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The Honorable John Hidahl, District I
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Supervisor Hidahl:

I am writing to you as a local resident and on behalf of the El Dorado Hills Bowmen Club, to request your assistance in completing a significant project undertaken to improve the public archery range located in our community.

The Range is located on land owned by El Dorado Hills Community Services District (EDH CSD) and has been in existence for over 55 years. It was built, is maintained and operated entirely with volunteer labor and is open to the public seven-days per week throughout the year. We offer archery classes to the public and partner with other non-profit organizations, such as the CSD and Girl Scouts, to offer both adults and youngsters an opportunity to enjoy this sport. Few communities have this unique recreation opportunity and even fewer at this level of quality and public utilization.

We have embarked on a project to replace multiple ruinous storage buildings with a new metal building which will house the equipment necessary for facility operations, maintenance and training. The Club has committed \$35,000 of its own funds, and received donations totaling \$17,000, towards this improvement. In April 2018, El Dorado County provided a permit fee estimate of \$15,629. This was viewed as a significant financial obstacle and caused us to split the project into two phases to better manage its scope and budget.

Obviously, our goal is to stretch available funds as far as possible. With generous help from Doug Veerkamp General Engineering and Youngdahl Consulting, we recently complete Phase I, site preparation and grading. We are now beginning Phase II, preparing plans and filing the permit applications necessary to pour the foundation/slab floor and to erect the 2,000 sq. ft. structure. This is where we hope you might be of assistance. Specifically, Board of Supervisors Policy B-2, Fee Waiving, allows the County to waive or reduce certain fees if, *"A facility or project proposed by a non-profit corporation or special district will provide a substantial public benefit."*

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As previously mentioned, the Bowmen have established, maintained and improved this public facility without expense to EDH CSD or the County for the past five decades. With your help, we hope to recover \$616.04 in fees paid, thus far, to complete Phase I (permit 0303845) and to minimize the remainder of the estimated \$15,000 in fees projected by the County, as we complete Phase II.

In compliance with the policy, we are preparing a request for waiver and will submit it to the building department for review by the Chief Administrative Officer. If there is anything you can do to help us through this process, it would be greatly appreciated. I would love the opportunity to meet with you to discuss our project and will attempt to arrange an appointment later this week. In the meantime, if you have need of any information, I may be contacted at (530) 736-5465 or bpeterson121@yahoo.com

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Bill Peterson, President
El Dorado Hills Bowmen

