

B. DePerry Open Forum 9/19/2023



# The Miner's Inch

*A Melodramatic Comedy*  
*September 19, 2023*

## *Special Edition*

**MY THOUGHTS-** We have a serious condition that persists after two years of rhetoric and broken promises in reference to the Cal-dor Fire and maybe the Mosquito Fire. The Sheriff of El Dorado reminds "The Gang of Five" weekly that El Dorado County is in a state of emergency pertaining to these fire victims and rain damage to roads. The people affected by these people did not ask to lose their homes and possessions.

**53. 22-1675** El Dorado County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services recommending the Board find that a state of emergency continues to exist in El Dorado County due to conditions of extreme peril from an imminent and proximate threat from the Mosquito Fire that began on September 6, 2022. (Cont. 5/2/2023, item 36)" This was taken from the June 6, 2023 Agenda for the Board of Supervisors.

Since we are entering an unpredictable winter season coming up in the next six months, these people need all the help they can get to gain shelter and be safe. I see other priorities by the "Gang of Five" take precedence over safety and shelter. "The Gang of Five" spend millions of dollars on other more important priorities every week.

In my opinion, this is a slap in the face of people who **NEED HELP NOW!!!** It shows no commonsense, care or compassion for the fire victims. However, who has ever accused any "Gang of Five" (maybe 60 years ago) of having these qualities?

These people need help **NOW** and **NOT WAITING** for the **TIN CAN** that got kicked back to Washington D.C. to bounce back because it may never bounce back.

There are millions of dollars in expenditures that are routinely approved on the "**NOTORIUS CONSENT CALENDAR**" with little public input in any decision which to me is the object and working to **perfection. In the last week, about 50 million dollars on items that could be put on hold. (DOT-5 million, 40-jail expansion etc.) Time to put people first.**

Another source of funds that I feel needs to be looked at is the at last reading, is the \$65 million dollars invested with the State of California's LAIF Account (Local Agency Investment Fund) Under PMIA (Pooled Money Investment Account). I have tried for years to have someone tell me why this money is in this account and not in our county and the infrastructure. We could have paid for part of the New Safety Facility and lowered the loan amount.

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It has been suggested that our retired sheriff's name be put on the building. My thought is for four years max. After that it should be **Officer Brian Ishmael who gave his life in the line of duty for this county that he loved for the next four years and so on.**

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From: Short-Term and Long-Term Recovery

In the aftermath of an emergency or disaster, many citizens will have specific needs that must be met before they can return to their pre-disaster lives. Typically, there will be a need for services such as

these: X Assessment of the extent and severity of damages to homes and other property. X Restoration of services generally available in communities—water, food, and medical assistance. X Repair of damaged homes and property. X Professional counseling when the sudden changes resulting from the emergency have resulted in mental anguish and the inability to cope. Local governments help individuals and families recover by ensuring that these services are available and by seeking additional resources if the community needs them. Also, when an emergency occurs, the local government uses all available media to publicize the types of assistance available and how to access them.

Copied from: How Communities and States Deal With Emergencies

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News Flash, The “Notorius Consent Calendar” Strikes again. At a typical meeting of the “Gang of Five” on September 12, 2023, in my opinion, shows a lack of care, compassion and common sense. On the agenda was approval of \$1.5 million dollars for a three year maintenance contract for the \$3.1 million dollar used helicopter for the Sheriff’s Office with funding from the general fund instead of The Occupancy Tax as originally quoted for \$800,000, computer programs etc. that could wait for a while. Or spending \$40 million plus on a new jail expansion facility with all the bells and whistles. If you are out of luck, no money, no food, no shelter then this could be the place to be living.

They worry about the homeless, prisoners and illegal aliens, however not senior citizens on fixed incomes with funding. The people in Grizzly Flats are one step from being homeless. The difference is they own their property and caught between a rock and a hard spot due to no fault of their own.

These people are still suffering from the aftermath of the Caldor Fire two years later. The possibility of a severe uncertain winter approaching very soon In my opinion, this is INEXCUSABLE and UNACCEPTABLE!!

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*“Let It Not Be Said, That El Dorado County Does Not Take Care Of its Own.”*

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*“Neither the wisest constitution nor the wisest laws will secure liberty and happiness of a people whose manners are universally corrupt. He therefore is the truest friend of the liberty of his country who tries to promote its virtue, and who, so far as his power and influence extend, will not suffer a man to be chosen onto any office of power and trust who is not a wise and virtuous man.”*  
....Samuel Adams

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*“A state is nothing more than a reflection of its citizens; the more decent the citizens, the more decent the state.”*.....Ronald Reagan

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*“No free government can stand without virtue in the people, and a lofty spirit of patriotism.”*  
.....Andrew Jackson

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*“Virtue or morality is a necessary spring of a popular government.”* ...George Washington

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*“This publication paid for by the Committee to elect Brian DeBerry to the Position of Supervisor of District 3, County of El Dorado.*

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*I support the following subjects to help fix the problems that keep being overlooked, in my opinion*

- 1. Fix our failing roads.*
- 2. Seniors over 65 pay a reduced property Tax, over 70 DO NOT PAY property tax.*
- 3. The purchase of an asphalt plant to create local jobs and cut cost of road repair.*
- 4. Provide training in new technologies to county employees to save money from hiring private consultants which takes badly needed money away from the county.*
- 5 Honor Article IV Section 601 and buy goods and services locally unless there is a significant difference in cost.*
- 6. Create a co-op of land and home owners In El Dorado County to provide homeowner's insurance. The state and the county self insure themselves. It can be done.*
- 7. Minimize wasteful money being spent to conserve the financial condition of the county.*
- 8. Abolish the use of the ‘Consent Calendar’.*

9. *Protect and Restore our unique history for ourselves and tourists.*

10. *Control growth by not letting development build upon existing infrastructure that will not support it. Water, roads, fire and safety to the detriment of my constituents.*





You can follow me on Facebook under my name or “**The Miner’s inch**”.

There is also my website “**The Minersinch.us**” where my thoughts, articles and publications can be downloaded.

There are periodic thoughts from other people filed as a claims

There are car pictures, historical pictures of El Dorado County as I can find them. I will be working to set this website up to allow you to contact me about your concerns in complete confidence unless you tell me otherwise.

Feel free to contact me at anytime about a concern you have for the county and maybe your possible answer. I do not know all the answers, however with your help answers may be found.

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If you would like to support my candidacy, send donations to Brian DeBerry (\$0.50-99.00) may be sent to P.O. Box1362 Placerville, Ca. 95667

I will be posting a downloadable Petition-in-lieu of Form from the elections office if you would wish to sign and circulate to friends. Anyone signing must be a registered voter and live in District 3. Also required you must be 18 years old. Original must be returned **It will be posted as soon as available**

