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INDUSTRIAL WORKERS  
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Mr. Bill Center  
County Supervisor, District 4  
Placerville, CA 95667

8 March 1994

Dear Mr. Center:

We would like you request that the board of supervisors appoint somebody with knowledge of the timber issues on the El Dorado National Forest, as well as other forests, to set up a phone bank for the purpose of calling the White House, Federal Agencies such as the Agricultural Department, Department of Interior, legislators and state and county representatives.

The purpose for these phone calls is to make all of these agencies well aware of what is happening in northern California communities as a result of recent Forest Service actions.

California is in a financial crisis, and the increased unemployment rate and tax revenue loss from the businesses affected will only add to the burden already faced in El Dorado County.

Michigan-Cal's closing is the engine in the train wreck which is going to happen if something is not done and done now. It may be too late for Michigan-Cal, but the entire industry does not have to die because of the lack of timber from a bountiful National Forest.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Larry Robinson  
President, Local 2749

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## INTEROFFICE MEMO District II

**To:** Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Ray Nutting, Supervisor District II  
**Date:** March 9, 1994  
**Subject:** Michigan California Lumber Company -- Agenda Item 55

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Eldorado National Forest has been harvesting over 130 million board feet of timber annually. This is identified as the sustainable yield. Michigan California depends on at least 50% of their log supply off the Eldorado National Forest. This mill has been running two shifts and requires at least 135 million board feet of timber to be available for harvest.

Michigan California has indicated that if they had a dependable supply of timber they would slow production to one shift. This would save the mill and more than half of its jobs. One shift would require at least 70 million board feet be available for harvest. Michigan California has a sustainable yield of 30 million annually on their own land. An additional 40 million board feet is needed from other sources. There is private forest and National Forest lands that could cumulatively bring another 10 million board feet.

Michigan California has traditionally captured about 50% of the timber supply in the Eldorado National Forest. The sawmill needs to harvest at least 30 million board feet off the Eldorado. The Eldorado needs to make available for harvest 60 million board feet for Michigan California and other mills. This would give Michigan California enough economic stability to keep going.

The timber supplies off the Eldorado must continue. If the Forest Service would guarantee 60 million board feet annually from the Eldorado, which is less than half of their historical trend, our sawmill could remain open.

I would urge the Forest Service to release the 24 timber sales that had been approved prior to the new guidelines and guarantee an annual harvest of 60 million board feet off the Eldorado.

In conclusion, this County understands the national government is changing direction. With this understanding in mind, there will still be an annual harvest continuing into the future of about 40 to 70 million board feet in the Eldorado.

Why close Michigan California when there is enough timber available in the future to keep the sawmill opened with one shift. The 24 timber sales and a guarantee of 60 million board feet of harvest, I believe, would save the sawmill and jobs.

cc: John Phipps, US Forest Service  
Ron Steward, US Forest Service  
Jack Ward Thomas, US Forest Service  
David Knowles, Assemblyman  
Tim Leslie, Senator  
Pete Wilson, Governor  
John Doolittle, Congressman  
Dianne Feinstein, Senator  
Barbara Boxer, Senator  
William Clinton, President

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March 10, 1994

The Honorable William Clinton  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear President Clinton:

On March 1, 1994 the Michigan-California Lumber Company announced that due to declining federal timber sales it would be closing its Camino mill. The Michigan-California Lumber Company has been in business for 105 years and the closure of the Camino mill will result in the lay-off of 240 mill employees directly and have general economic ramifications for many other businesses and the County's economy, including the County's ability to fund schools and roads, in the millions of dollars.

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Michigan California has indicated that if they had a dependable, even reduced, supply of timber they would slow production to one shift. This would save the mill and more than half of its jobs. One shift would require at least 70 million board feet be available for harvest. Michigan California has a sustainable yield of 30 million annually on their own land. An additional 40 million board feet is needed from other sources. We believe there are additional private forest and National Forest lands that could potentially bring another 10 million board feet.

March 10, 1994

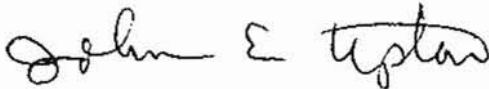
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If the Forest Service timber sales would guarantee a minimum 60 million board feet annually from the Eldorado, which is less than half of their historical trend, our sawmill could remain open and the impacts upon local county government would substantially lessen.

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors request your support and involvement to urge the Forest Service reconsider the adverse economic and governmental impacts. The Board requests the immediate release of the 24 timber sales "pre CASPO"; and emphasizes the need for an absolute minimum reliable annual harvest of 138 million board feet from the Eldorado National Forest.

Please contact the undersigned if you can help or request further information in these regards.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John E. Upton".

