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El Dorado Hills Trail
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*Sincerely
Mauricio Solis*

Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions

Davis, Marshall E

to:

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Supervisors,

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This is the kind of political "flip-flop" that gives the job (politics) a bad name and favors only Mr. Sweeney's special interest (Rails in this case).

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Marshall

Marshall E. Davis

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SAP Security Team

Trails resolution A
Michele
to:
undisclosed recipients: ;
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Hello,

Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions.

We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

Thanks,

Michele Cooksy

El Dorado Trail
Goss, Edward (GE Energy, Non-GE)
to:
bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive
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Dear El Dorado Board of Supervisors,

I am a local resident and business owner in South Lake Tahoe. I am writing you today to ask that you vote in favor of the **El Dorado Trail Resolution "A" without the Jack Sweeney addendum**. I support the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

I have spoke before the board before and I am not against excursion trains, in fact I spent \$360 for 2 tickets on an excursion train in Switzerland this year for my wife and myself. I ask what will bring people to our county to spend money, is an excursion train in Placerville going to draw some of the revenue from the Sacramento Train Museum and the excursion train already down there in the valley.

Attached are a few pictures of the train and the sites the train took me to in Switzerland(JungfrauJock, Top of Europe), looking at these photo's makes me think what is going to be the attraction in Placerville. Is an excursion train or a Multi-use trail going to bring more revenue into the area. I believe it is a Multi-use trail with the potential to go all the way to South Lake Tahoe over time. It is our best avenue to attracted more people to our county with the land we are discussing.

To recap I am not against the excursion train or train museum, I believe trains are good part of our history. On the other hand I also would like to see a trail built sooner then later and doing it in the most cost effective way possible.

Thank you for time consideration in this matter,

Edward Goss
Business Owner / Local Resident

trail resolution
russell thaw
to:
bosfive
12/06/2010 09:37 AM
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Please vote for our Original Trails Resolution without condition. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class one biking, hiking, and equestrian trail a priority.

Russell Thaw
South Lake Take

Bike Trails Please

Beverly Farrell

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

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I've been asked to write you to show my support of bike trails. I been asked to favor on proposal over another, etc. You got enough of those e-mails, so you know the content.

Instead, I want to share with you what I do after my bike rides. Several times a week, (3 to 5 days) I put my bike in my car. I drive to Folsom where I safely ride the trails and the bike lanes that are all over that community. After my ride my friends and I often go for a meal or at the very least coffee, if we didn't stop for a meal during our ride.. Then I run any errands that I need to do, and since I'm already in Folsom, I do them there. That means stopping at Home Depot, Wal Mart, Target, Bel Air, Raley's or Safeway. So any sales tax I am paying is going to Sacramento County. I understand that there is a feeling the bike trails don't bring in any income. I want to emphasize that what we do before and after our rides brings in sales tax dollars.

A popular ride is to ride from Folsom to Old town Sacramento and have a meal and ride back. I can easily see people riding from the valley up to Placerville and stopping for a meal if there was a Safeway to make that ride.

I suspect that if we don't see safe riding in El Dorado County in the next few years, we will probably be moving our of the area to a more bicycle friendly community. --

Bev Farrell

(530) 677-5570(h)

(530) 409-8958 (m)

Trail Priority Resolution

Jon Crowley

to:

bosfive

12/06/2010 09:27 AM

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Supervisor Santiago:

I am thoroughly frustrated with the county's handling of the the rail right of way through our county. This asset has been wasting away for years and it is time to do what is best for the county. When will the Supervisors in this county realize that keeping the tracks in place for the entire length of trail only delays any sort of progress? The tracks can never support a viable business need ever again. End of story.

To anyone looking at this incredible asset in the eye of what is best for the county, it is completely obvious that a multi-use trail for hiking, biking and equestrian not only serves the needs of more of our residents, but also creates a magnet for people to come to our county and spend money. Isn't that what we should try to accomplish?

The train as a business entity has no possible future because it just costs too much and cannot bring in any sort of realistic revenue for the county. By continuing to support keeping the tracks in place, you are only wasting time.

