



# El Dorado Hills Fire Department

May 29, 2009

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667

Re: Aid to Fire

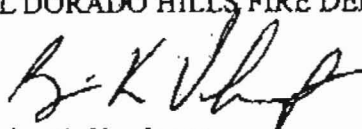
Dear Board of Supervisors:

The El Dorado County Water District (Fire Department) is obviously concerned about Aid to Fire and its future. As you are aware, I have been involved with the working meetings on this subject and concur with the plan that the Board of Supervisors will be voting upon on June 2.

Our Board of Directors had the attached resolution in process and would like to go on record with their concerns. Our Board has been briefed on the plan and is in support of moving it forward. They are concerned, however, as to how long it may take to complete the study and the short term funding until the plan is adopted.

Sincerely,

EL DORADO HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

  
Brian K. Veerkamp  
Chief

Attachment

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**EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION 2009- 05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (FIRE DEPARTMENT),  
IN SUPPORT OF AID TO FIRE DISTRICTS  
FOR INCREASED FIRE SERVICE LEVELS.**

**THIS RESOLUTION** is an expression of support for the continuance of Aid to Fire for Fire Districts throughout El Dorado County to better provide minimum levels of service to their residents and businesses as well as mutual/auto aid to neighboring jurisdictions.

**WHEREAS**, El Dorado County has been providing additional tax revenue to Fire Districts to allow them to provide equal amounts of service to their constituency since 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, at the time of this 2001 agreement, it was the County's desire to assist Fire Districts in achieving long-term stability; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Plan, previous development, recreation, and tourism have placed extra burden on Fire and Emergency Services without proper revenue sharing by the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Plan requires adequate levels of Fire and Emergency Services for development to occur both residential and commercial; and

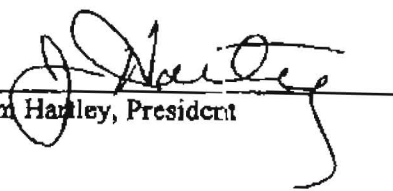
**WHEREAS**, this loss of additional funding would have drastic effects on service levels to each District, their neighboring Fire Districts via auto aid and the State of California via master mutual aid; and

**WHEREAS**, decreased levels of Fire and Emergency Services equate to no development, no revenue, and individuals losing their affordable property insurance which could lead to a loss of economic viability.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District (Fire Department) hereby supports the continuance of Aid to Fire provided by El Dorado County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of the El Dorado Hills County Water District, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES: Durante, Hartley, Hidahl, Thomsen, and Winn  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

  
Jim Hartley, President

ATTEST:

  
Connie L. Bair, Board Secretary