



RESOLUTION NO.
of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

**Support for Legislative Assistance to
Prevent the Closure of the
Sierra Pacific Industries Lumber Mill
Camino, California**

Whereas, the Sierra Pacific Industries Sawmill in Camino has played a significant role in the economy of El Dorado County for over 100 years; and,

Whereas, the recently announced closure of the mill will result in the loss of 164 direct jobs and additional 369 jobs for a total of 533 jobs lost in El Dorado County devastating the community of Camino and creating a huge economic and forest health impact throughout the county; and,

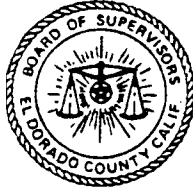
Whereas, the Eldorado National Forest last year sold only about 20% of the historic average of timber it sold when Sierra Pacific Industries purchased the mill in 1994; and,

Whereas, litigation of national forest timber sale projects in California has put nearly 400 million board feet of timber on hold – enough to run five average size sawmills for a year; and,

Whereas, costly and cumbersome permitting requirements (Timber Harvest Plans) in California have discouraged landowners from managing their timberlands which has severely reduced the amount of private timber for sale; and,

Whereas, since 1990, nearly 70 percent of the state's sawmills have gone out of business; and,

Whereas, imports of lumber into California from other states and nations account for 75% of the lumber consumed in this state.



Now, therefore be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado calls on the Obama Administration and the Congress of the United States to direct the U.S. Forest Service to manage the national forests of California in a manner that will enhance forest health, improve carbon sequestration, reduce the threat of wildland fire and produce sufficient raw materials for sawmills and biomass electric generation plants.

Be it further resolved that the Board urges the California State Legislature and the Governor to approve legislation that will improve the permitting process for private timber harvests by increasing the length of Timber Harvesting Plans, encourage the state to give a purchase preference for California-grown wood products, and provide a mechanism for the state to approve comprehensive forest conservation plans.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 14th day of April, 2009, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:
Suzanne Allen de Sanchez
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Ayes: Supervisors Knight, Nutting, Sweeney
Briggs and Santiago

Noes:

Absent:

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

_____ Chairman, Board of Supervisors