I wholeheartedly support a demonstration train area around El Dorado where the terrain is such that the train and trail can coexist without costing a fortune. But beyond that, the only thing that makes sense for our county's residents is to pull up the track and put in a multi-purpose trail. The tracks can be taken out with minimal money spent and grants are readily available to help create trails.

I cannot believe that you have let Jack Sweeney bully/coerce/deceive you into changing a proposal on the El Dorado Trail into something that is pro-train and anti trail. It is obvious that Supervisor Sweeney is not acting with the best intentions of the county in mind. I sincerely hope you can come to the right conclusion at tomorrow's meeting and put the county first and vote to support the Trail Priority Resolution as it was originally written. The tracks need to come out.

With best regards,

Jon Crowley Jr.
5450 Milton Ranch Rd.
Shingle Springs, CA 95682
530-677-1651

Trail Use and Voting
Steve Hoe
to:
bosfive
12/06/2010 09:20 AM
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Dear Mr. Santiago,

“Please vote for the ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions." I want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

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I live and VOTE in El Dorado County and I NEVER miss an election!!

Sincerely,

Steve Hoe

El Dorado Trail
Robert R Hodges

to:

bosfive

12/06/2010 09:09 AM

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Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION without condition. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority

Thank you,

Robert Hodges

TEAM REVOLUTIONS based out of EDH.

rick slavensky

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

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Rails to Trails

Chris Arico

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

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I understand that Jack Sweeney has revised the resolution to exclude trails in favor of trains. We live in Shingle Springs and use the trails in Placerville often. It adds to our families enjoyment of the rural life style in El Dorado County as well as the health benefits we receive from walking those trails. Would you please consider my request to vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" . We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

Please keep our county family friendly with trails not trains.

Thank you.

Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION

Max

to:

bosone

12/06/2010 08:51 AM

Cc:

bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

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It has come to my attention that positions have changed on support for a multi-use, class-one biking trail to supporting leaving the rails in place. This represents a 180 degree turn in previous positions. I find this change disconcerting. A bike/multiuse trail such as is being proposed would receive tremendous use from the incredibly active citizens in our community. It would be a safer place to ride for all including our children. We need to support a trail system that would help prevent life changing accidents between vehicles and bicycles and make staying fit and bike commuting a safe thing to do. There are numerous stops for food/drink that would receive increased business revenue from this system of trails that trains could not support. These trails would be used every single day, by voting citizens from our community and from surrounding communities.

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I urge everyone to reconsider decisions and return support for a multiuse/bike trail. I am a registered voter and will make sure my voting voice is heard whenever possible. The people have spoken and the elected need to listen.

Thank you

**Max Colorado
El Dorado Hills**

Trail Resolution
Dave Harbert
to:
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With the continued rise in popularity of bicycling - both recreational and commuting - please consider how much more usage the bike trail will offer over trains. The number of tourists that the bike trail will bring into the county will have a positive effect on the local businesses and, by extension, increase revenues in the county.

Please vote for the ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions." I want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

Thank you.

Dave Harbert

Trails Resolution "A" - Pls Support it!

Steve Randall

to:

bosfive@edcgov.us

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Steve Randall

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FW: Bicycle trails for El Dorado County and support of Resolution A without Mr. Sweeney's changes and additions

Howald, Dave

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

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Dear Mr. Knight and fellow Supervisors;

I am a member of Team Revolutions, a bicycle club of 400+ bicycle enthusiasts based in El Dorado Hills of which I am also a voting resident:

It has come to my attention that you have changed your position and now support leaving the rails in place. This represents a 180* turn in your previous position. I find your change disconcerting. A bike/multiuse trail such as is being proposed, and one that you apparently until recently were a proponent of, would receive tremendous use from the incredibly active citizens in our community. There are numerous stops for food/drink that would receive increased business revenue from this system of trails. These trails would be used every single day, by voting citizens from our community and from surrounding communities.

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I urge you to reconsider your decision and return your support for a multiuse/bike trail. I am a registered voter and I do vote whenever I am eligible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dave Howald
3070 Fairchild Drive
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

PLEASE don't rip up the rails
Michelle Herzog
to:
bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive
12/06/2010 07:57 AM
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Dear Supervisors,

My wife and I were raised in El Dorado County. I've been here since 1960. Military service and other work took us away for several years, but we returned to raise our kids. I've watched the heritage and history of the county being paved over, and watched large areas of the county turned into East Sacramento suburbs.

