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The proposed resolution bothers me greatly!
 I thought the local rail folks were limiting the demonstration ride
 between Blanchard
 and El Dorado Road to avoid crossing streets. I also wonder why the resolution
 was not brought before the Trail Advisory Committee and the Recreation
 Commission
 and am very disappointed that it was not. I have been supportive of
 the rail park
 because I think it will be good for the community. We need a study
 plan to show how
 the trail will be implemented to accomadate all users. The continuation of the
 class one and natural trail is essential. I think the infrastructure
 should go in
 first. Wouldn't it be a good idea to store/display the engine at the
 park site in
 El Dorado so the community could appreciate it?

Jillie Linn 6/25/10

RESOLUTION NO. []

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO
Living History Program of the El Dorado County Historical Museum

WHEREAS, the Placerville Branch was completed to Placerville on March 29, 1888 and the first train arrived in Placerville on April 9, 1888; and

WHEREAS, the last train to Placerville was in 1989; and

WHEREAS, the Placerville Branch was "Railbanked" ; and

WHEREAS, in October 1991 there was formed the Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority to acquire and maintain the Placerville Branch; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition was consummated September 5, 1996; and

WHEREAS, there exists within the El Dorado County Historical Museum a volunteer organization known as The El Dorado Western Railway Foundation; and

WHEREAS, said Foundation desires to operate a historical railroad operation on a portion of the Placerville Branch.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby authorize the Museum Administrator to coordinate the volunteers, including the El Dorado Western Railway Foundation, in the development and operation of the El Dorado Western Railway, as a living history program of the El Dorado County Historical Museum, for the purpose of fully developing the approved El Dorado County Historical Railroad Park benefiting the people and visitors of our community by providing a sufficient length of historical railroad to experience, first hand, a significant part this county's history; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the boundaries of said El Dorado County Historical Railroad Park, in which the El Dorado Western Railway may operate are as follows:

Western Boundary: The east side of the existing rail crossing at Mother Lode Drive, the location known as the El Dorado Wye, with operating set back as appropriate to public safety;

Eastern Boundary: The west side of Missouri Flat Rd, known as Diamond Springs, with operating set back as appropriate to public safety;

(N/A —

The established Boundary is inclusive of the existing storage spur located south of the mainline approximately 1000 feet west of Missouri Flat Rd, and such storage and display trackage as appropriate to the design and operation of the Railroad Park in El Dorado.

AND, BE IT RESOLVED that the El Dorado Western Railway, a living history railroad program, will in no way impede or exclude the use of the Placerville Branch as a multi-use recreation corridor.

The Board of Supervisors authorizes the Museum Administrator or designee to enter into agreements with other county departments and organizations for the access and use of real property, use of related rail based equipment, safety and operations training, and development of facilities necessary to develop and operate the El Dorado Western Railway.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the _____ day of _____, 2010, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes:

Attest: Noes:

Suzanne Allen de Sanchez Absent :

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____

Deputy Clerk Chairman, Board of Supervisors

I CERTIFY THAT:

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.

Attest: Suzanne Allen de Sanchez, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado, State of California.

By: _____ Date: _____

Deputy Clerk

Trails Now
549 Main Street
Placerville, CA
February 21, 2010

Thomas A. Fossum
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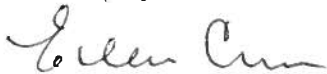
Dear Mr. Fossum,

Trail Now looks forward to collaborating with The El Dorado Railway Foundation and the County of El Dorado in establishing trail alignments and a parking/staging area for the El Dorado Trail in the town of El Dorado. It is envisioned that the staging area will provide overflow parking for the Community Hall, accommodate parking and circulation for people with horse trailers, and accommodate people with disabilities.

The trail will provide a connection between El Dorado and the businesses, shops and school on Missouri Flat Road.

Thank you for working to establish this valuable infrastructure for the citizens of El Dorado County.

Sincerely



Eileen Crim, Trails Now

El Dorado County Historical Railroad Park



An early photograph of the El Dorado Depot with the school visible on the hill in the background. The El Dorado Community Hall is now located in the old school building. The plan would recreate the depot, loading platform and rail siding.

