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To: El Dorado Co. Board of Supervisors

Re: Placerville Branch of Sacramento Valley  
Railroad

I was born and raised in N. California and hold high value to the history we have. I ask you not to let the tracks of a historic railroad be torn up for bicycles.

I believe history should always take priority over anything else. We teach our children not to vandalize or destroy our natural resources and historic places and artifacts. Would adults and government officials destroy history for bicycles? Would you take from all to give to a few? What kind of a message would that be sending to our youth? Is that the legacy the Board of Supervisors would want to leave El Dorado County?

Yesterday I took my grandchildren on the train from Shingee Springs. It was not just the thrill of riding along with sounds and sights of how people used to do, but the understanding of the history. To know what the railroad meant to the communities and the area. It's the basis of what we are today.

They can learn in books and computers, but there is no learning experience more lasting than being there, feeling and seeing. Please don't take that from our children and generations to come.

El Dorado County is rich in history and we should work hard to preserve it. Historic Value

should always be a priority. To destroy it is just plain wrong. Once it's gone, it's gone forever.

I have been a supporter of Rails to Trails for many years. It has always been my understanding that they used abandoned rail beds in much more rural areas that had no plans for any other use.

When I realized that they want to tear up the historic tracks for bicycles, I was shocked. I was under the impression that the trail would be built beside the track. I will no longer be a supporter of a group or anyone that would intentionally destroy history for another place to ride bicycles.

El Dorado County has many rural roads in non-populated areas to ride safely. They do not need us and our future generations to pay the price of their pleasure.

I am a bicycle rider, hiker and walker, but never at this expense.

I am asking please prevent the removal of our historic tracks and do not destroy our history.

Susan Ball  
Big Cut Road  
Placerville

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**Item 39 Dec 7 Trails Resolution**  
**The BOSONE** to: Cynthia C Johnson  
Sent by: Loretta M Featherston

12/06/2010 10:31 AM

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**Trail Priority Resolution**

**Jon Crowley** to: bosone

12/06/2010 09:27 AM

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**Beverly Farrell** to: bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

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## Trail Use and Voting

Steve Hoe to: bosone

12/06/2010 09:41 AM

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**El Dorado Trail**

Goss, Edward (GE Energy, Non-GE) to: bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

12/06/2010 09:44 AM

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I am a local resident and business owner in South Lake Tahoe. I am writing you today to ask that you vote in favor of the **El Dorado Trail Resolution "A" without the Jack Sweeney addendum**. I support the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

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**Trails resolution A**

**Michele** to: undisclosed recipients ;

12/06/2010 09:49 AM

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We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

Thanks,

Michele Cooksy



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**The BOSONE to: Cynthia C Johnson**  
**Sent by: Loretta M Featherston**

12/06/2010 12:06 PM

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**Multi-use Trail Resolution**

**Daryl Allen to: bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive**

12/06/2010 11:25 AM

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Dear El Dorado County Supervisors,

I'm writing regarding the upcoming vote on the El Dorado Trail resolution.

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Sincerely,

Daryl Allen  
El Dorado Hills

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**Trails Resolution Vote**

**Jeffrey Temple to: bosone**

12/06/2010 11:29 AM

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I have long had a dream that unused railways (Minnesota has a wonderful trail system using old railways) and property easements along power lines would make a wonderful multi-use trail system around California and the United States. I live in Serrano so this personally affects me. I am a bike commuter from Serrano to Intel. Please make the correct choice.

Thank you for your time

Jeff Temple

10-1169.2E.7



**Fw: TRAILS RESOLUTION "A"**  
The BOSONE to: Cynthia C Johnson  
Sent by: Loretta M Featherston

12/06/2010 11:00 AM

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**TRAILS RESOLUTION "A"**

Martinez, JoAnn to: 'bosone@edcgov.us'

12/06/2010 10:57 AM

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John,

Please vote for our **ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A"** without Jack Sweeney's additions. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

I am avid cyclist, registered voter and contributing member of society. I live in El Dorado Hills and have been cycling for the past 6 years. I ride 100+ miles a week throughout the foothills. A bike/multiuse trails such as is being proposed would receive tremendous use from the incredibly active citizens in our community. There are numerous stops for food/drink that would receive increased business revenue from this system of trails. These trails would be used every single day, by voting citizens from our community and from surrounding communities.