There is an effort now to further the rape of El Dorado County's history. Well meaning city people want to rip up the rails west of Missouri Flat to extend the paved bicycle trail. This effort is misguided!! I have walked and bicycled the rail right of way between Shingles and Missouri Flat Road. It's a good path, and could be improved without ripping out the historic rail lines.

I have also ridden the rails this weekend on the rail utility cars running from Shingle Springs. What fun for my son and I!! Both days of this event drew large crowds, which has to have boosted business in Shingle Springs. Can you imagine when restoration of the old Shay engine is complete? Wouldn't it be great to see that historic steam engine pulling a passenger car along the tracks, between El Dorado and Shingle Springs, and potentially all the way to Folsom?

I appreciate people's enjoyment of the paved bike trail. I walk and bike that trail, and periodically take trash grabbers and bag to collect trash along the trail to clean it up. (No doubt you've read the Mountain Democrat articles detailing the problems that trail has created for it's neighbors. As one of the folks who clean it up, I can tell you those reports are not exaggerated.)

There is sufficient room on the rail right of way to improve the existing bike/hike trail west towards Folsom without ripping up the tracks. Private fundraising...not tax dollars or selling rails, should pay for that. **In tomorrow's BOS discussion of the future of the bike trail, Please include language to prevent removal of the rails.**

Thank you for your consideration of this effort to preserve a living piece of El Dorado County's history for our future generations.

Sincerely,

Steve Herzog
Somerset
(530) 957-1307

Trail Priority Resolution
Joseph Abbate
to:
bosfive
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Thank you for your consideration.

Joe and Jeanette Abbate.

107 Hingham Square

Folsom, Ca 95630

Bike trail

Dave Hartigan

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

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Hello Board members,

As a team member of Team Rev. and seeing this team approaching the 500 member mark soon and there are other growing cycling teams in the area as well. The turnout in EDH was amazing in 09 to see the bike pros like Lance Armstrong ride through town. There is a large support for cycling in this area which brings in lots of revenues, and can tell you most of the organized rides I go on are to raise money for charities. I urge you to reconsider your decision and return your support for a multiuse/bike trail. Thank you for your service.

Dave Hartigan

Trail Resolution Support for a Multi-use Biking, Hiking, Equestrian trail !!

ryanjantzen

to:

bosfive

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Sincerely,

Ryan Jantzen

Takings Issues: Revised Trails Resolution (10-1169.2A.2)

Cris Alarcon

to:

John Knight, Ray Nutting, Jack Sweeney, Ron Briggs, Norma Santiago, Suzanne Allen De Sanchez

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Takings Issue related to trails Priority over Rails.

For most of those with property adjacent to the tracks, this is a private property takings issue.

I want to add this to the record as it relates to the Taking of property easements for the use of public trails.

In many cases, about 150 years ago, the federal government established the railway system and easements on both sides of the railway to service and maintain the railway. These easements were often upon the adjoining landowner's property and were to be reverted if the trains went away.

This worked well until the 1970's when our nation's rail corridor system was at risk of becoming irreparably fragmented. Some rail lines became underused and unprofitable. Several major railroads went bankrupt, and carriers began abandoning rail lines at an alarming rate. Like the difficulty of putting Humpty Dumpty together again, it would be virtually impossible to recreate our national rail corridor system after it was broken into hundreds disconnected segments.

As the rails went away, so did the easements that went with them. Many landowners successfully reclaimed the rights to these abandoned easements.

The loss of these railways was seen as a National loss of a resource that could not be replicated in the future. In the 80's a new federal strategy to preserve rails and add infrastructure for recreational opportunities onto the easements was established.

The new strategy did two things: First it established a mechanism to preserve abandoned tracks; secondly, it established a mechanism allowing a new claim to be placed upon those easements in the form of non-motorized transportation. Many called this new claim a "Takings".

