



**The County of El Dorado
Department of Transportation/Facilities
Parks and Recreation Commission**

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EL DORADO COUNTY

Dear Board of Supervisors:

The El Dorado County Parks and Recreation Commission enthusiastically supports the conceptual proposal for the El Dorado County Historical Railroad Park. The efforts by the railroad volunteers and museum administrator Mary Cory, have been outstanding in reaching this point. We look forward to continuing our work with them and other recreation interests to maximize the recreation and tourism potential of the site.

The museum will be very compatible with the El Dorado Trail as it winds its way from Folsom to Placerville, Camino and Lake Tahoe, but will require the same coordination that has been shown in the past. The museum has great potential to become a "must visit" site for those wanting to learn about the railroad history and associated history of our County. The El Dorado-Diamond Springs area currently has no parks. Establishment of the railroad museum will serve as a starting point for an area that has the opportunity to become a wonderful regional park; a park that will provide for equestrians, bicyclists, hikers and those who seek recreation experiences such as picnicking and playing sports. We expect the completion of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan will support this conclusion.

Congratulations to the El Dorado County Historical Commission and all who have worked so hard on this proposal. We look forward to hearing the whistle of Engine 4 as it brings life to the wonderful history of El Dorado County.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Smart, Jr. for

El Dorado County Parks & Recreation
Commission