

As background I remind readers that I was a member of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors from January 1985 through December 1992 and from August 2003 through December 2012; and, as a Licensed Land Surveyor, I have been working with numerous engineers since 1957.

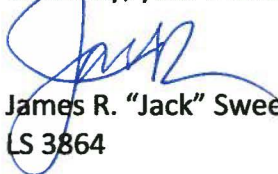
It is pleasing to have been able to work with **Steve Kooyman** in my recent years as a county supervisor! Steve has illustrated a great caring and understanding in his help to members of the Board and to the public. He was always willing to help members of the Board and the public obtain the best understanding of the complexities of engineering, especially as related to the effects on water quality. His efforts in the Lake Tahoe Basin were splendiferous! But for many of us, his work on the Rubicon Trail will go down in California Water Board history as unique and as establishing groundbreaking guidelines for common sense integration of road construction and maintenance that provide great protection for water quality.

Without **Steve Kooyman's** well prepared Rubicon Trail Saturated Soils Plans and Guidelines for placement of Best Management Practices (BMPs) I do not believe that the Rubicon Trail would still be open to the public. While these documents were well accepted by the Sacramento Regional Water Quality Board and the public as satisfying the requirements set forth in the Cleanup and Abatement Order, they were prepared in a way that the layperson could understand them and apply them on site.

I assure you that **Steve Kooyman's** work was and is a significant part of why the Rubicon Trail is still open.

Steve, on behalf of all of the people of this county I thank you and praise you for your work on their behalf. We will all miss your service to our citizens.

Sincerely, your friend,



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