This Taking was upheld as lawful by the Courts when it ruled that the Federal Government had found: "Congress apparently believed that every line is a potentially valuable national asset that merits preservation even if no future rail use for it is currently foreseeable" [Preseault v. ICC, 494 U.S. 1 (1990)]. As such, the National priority of preserving the rails trumped private property rights in this case.

Andrea C. Ferster, the Washington, D.C. General Counsel of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy since 1992 said, "The law on rails-to-trails conversions is still evolving, particularly in the 'takings' litigation". I am sure our own County Counsel would concur.

The plurality decision in the Preseault case held that the application of the Railbanking Law is a category of government action that constitutes a per se taking.

As the Supreme Court explained, "Under any view of takings law, ... some rail-to-trail conversions will amount to takings..." Subsequent "takings" cases have focused on whether claimants can establish, under the applicable state law, a property interest in the railroad corridor that would have become possessory but for the application of the Railbanking Law.

The fundamental premise of the railbanking program was that once a rail corridor is placed in railbanking status, the railroad is entitled to reinstitution rail service on the line. At the time of the initial rail-trail conversion, the possibility of rail service reactivation is, by definition, remote. Nonetheless, prudent trail managers must anticipate that contingency in order to protect their substantial investment in the acquisition and development of the trail and associated facilities in the event of rail service reactivation. Any removal of rail infrastructure would be considered as temporary and subject to restoration costs. In our county, the use of the rails by a train is real and happening now on limited sections. Its expansion from Placerville to Folsom is something that must be considered when analyzing the cost to restore any altered rail infrastructure.

If the County were to appear to subvert the fundamental premise of the rail to trail act by subrogating the preservation of the rails to the establishment of new trails then we may lose the authority of the Congressional Act and the private property takings protections offered by that enabling federal legislation.

In a World of many conflicting interest, priority is everything. If we pass a resolution that passes priority from Rails to Trails then it can be argued that we are not acting under the authorities of the Rails to Trails Act and therefore are Taking private property for public use without compensation.

If we ignore the purpose of the Act and establish a policy in conflict with the Act, not only do we expose the county to litigation, but also we are just wasting time and taxpayer's money. A key feature of the federal railbanking law is its express preemption of conflicting state law. This Act already predicted, and overruled any state or local government from establishing laws in contradiction with the Federal Act.

Today we are in a budget crisis and we cannot afford to waste any money on unnecessary lawsuits or unbudgeted repair or restoration to the rails. The resolution as revised fixes many, albeit not all, of the defects of the original version.

Cris Alarcon, Placerville, CA

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Cris Alarcon

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ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION

Lisa Tracy

to:

bosfive

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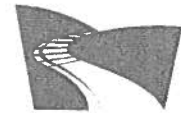
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We live directly adjacent to this trail and this resolution is very important to our family. Thank you!

Lisa L. Tracy

5213 Remuda Court

Shingle Springs, CA



rails-to-trails
conservancy

Fact Sheet

Railbanking—What, Where, Why, When and How

In 1983, concerned by the rapid contraction of America's rail network, the U.S. Congress amended the National Trails System Act to create the railbanking program. Railbanking is a method by which lines proposed for abandonment can be preserved for future rail use through interim conversion to trail use.

Railbanking can be requested by either a public agency or a qualified private organization at the time that the railroad files for abandonment with the Surface Transportation Board (STB), formerly the Interstate Commerce Commission. The railbanking request must be sent to the STB in Washington, D.C., and must at the very minimum include a Statement of Willingness To Assume Financial Responsibility. Since the abandoning railroad company must agree to negotiate a railbanking agreement, a copy of the request for railbanking must be served on the railroad at the same time it is sent to the STB.

A Public Use Condition (PUC) request is a separate request that is complementary to a request for railbanking. If a PUC request is made to the STB, the STB will place a restriction on the abandonment that prevents the railroad company from selling off or otherwise disposing of any property or trail-related structures, such as bridges or culverts, for a period of 180 days after the abandonment is authorized. This PUC gives the prospective trail manager some breathing room for preparing an offer to the railroad. (The PUC is also a good backup device should the railroad not agree to railbanking since the STB will issue a PUC regardless of whether the railroad agrees.)