The El Dorado County Historical Railroad Park will be a county museum facility where historical railroad artifacts are displayed and operated for the enjoyment and education of the public. It will be located in the town of El Dorado utilizing the existing Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor (SPTC) right of way, located north of Pleasant Valley Road on Oriental Street.

The Railroad Park will recreate the historic Southern Pacific El Dorado Depot, have additional track for railroad cars, locomotives and support equipment and will have a short section of operating railroad, along with visitor services, exhibit and maintenance facilities.

El Dorado Western Volunteers

County Historical Museum volunteers have been the "fire in the boiler" for the Railroad Park. They have pushed to restore and someday operate historic railroading artifacts for the past 17 years. Several volunteers formed the non-profit El Dorado Western Railway Foundation in 1997 to secure grants, promote the project and eventually operate the historic railroad. Volunteers, skilled and mechanically knowledgeable, are working on the meticulous restoration of the railroad artifact collection. Museum staff and volunteers are working with the El Dorado County Parks and Recreation Commission, have consulted with the El Dorado County Trails Advisory Committee and spoken of this project with the SPTC Joint Powers Authority.

Development Plans

It is vital that the Historical Railroad Park comply with all applicable Federal Railroad Administration requirements for operational safety. Narrow gauge (3 feet) artifacts will be co-mingled with standard gauge (4 feet 8 1/2 inches) rail activity along the SPTC by addition of a third rail along the main line track from El Dorado Road to Blanchard Road. Additional track will provide exhibit space, allow rolling stock to be moved and create space for loading and unloading passengers.

Track development will be done in phases with each phase building on previous phases. Initial phases can be done with little or no extra funds using materials already at hand, volunteer labor and with the donation of additional materials, such as railroad ties. By offering rides on the Diamond & Caldor Railbus for a small donation, revenue can be established early in the development and increase as track is laid. Future grants and funding can be pursued as the project progresses. By working with other County departments and commissions, the Railroad Park will be developed in compliance with county regulations and with safety as the number one priority.

El Dorado County Historical Museum

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Solution

EL DORADO COUNTY HISTORICAL RAILROAD PARK DEVELOPMENT

The Historical Museum Commissioners, Museum Staff and Volunteers strongly recommend developing and operating the El Dorado County Historical Railroad Park. It will be an attractive and welcoming place to exhibit, interpret and operate historical artifacts reflecting El Dorado County's rich railroading history. It will have a short section of operating railroad, along with visitor services, exhibit and maintenance facilities. The Park will be designed to enhance the Parks and Recreation Commission's proposed County-wide Parks and Trail Master Plan, offering a "way station" as a destination for access, rest and a point of interest.

Summary of Development Plans

It is vital that the El Dorado County Historical Railroad Park comply with all applicable Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) requirements for operational safety. Many of the County Museum's railroad cars and engines are narrow gauge requiring track laid out at 3 feet wide. However, standard gauge track, with a width of 4 feet 8 ½ inches will also be needed for two Museum artifacts as well as possible future acquisitions. By the use of a third rail along the main line track in the designated area (El Dorado Road to Blanchard Road) the Railroad Park operation can be co-mingled with other standard gauge rail activity along the SPTC.

Restored artifacts will be operated on the main line. Additional track will accommodate most of the current railroad artifacts undergoing restoration and will provide exhibit space, allow rolling stock to be moved, and create space for loading and unloading passengers.

The initial phase of the proposed track plan offers maximum safety to visitors in that no paved road crossings are crossed. The operational speed is estimated as between 3-8 miles per hour. No tunnels or bridges are involved on this segment.

Track development will be done in phases with each phase building on previous phases. Initial phases can be done with little or no extra funds using materials already at hand, volunteer labor, and with the donation of additional materials, such as railroad ties, from Union Pacific or other operating railroads. With some track laid, we are confident that a viable presentation can be made with a limited operation costing very little money. By offering rides on the Rail Bus for a small donation, revenue can be established early in the development and increase as track is laid. Future grants and funding can be pursued as the project progresses.

