allow for the imagining of more and it would also be the landing spot for fresh faces to tour the downtown businesses.

In 1911 the City Council took over Confidence and Jane from the Placerville Volunteer Fire Department because it needed repairs. By 2007 the City Council had consumed the buildings for 96 years then moved out without restoring a single brick. Then City attempted to sell the buildings four times as published in the Mt. Democrat. Each time the deal fell through because of the dis-repair. Even the Fire Department made a bid for Confidence and Jane in 2005 and was ignored. If the building has a spirit, it is still standing out of sheer force of will waiting for passionate people to restore it just as the Post Office and Annex have received.

On April 16, 2020, the anniversary of our 1870 "Pow-wow in Shingle Springs" (published in the Sacramento Daily Union) the City of Placerville, violated CEQA on their Upper Broadway Bicycle project, bulldozing our sacred village site located 200 ft. outside the stated APE for the project. The Tribe requested the City have UC Davis catalogue their village to preserve the artifacts for the future. The City Council met the Tribe's requests with disdain and dis-regard then in October 2020, paved over their village site.

We commend this Board of Supervisors for understanding the importance of this County's history and making the decision to pursue the El Dorado Gold 1848's plan for the Post Office and Annex. This option will be a landing place for residents and tourists to start their walk down Main Street to visit with the merchants and community in downtown Placerville for many years to come. Hopefully Confidence and Jane will be there too.

Sincerely,
/LLSIII/

Louie Lawrence Smith, III
Cultural Resources Officer
Wopumnes Nisenan-Mewuk Tribe of El Dorado County

The Wopumnes claims "Recognized Indian Title" jurisdiction over all sacred sites and artifacts found in our ancestral territory of El Dorado County. We carry Department of Interior issued identification, with the Tribal Affiliation "MIWOK" that is traceable to the 1928 CIJA California Indian Rolls for El Dorado County.

We are separate from, not sharing any Cultural, Historical, Territorial or Ancestral Lineage with the business group of migrant people who's Federal Records show they are from Sutter County and Hawaii, the "Verona-Sacramento Band of Homeless Indians" doing business as, by stipulation of the 2005 El Dorado County Board of Supervisors as "Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians" and "Redhawk Casino". The "Redhawk Casino" are a non-historic, non-

aboriginal group of people pretending to be "Shingle Springs Miwoks" and are perpetrating a fraud on the El Dorado County Community and Government Services, the Indigenous of California, the People of the State of California, and the Federal Government by falsely claiming jurisdiction of our Wopumnes Nisenan-Mewuk Indigenous Artifacts and Sacred Sites located in El Dorado County.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact our lead contact person listed above.

On Mon, Apr 5, 2021 at 8:26 AM Wopumnes Tribe <tribalcouncil@eldoradonisenanmewuk.com> wrote:

Please see letter attached for public comment on the award to El Dorado 1848 and the City of Placerville.

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Greg & Susan Boeger public comment for item 21-0330

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TO Clerk of the Eldorado County Board of Supervisors
FROM Greg and Susan Boeger, Boeger Winery
FOR PUBLIC COMMENT April 6, 2021 Board of Supervisor's Meeting

Regarding agenda item 8. 21-0330

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We had the privilege of being shown the plans and studies behind the Cultural District in detail, and are whole heartedly excited about this multi-purpose cultural project that preserves and shares these old historic structures, as well as giving an expression to the multi-faceted cultural creativity of our community. It even has an agricultural element, dear to our hearts as it should be to yours, since agriculture is so vital to the economy of El Dorado County.

We urge you not to sign the purchase and sale agreement and to sell them to the City instead.

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