There are several other important points regarding railbanking:

1. A railbanking request is not a contract and does not commit the interested party to acquire any property or to accept any liability. It invites negotiation with the railroad company under the umbrella of railbanking. A party filing a "Statement of Willingness To Assume Financial Responsibility" is not accepting any financial responsibility. It is merely expressing an interest in possibly doing so.

2. The tracks and ties on a railbanked line can be removed. However, bridges and trestles must remain in place, and no permanent structures can be built on the right-of-way.
3. Under railbanking, there will likely still be an actual sale of the property, and the railroad will likely still want compensation. Railbanking is not generally a method for obtaining a free trail.
4. Some railroad rights-of-way contain easements that revert back to adjacent landowners when an abandonment is consummated. However, if a line is railbanked, the corridor is treated as if it had not been abandoned. As a result, the integrity of the corridor is maintained, and any reversions that could break it up into small pieces are prevented.
5. A railbanked line is subject to possible future restoration of rail service. The abandoning railroad can apply to the STB to resume rail service on a railbanked corridor. The terms and conditions of a transfer back to rail service would be determined by the STB.
6. The boilerplate letter can only be filed on a rail line that is still under the authority of the STB. The STB has authority over the corridor until the railroad files a notice of consummation, which must be filed within one year of the abandonment decision (unless the railroad requests an extension). If no notice of consummation is filed by the railroad within one year, abandonment authorization lapses. Railbanking requests are due within the period specified in the applicable notice of abandonment. However, late-filed requests will be accepted for good cause so long as the STB retains authority to do so.

A more thorough discussion of railbanking and other legal issues related to rails-to-trails conversions can be found in *Secrets of Successful Rail-Trails: An Acquisition and Organizing Manual for Converting Rails into Trails*, available online at www.railstotrails.org.

On the back is a sample of a request for both a Public Use Condition and a Trail Use Condition created by the STB. The items in italics are to be completed by the prospective trail agency or group.



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tel 202.331.9696
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[Date]

Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: [Name of Railroad Company] Abandonment in [Name of County and State] , [STB Docket Number]

Dear Mr. Williams:

This request is filed on behalf of [Agency Name] which is a [political subdivision or government agency interested in transportation and/or natural resources, private public interest organization interested in conservation and/or recreation, etc.], which is hereinafter referred to as 'proponent'.

While not taking a position on the merits of this abandonment, proponent requests issuance of a Public Use Condition as well as a Certificate or Notice of Interim Trail Use rather than an outright abandonment authorization between [endpoint a] and [endpoint b].

A. Public Use Condition

Proponent requests the STB to find that this property is suitable for other public use, specifically trail use, and to place the following conditions on the abandonment:

1. An order prohibiting the carrier from disposing of the corridor, other than the tracks, ties and signal equipment, except of public use on reasonable terms. The justification for this condition is that *[example: the rail corridor in question is along a scenic river and will connect a public park to a major residential area. The corridor would make an excellent recreational trail and conversion of the property to trail use is in accordance with local plans. In addition, the corridor provides important wildlife habitat and greenspace and its preservation as a recreational trail is consistent with that end.]* The time period sought is 180 days from the effective date of the abandonment authorization. Proponent needs this much time because *[example: we have not had an opportunity to assemble or to review title information, complete a trail plan or commence negotiations with the carrier.]*
2. An order barring removal or destruction of potential trail-related structures such as bridges, trestles, culverts and tunnels. The justification for this condition is that these structures have considerable value for recreational trail purposes. The time period requested is 180 days from the effective date of the abandonment authorization for the same reason as indicated above.

B. Interim Trail Use

The railroad right-of-way in this proceeding is suitable for railbanking. In addition to the public use conditions sought above, Proponent also makes the following request:

STATEMENT OF WILLINGNESS TO ASSUME FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

In order to establish interim trail use and rail banking under section 8(d) of the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. §1247(d), and 49 C.F.R. §1152.29, [Agency Name] is willing to assume full responsibility for management of, for any legal liability arising out of the transfer or use of (unless the user is immune from liability, in which case it need only indemnify the railroad against any potential liability), and for the payment of any and all taxes that may be levied or assessed against the right-of-way owned by [Name of Railroad Company] and operated by [Name of Operator if different than Railroad Company].