John E. Upton, Chairman  
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

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cc: US Forest Service  
John Phipps  
Jack Ward Thomas  
Ron Stewart  
Bob Harris

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

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EL DORADO COUNTY

Date: March 10, 1994  
To: Board of Supervisors  
Paul McIntosh, Chief Administrative Officer  
From: Scott Chadd, Director of Transportation   
Subject: Department of Transportation (DOT) Capability for Placing Michigan-Cal Personnel in Maintenance Division

*I have attached our scheme to accommodate displaced workers. We currently do not have funding to accomplish this. However, if dollars could be made available, this is our capability.*

*Additionally, we will provide your office and the Board with our efforts to secure funding and accelerate construction projects. As I stated, the hiring freeze has put us behind the eight-ball in terms of having enough skilled people to access available funds.*

*Finally, I am convinced that our salvation lies in being able to show the people of this community that we are an asset. This can be achieved by sharing our success in returning Federal and State dollars to our citizens. If we can maximize the local return on the hundreds of millions of dollars El Dorado County residents pay in Federal and State taxes, it may be possible to alter the current hostile perception of government in general.*

*This effort is simply focused on elevating the public awareness of what El Dorado County government does. One of the major failings leading to our current crisis of governance is the public's lack of interest and participation in their government. I want to overcome this apathy.*

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EL DORADO COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA TRANSMITTAL

AGENDA TITLE: REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION - SUPPORT OF SPI PURCHASE OF MICH-CAL

DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors      DATE: 04/21/94      CAO USE ONLY

CONTACT: Supervisor Bill Center      PHONE: x6513

**DEPARTMENT SUMMARY AND REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:**  
Supervisor Center requests that the Board authorize the Chairman to sign a Resolution urging the Department of Justice to approve the sale of Michigan-California Lumber Company to Sierra Pacific Industries, to be forwarded to President Clinton, Senators Feinstein and Boxer, Congressmen Doolittle and Fazio, and Governor Wilson.

**CAO RECOMMENDATION:**

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes ( ) No      Funding Source: ( ) Gen Fund ( ) Other

<b>BUDGET RECAP:</b> Total Estimated Cost \$ _____ Amt. Budgeted \$ _____ New Funding Required \$ _____ New Revenue Avail. \$ _____ Change In Net County Cost \$ _____	<b>CAO Office Use Only:</b> 4/5's Vote Req'd ( ) Yes ( ) No Change In Policy ( ) Yes ( ) No New Personnel ( ) Yes ( ) No
	<b>CONCURRENCES:</b> Risk Management _____ County Counsel _____ Other _____

**BOARD ACTIONS:**  
APR 26 1994  
*Resolution No. 98-94-adopted.*

Vote: Unanimous \_\_\_\_\_ or  
Ayes: *Supervisors Bradley, Nielsen, Center, Upton*  
Noes: *none*  
Abstentions: *Supervisor Nutting*  
Absent: *none*

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered into the minutes of the Board of Supervisors.  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Attest: DIXIE L. FOOTE, Board of Supervisors Clerk  
By: \_\_\_\_\_



*Resolution No. 98-94*  
*of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado*  
*April 26th, nineteen-hundred and ninety-four*

*Whereas, the Michigan-California Lumber Mill has played a major role in the economic and cultural prosperity of El Dorado County for over one hundred years; and*

*Whereas, over the past few years it has become increasingly clear that timber harvesting and processing is competitive on not just a local or regional basis, but on a world-wide basis; and*

*Whereas, the impending closure of the mill had put a severe strain on our community and a shadow on our economy; and*

*Whereas, the sale of the Michigan-California Lumber Company to Sierra Pacific Industries would result in the mill remaining open and operational, and would also result in the retention of 280 direct jobs, a critical component of our County's economy; and*

*Whereas, continued operation of the mill is an essential element in achieving the future health of our natural resources in both our federally and privately owned forest lands.*

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado do hereby support the acquisition of Michigan-California Lumber Company by Sierra Pacific Industries as being in the best interests of our County, the environment, and our economy on a local, state, and national level.*

*Passed and Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regularly scheduled meeting held on the 26th day of April, nineteen-hundred and ninety-four, by the following vote of said Board:*

*AYES:*

*Dixie L. Foote, Clerk*  
*Board of Supervisors*

*AYES: Wm. Sam Bradley, J. Mark Miller,*

*Wm. N. Center, John E. Upton*

*Noes: None*

*Abstain: Raymond J. Nutting*

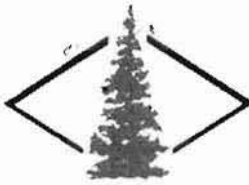
*Absent: None*

*Margaret E. Moody*  
*Deputy Clerk*

*John E. Upton*  
*Chairman, Board of Supervisors*







**MICHIGAN-CALIFORNIA**  
Lumber Company

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April 28, 1994

John E. Upton  
District 5 Supervisor  
El Dorado County, Board of Supervisors  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, California 95667

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Dear Mr. Upton:

In light of the circumstances surrounding the potential sale of Michigan California Lumber Company to Sierra Pacific Industries, the Company has decided to extend the notice of potential plant closure and of the termination of employees to a new fourteen-day window period between May 13 and May 26, 1994. The original fourteen-day window period specified in our March notice of plant closure was between May 1 and May 14, but we have now revised these dates.

We hope that this notice of new dates for closure is simply an excess of caution and that the Justice Department approves the sale so that the mill will not in fact be closed. However, the termination dates will now be some day within the May 13 through May 26 period and we will let you know this exact date just as soon as we know it.

If you have any questions about this notice or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 644-2311.

Sincerely,

PETE HIMMEL  
General Manager

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California's Forests  
for Products  
and the  
Environment.

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