By working with other County departments and commissions, such as Department of Transportation, Development Services, the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Trails Advisory Committee, the Railroad Park will be developed in compliance with county regulations and with safety as the number one priority.

A brief summary of a proposed schedule is as follows (See concept site plan on page 9):

38. [09-1051](#) Supervisor Sweeney and Library Director recommending the Board conceptually approve a proposal for the El Dorado County Historical Railroad Park to be located on the Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor (SPTC) in the town of El Dorado, and requesting the following:
- 1) Authorize the relocation of the recently recovered rail from the Missouri Flat site to the El Dorado site;
 - 2) Authorize the relocation of other railroad accessories to the El Dorado site as appropriate; and
 - 3) Direct the Department of Transportation (DOT) and Museum staff to work together on the development of the El Dorado Historical Railroad Park site plan and determine the best use of already allocated funding.

FUNDING: Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund.

39. [09-1115](#) Supervisor Sweeney requesting the Board authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise and accept applications for a Community Advisory Committee to provide input and community solutions on land use matters in the Diamond Springs-El Dorado Community.
40. [08-1297](#) Supervisor Santiago requesting the Board acknowledge the successful award of the Economic Development Administration Technical Assistance Program Project No. 07-06-06399 in the amount of \$60,000, and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to release the matching funds in the amount of \$20,000 as approved on September 23, 2008 for the Economic Prosperity Plan in the Lake Tahoe Basin. (Refer 9/23/08, Item 21)

2:00 P.M. - TIME ALLOCATION

41. [09-1039](#) Hearing to consider a revision to Certificate of Compliance COC88-0127-R on property identified by APN 331-020-46, consisting of 4.37 acres, in the El Dorado area, submitted by Farrell Ventures, LLC; and recommending the Board take the following actions:
- (1) Certify that the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines;
 - (2) Authorize the Building Official to final Building Permit 171396 pending approval from all other departments, final inspection, and bonding or completion of required road improvements; and
 - (3) Issue a revised Conditional Certificate of Compliance for APN 331-020-46, subject to the Conditions of Approval in Attachment 1, based on the Findings in Attachment 2. (Supervisory District III)
42. [08-1648](#) Presentation and Update by the Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce on the "Geo Tourism" Program.



County of El Dorado

Legislative File Number 09-1051 (version 1)

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Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: No change to Net County Cost.

Background:

The El Dorado County Historical Museum has been collecting, preserving and restoring artifacts from the County's railroading past for many years. It has long been the goal of Historical Museum Commissioners, volunteers and staff to have a facility dedicated to their interpretation and presentation to the public.

Railroads were very significant to the economic development of the county, starting with narrow gauge logging railroads and ending with the Southern Pacific Railroad line from Sacramento to Placerville which allowed local products to be sold in a world wide market. The last logging railroad shut down in 1953 and the last Southern Pacific train ran in 1986.

The plan for a historical railroad park has been discussed and refined for many years. Volunteers have developed a conceptual El Dorado County Historical Railroad Park plan for the physical layout, operations, and growth in phases as funds and other resources become available. The facility will operate as a satellite facility of the County Museum. The plan will be developed in collaboration with DOT/Facilities, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Trails Advisory Committee, and in keeping with the SPTC Master Plan as a recreation corridor.

The El Dorado County Historical Railroad Park has the possibility to provide a tourist destination and a resulting economic boost to the town of El Dorado and its surroundings. It will also attract a far reaching and passionate population of rail history

fans to El Dorado County.

Reason for Recommendation:

As part of the development of the El Dorado Trail between Forni Road and Missouri Flat Road, rail was recently dismantled in what was the Diamond Springs Yard by Museum volunteers working with DOT staff and the contractor. That rail will be utilized in the first phase of the Railroad Park on the SPTC in El Dorado at no cost to the County, using volunteer labor. The site plan will be developed with the participation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Trails Advisory Committee. This matter was conceptually approved by the Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor JPA on August 10, 2009.

Contact:

Mary Cory, Museum Administrator, 621-5828

Concurrences:

El Dorado County Historical Museum Commission
Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority
El Dorado County Parks and Recreation Commission
El Dorado County Trails Advisory Committee