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*Thanks,*

*JoAnn Martinez*

*Application Specialist*

*VOIP #22-4525*

*(916) 355-4525 work*

*(916) 747-3663 cell*

*[JoAnn.Martinez@Aerojet.com](mailto:JoAnn.Martinez@Aerojet.com)*





**Item #39 Dec 7 Trail Resolution**  
The BOSONE to: Cynthia C Johnson  
Sent by: Loretta M Featherston

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**Trails Resolution**

Jeff Nelson to: bosone

12/06/2010 10:36 AM

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*Sincerely,*

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**Trails Resolution Vote on Dec 7th**

Fraser, Elizabeth K to: Fraser, Elizabeth K

12/06/2010 10:37 AM

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Supervisors,

Please vote for the ORIGINAL trails resolution "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority. The additional language "**trails have priority as long as such priority does not cause the removal of the existing rail and ties,**" should be removed from the resolution. I am an avid cyclist and moved to this community because of the world-class biking trail along the American River. I strongly believe an extension of that bike trail through El Dorado County will improve the desirability of homes in the county and will improve business volume for those businesses located near the trail. The change in language to the resolution will significantly set back the effort to extend the trail system. I urge you to vote for the original resolution.

Thanks,

Elizabeth Fraser

El Dorado County Cyclist and voter



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**El Dorado Trail**

**Loveridge, Rick R** to: bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us,  
bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us,  
bosfive@edcgov.us

12/06/2010 10:31 AM

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Hello,

I have heard that the El Dorado bike/hike/equestrian trail has a chance of not happening now. I am an avid cyclist along with my family. I live in El Dorado Hills and would use this trail all of the time. Currently we drive down to Folsom to ride the trail there – and would love it to be finished as I thought it was going to – up to Camino.

If you walk or ride on the current trails in Placerville and Folsom – they are used all of the time. A great use of our money and I would be very disappointed to see this not come through. Please try all you can to get this trail going.

Thanks,

Rick Loveridge



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Davis, Marshall E to: Undisclosed recipients;

12/06/2010 09:53 AM

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Supervisors,

Please vote for our ***ORIGINAL*** TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions." We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

This is the kind of political "flip-flop" that gives the job (politics) a bad name and favors only Mr. Sweeney's special interest (Rails in this case).

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Marshall

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*Marshall E. Davis*  
IT - EPPS  
SAP Security Team

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 El Dorado Hills Trail

Solis, Mauricio to: Solis, Mauricio

12/06/2010 09:58 AM

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*I urge you to reconsider your decision and return your support for a multiuse/bike trail. I am a registered voter and I do vote whenever I am eligible.*

*Sincerely  
Mauricio Solis*

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## Trail Resolution A

Sierra, David to: bosone@edcgov.us

12/06/2010 10:09 AM

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Dear John,

Please vote for the original trails resolution "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions. I am an avid cyclist and long-term resident of El Dorado Hills, and the availability of safe cycling road and pathways is a quality of life issue near and dear to me and my family.

Thanks for your consideration.

David Sierra  
236 Kinkead Ct  
El Dorado Hills

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## Please vote for Original Trails Resolution "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions

Jim Price to: bosone, bostwo, bosfour, bosfive

12/06/2010 10:13 AM

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Please vote for the original Trails Resolution "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions.

My wife and I are residents of Shingle Springs, and are active bicyclists as well as other activities in El Dorado County (and as well as voting regularly). The bike/multiuse trail that has proposed, in contrast to the railroad proposal, would receive tremendous use from the incredibly active citizens in our community. There are numerous stops for food/drink that would receive increased business revenue from this system of trails. These trails would be used every single day, by voting citizens from our community and from surrounding communities.

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However, the amendment by Jack Sweeney would ignore these benefits of a bike/multiuse trail, and would cause the resolution that otherwise would seem to support multiple use to become meaningless.

We urge you to support for a multiuse/bike trail. We are registered voters and I do vote whenever I am eligible.

Sincerely,

Jim Price  
3590 Spearmint Lane, Shingle Springs CA 95682

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 **Trail Resolution Vote - December 7**

 Karen Kursch to: bosone

12/06/2010 10:17 AM

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**Thank you, Karen**

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 **Trails Resolution**

 Janet VanKanegan to:

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Thank you,  
Janet VanKanegan  
Garden Valley, CA

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 **EldoradoTrails Resolution**

Ubry, Bob to: bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us,  
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bosfive@edcgov.us

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Greetings

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Thanks  
Robert Ubry  
Product Support Engineer  
Intel Customer Support

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