The property, known as the [Property Name] extends from railroad milepost [Milepost Number] near [endpoint a] to railroad milepost [Milepost Number] near [endpoint b] a distance of [number] miles in [County Name] County, [State]. The right-of-way is part of a line of railroad proposed for abandonment in STB Docket No. AB-xx (Sub-no. yy).

A map depicting the right-of-way is attached.

[Agency Name] acknowledges that use of the right-of-way is subject to the user's continuing to meet its responsibilities described above and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the right-of-way for rail service.

By my signature below, I certify service upon [Railroad Company and Address], by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, first class, on [date].

Respectfully submitted,

[Name]

On behalf of [Agency]



National Headquarters
1100 17th Street, NW, 10th Floor
Washington, DC 20036
tel 202.331.9696
fax 202.331.9680

10-1169.2J.25

Trail Priority Use

Jackie Neau

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

12/06/2010 07:37 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please vote for the original trail priority resolution without the added condition that gives excursion trains the priority use.

The added words, "as long as such priority does not cause the removal of the existing rail and ties" are in conflict with the rails to trails act. Please see the attached for clarification on the rules and conditions of rail banking. It clearly states the rails and ties can be removed. The Rails to Trails Act is a federal law and the guiding document for the purchase of this line. It is my understanding that all state and county documents need to be consistent with the rails to trails act, more formally known as the National Trails System Act.

Rails to Trails is about building a nationwide network of interim trails.

Thank you,
Jackie Neau

Tear up the Railroad Tracks and Create a Recreational Path

Fern Alexander

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

12/05/2010 11:52 PM

Please respond to falexander

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Dear Supervisor,

As a homeowner living near the remaining section of railroad track (Blanchard Road in Placerville) and a local business owner, I urge you to **remove the tracks** stretching from Missouri Flat Road through the town of El Dorado, and connect the recreational paths so the community has one continuous path for hiking and biking.

I have grave concerns about using the tracks for a touring rail line.

When I moved here 16 years ago, I was told that the trains hadn't run on these tracks for 10 years and in all likelihood they never would again. I envisioned beautiful groomed paths that all could enjoy for hiking, biking and equestrian use. The paths are in fact well utilized for recreational purposes, despite their present condition, and are also used for motorbikes. Still, the noise and vibration level does not approach that of having a train run through. The vision I had was modeled after what I had left back in New Jersey, where the 25-mile footpath along the old Delaware and Raritan barge canal, spanning Pennsylvania and New Jersey, was turned into a public hiking and biking pathway that is well utilized and enjoyed by all. I mentioned this at one of the community forums on the subject held 15 years ago, when the neighbors on Blanchard were all invited to give input into plans for the tracks. Nobody seems interested in our input now, as the lines are drawn between advocates of the rail line, hikers, and bikers.

To my dismay, this is the only section of the tracks that has not been torn up and converted to a public park, and may actually have an excursion train run on it - the train to nowhere. I have numerous concerns about this.

First and foremost, when the town of El Dorado decided to house the Railroad Museum and sponsor train rides, did they put it to a vote by the residents of the town of El Dorado? If the residents do choose to host this, then they can utilize the existing tracks in the town of El Dorado, and keep it confined to that town. However, the residents of Placerville, which is where Blanchard Road is located, did not agree to have a train go through their backyards, and it is not our burden or responsibility.

I am also concerned about what a return of the train could do to property values along Blanchard, given the noise and commotion that accompanies it. The tranquility of the area would be disturbed just when residents want to relax, on the weekends. Another concern is potentially increasing the crime rate from an influx of tourists.

The return of the railroad is only desired by a small group of vocal individuals, who likely do not live along the tracks. How much better to have the land serve members of the community as a public park for hiking and biking. One of the excuses advocates of the railroad use to strengthen their stake is that this would be the only rail line in Gold Country, and it's a piece of history. Fact is, Railtown in Jamestown already offers rides on a historically preserved train, and El Dorado only wants a piece of the action and the money it might bring - at the expense of the residents, and those who favor creating a recreational path. It also seems clear that, for safety's sake, the train and a recreational path are mutually exclusive.

