

Good Morning,

My name is Michael Mueller I am also a member of Residents Involved in Positive Planning, Inc. and my family and I live in Diamond Springs.

I am glad we are here today to discuss and make some positive decisions regarding much needed Economic Development. This is just what RIPP and now many others in this county and the region have been promoting for some time.

As a reminder of one thing that does *nothing but drain* money from the west slope tax payer's pockets and this economy is the bogus fuel surcharge that we still pay. Which itself went up last year to 3.75% all the while the cost of fuel is down near record lows.

I am one of many who are looking forward to this bogus fee ending on July 1st as was promised by you back in Dec. 2008!

Or being partially converted to the construction of a new county owned MRF and other money making endeavors from our assets.

Proven processes, materials and technologies such as Waste to Energy, Carbon Credits, Recycling and high grade Compost which is known as Black Gold.

There are reams of documentation supplied by RIPP and others or simply do a Google search for numerous real life examples.

So, the sooner the County builds its own efficient MRF and facility, as was also suggested by the Counties own high paid consultant NewPoint Group, back in 2008 we could achieve, as they do in Europe a 95% diversion rate. Or, like our neighbors, Placer County where they currently make multiple million of dollars per year from their solid waste assets.

EDC can no longer afford to wait. There are grants, bonds, stimulus and eager buyers for all that I have mentioned.

With this kind of MRF owned by EDC, and run by a trash hauler. We take control of our own destiny, exceed the state mandates and make a lot of needed revenue without raising rates or taxes!!

Just like the history, agriculture, recreation and beauty that we have here in Gods country Biomass and trash are also assets owned by the residents. I applaud the BOS and the EMD for *now* wanting to take full advantage of them, by doing so we can all expect more jobs, consistent revenues and a cleaner environment.

This idea is a WIN,WIN for El Dorado County government and its residents.

Let's work together and do it NOW!!

Respectfully,
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