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Supervisor Michael Ranalli

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

333 Fair Lane

Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Supervisor Ranalli,

I am pleased to forward a copy of a resolution in support of a new Mosquito Bridge passed unanimously by the Board of Directors of the Swansboro Country Property Owners Association (SCPOA) at its May 21, 2015 meeting. Swansboro Country is a 695 unit subdivision located within the Mosquito Fire Protection District boundaries.

Our unanimity in the adoption of this resolution is partially a result of the good work and excellent communications by your Department of Transportation. At our first community wide meeting regarding the bridge, held on January 26, 2013, there was a significant divergence of opinion regarding the possibility of a new bridge. There were those residents who saw it as potentially altering the quiet and privacy that our remoteness provides. Others saw it as a means of overcoming some of our community dilemmas, such as road safety and inadequate emergency response times. As we learned more about the bridge possibilities from your departmental personnel, and as our population changes became more apparent, by the time of our second bridge meeting during the summer of 2014, not only had the sentiment swung more in the direction of support but the numbers of people who turned out to discuss the bridge had increased significantly.

We are a community in transition. We don't have good data about those changes but we have some sense impressions. We have a local Mosquito phone book published every two years. We noted that there was about a 30% change in the names in the 2015 book from the 2013 version. There appear to be larger numbers

of younger people and so a larger number of children in our community. And our association collects a fee upon transfer of property. Since January 2013, the Association has collected 116 such fees, which would represent about 17% of the units. We appear to be becoming a more active road using community which suggests higher bridge usage, and so, greater safety concerns, as we move forward.


In conclusion, we want to express our appreciation for your unwavering support of a new Mosquito bridge, and hope that your colleagues on the Board can find the same unanimity we have on this critical issue of community safety. Let us know how we can continue to be helpful in achieving our shared goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Connell Persico".

Connell Persico, President

Swansboro Country Property Owners Association

 Sluice St.

Placerville, CA 95667

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF SWANSBORO COUNTRY PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION REGARDING
REPLACEMENT OF MOSQUITO BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, SWANSBORO COUNTRY PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (SCPOA) is the managing body of a 695 property subdivision within the Mosquito Fire Protection District; and is pursuing replacement of the South Fork Mosquito Bridge; and

WHEREAS, SCPOA members and other residents of Mosquito use the Mosquito Bridge as the main access road to their homes and for the transport of their children to schools on an average of 1,400 times daily; and

WHEREAS, the Mosquito Bridge crossing causes members to pass through dangerous slide areas, one lane road sections and unsafe switchbacks; and

WHEREAS, because of safety issues presented by the instability of Mosquito Bridge, and the tests conducted by the Federal Highway Administration as to its structural adequacy, we have determined it vital to the community's welfare and safety that a new bridge be constructed expeditiously; and

WHEREAS, the Mosquito Bridge and its environs have a 32% higher accident rate than comparable roads; and

WHEREAS, the Mosquito Bridge cannot accommodate emergency vehicles and thus causes a significantly longer response time; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of El Dorado County to promote the construction of a functional bridge for its citizens' safety and for the welfare of the county;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the SWANSBORO COUNTRY PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION that an expeditious construction of the proposed Option 1 new Mosquito Bridge is in the best interests of El Dorado County.

The foregoing Resolution was introduced at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the SWANSBORO COUNTRY PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION held on May 21, 2015, by

1 Director Mari Miller, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Director Kim
2 Purcell, and a poll vote taken which stood as follows:

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4 AYES: 7

5 NOES: 0

6 ABSENT: 0

7 ABSTAIN: 0
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10 The motion having a majority of votes "Aye", the resolution was declared to have been
11 adopted, and it was so ordered.

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14 Connell Persico, President
15 Board of Directors of
16 Swansboro Country Property Owners Association
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