So, please vote to tear up this remaining section of tracks, and have one continuous recreational path for the residents of El Dorado County to use. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Fern Alexander, PhD

Fern Nichole Alexander, PhD

Principal

WordScapes

Placerville, CA 95667

530.622.5595



El Dorado trail Resolution
pvbandj to: bosfive@edcgov.us

12/05/2010 09:56 PM

Please vote for the resolution put before you last month. I can't believe jack Sweeny can just change it like that with out other input
Jackie Kneeland

Sent from my iPhone

ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without the Jack Sweeney additions

Jane Inouye

to:

jminouye

12/05/2010 09:56 PM

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It has come to my attention that you have changed your position and now support leaving the rails in place. This represents a 180* turn in your previous position. I find your change disconcerting. A bike/multiuse trail such as is being proposed, and one that you apparently until recently were a proponent of, would receive tremendous use from the incredibly active citizens in our community. There are numerous stops for food/drink that would receive increased business revenue from this system of trails. These trails would be used every single day, by voting citizens from our community and from surrounding communities.

The American River multiuse trail system is renowned nationally. In fact, pro cyclists (such as Robbie Hunter) at the Amgen Tour of California commented that it was the "best cycling trail system" that they had ever witnessed. That is high praise indeed. The proposed El Dorado County multiuse trail system would be a continuation of this excellent community feature.

I urge you to reconsider your decision and return your support for a multiuse/bike trail. I am a registered voter and I do vote whenever I am eligible.

Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions." We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

If you care about America against obesity for not only our youth but our nation, Vote for the ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A". Obesity not only costs our nation billions of dollars in health care, drugs and unnecessary hospital visits, it is also killing our youth early with diabetes, large waist sizes and high cholesterol. SUPPORT HEALTH & WEALTH of our youth and nation by supporting the ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without the Jack Sweeney additions. Imagine a life for your grand kids and children where exercise is fun and the kids love to bike, hike and ride a horse because you voted for the trails.

Sincerely,

Jane M Inouye
Team Revolutions

El Dorado Trail
Dave Klingensmith

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosfour, bosfive

12/05/2010 09:45 PM

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I am writing to express my objections to the modifications made to Trail Resolution "A" by Mr. Sweeney. Please vote for the Original Trails Resolution "A" without Mr. Sweeney's additions. I am a supporter of a trails resolution that will make a multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

Robert D. Klingensmith
El Dorado Hills CA

El Dorado Trail Resolution

Kathleen Makarewicz

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

12/05/2010 09:35 PM

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Dear El Dorado Country Board of Supervisors,

I am writing this email to ask you to vote for the original Trails Resolution "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the multi-use, class-one biking, hiking, and equestrian trail a priority. I am a resident of El Dorado Hills and a member of Team Revolutions. The El Dorado Trail would be a huge benefit to the residents and small businesses of El Dorado County. There is a huge need in El Dorado Hills for a safe place for children to ride their bikes. Currently, we take our three children down to Folsom and utilize the American River bike trail. At the end of our ride, we frequently enjoy lunch or a snack. I would prefer to keep my money in El Dorado County and support businesses here.

I am a registered voter and consider the El Dorado Trail a necessity for our community.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Makarewicz

Train track
Chad Hester
to:
bostwo
12/05/2010 09:10 PM
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As a El Dorado county voter and a member of Revolutions Cycling based out of El Dorado Hills. I am concerned about the changing of your decision to not remove the rails and ties from the multi-use trail. The use of the trails by the little rail cars is next to nonexistent, however by removing the rails the trails would be used on a daily basis by horses, hikers, runners and cyclist.

I dont won't to waste your time, but I would hope you would reconsider your view on this matter and how our communities would be better served by the use of these trails.

Chad Hester

multi-use trail
Bridget
to:
bosfive
12/05/2010 09:01 PM
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I am a concerned citizen, a member of team revolutions and I am asking you to vote for the original trails resolution "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions. A multiuse trail has the possibility of bringing increased people and revenue to this area. We as a family go down the hill to utilize the Folsom trail system with our children on bikes. We stop and buy lunch and if needed, stop at a local bike store and get needed supplies. Right here in El Dorado County we have that opportunity! Biking, and running are huge! Adding the horseback riding is just an extension of what draws people to the Folsom Lake trails. Please have a good look at who wants to utilize this gem and the long term reality. Last time I heard, even the little trail at the folsom zoo was desperately trying to stay afloat! We need politicians that have a sense of reality and not ignoring what the majority of people will utilize.

