

Public Comment #51
BOS RCVD 12/8/2023

December 8, 2023

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

RE: Diamond Springs Community Park

Dear Board Member;

I am a civil engineer who had a private engineering company in El Dorado County for over 40 years.

I want to point out that I was the engineer responsible for a portion of the road circulation plan shown as Figure 4. I was the project engineer for all the properties westerly of Patterson Dr. This road system was designed to comply with General Plan Policies for Class I Subdivisions.

A portion of the park site is included on that plan. If the park had been envisioned at the time I prepared this plan, the roadway through that site would have been designed much differently. The through roadway would have continued from Oak Dell Rd. southerly along the Charles Brown School Site and then easterly at the Lift Station to the connections with proposed adjacent subdivisions.

The design of that road would have avoided all cultural resources and minimized impacts on the Deadman Creek Crossing by utilizing an arch culvert. The roadways shown on Figure 4 avoided all cultural resources.

The Board of Supervisors directed staff to provide a Roadway Circulation Plan Alternative. The BOS provided funding for the Roadway Circulation Plan. An alternative plan has been provided for the Low Density Park Alternative. There is no actual plan for the Roadway Circulation Plan. The preparers of the EIR analyzed this alternative without an actual plan. That evaluation is not acceptable without an actual plan.

I do not understand why staff and the EIR preparer are so reluctant to provide a Roadway Circulation Plan for evaluation. The community needs access to the Charles Brown School Site and the Park without traveling along the congested HWY 49 corridor. Existing and future residents will be robbed of their only opportunity for a reasonable circulation plan if the Project as designed is accepted.

Please do the right thing for our community and have a plan prepared that serves our need for an adequate circulation system and a multi purpose park. This can be done. The superior project is the one that serves our community needs which is inclusive of the roadway circulation element.

Sincerely,

Larry Patterson