Sincerely,
Bridget Bonnell

Proposed Trail System
Jeanie Van Voris
to:
Jeanie Van Voris
12/05/2010 08:27 PM
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Hello,

It has come to my attention that you have changed your position and now support leaving the rails in place. This represents a 180* turn in your previous position. I find your change disconcerting. A bike/multiuse trail such as is being proposed, and one that you apparently until recently were a proponent of, would receive tremendous use from the incredibly active citizens in our community. There are numerous stops for food/drink that would receive increased business revenue from this system of trails. These trails would be used every single day, by voting citizens from our community and from surrounding communities.

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Sincerely,
Jeanie Van Voris
Organizer for Team Revolutions MTB Race Team
Resident of El Dorado Hills

El Dorado Trail
John Le Pouvoir
to:
bostwo, bosfive, bosone, bosfour, bosthree
12/05/2010 07:56 PM
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**Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions."
We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and
equestrian trail a priority.**

**Regards,
John Le Pouvoir
Pollock Pines**

“amp;Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions."
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a priority

Julie

to:

bosfive

12/05/2010 07:25 PM

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Ms. Santiago, Please vote for a Multi-Use trail. It will benefit our community and long-term
provide a better place to live. Your vote means a lot to what happens in the future. We all
want to be healthy and having a multi-use trail provides a great way to do so. Please do the
right thing and vote for a multi-use trail without Jack Sweeney's additions.

Julie Gilroy

El Dorado trail

aron linker

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

12/05/2010 07:08 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I would like you to support the current bill on to make the El Dorado trail's top priority a hiking, biking, and horse riding trail. PLease vote for the Original Trails Resolution A. I think that recreational trail would be of more use to people in El Dorado county. I think that more people would use the trail than a train. I'm a student at El Dorado and I know that the track and cross country use it a lot. Once again please consider voting for the Original Trail Resolution A. I think that it would be a good choice for the communtiy

Thank you,

Aron Linker

FW: Historical rail road tracks
Matthew hunt
to:
bosfive
12/05/2010 06:34 PM
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From: Matthew hunt [<mailto:globalfloordesigns@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Sunday, December 05, 2010 6:33 PM
To: 'bosone@edcgov.us'
Subject: Historical rail road tracks

I have been in the county for 25 years graduated El Dorado High School in 1990.

These rail road tracks must not be removed!!!

Over this weekend the crowds of people were lined up to get their chance to ride. We need more of these kind of rare opportunity's in this county.

The county needs these tracks not more bike trails!!!

This is the foothills not suburbia.

Merry Christmas.

Matthew

bike trail
JOHN BREHM
to:
bosfive
12/05/2010 05:50 PM
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Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION without condition. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

Thanks, John Brehm.

Rails to Trail Program

billwahl

to:

bosfive

12/05/2010 04:22 PM

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Dear Ms. Santiago,

Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION without condition. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

Please don't mess this up with an option that isn't economically viable, namely, excursion trains. They don't make any money!

Thank you,

Bill & Lori Wahl

The trail proposal
Ralph & Kris LeMeur
to:
bosfive
12/05/2010 03:57 PM
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Dear Ms. Santiago,

We understand there have been changes to the original proposal,

Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions." We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

Thank you,

Kris and Ralph LeMeur

Trail Resolution
Syoung620
to:
bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive
12/05/2010 03:53 PM
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Dear Supervisors,

Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION without condition. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority, NOT excursion trails!

Sincerely,
Mark and Susan Young
El Dorado County

El Dorado Trail

Lhia Casazza

to:

bosfive

12/05/2010 03:33 PM

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Lhia Casazza

Trails
Carl Drake
to:
bosfive
12/05/2010 03:24 PM
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Supervisor Santiago,

The excursion train will be a financial drain. Who has the money to fund it? The State Railroad Track and Museum is funded by the STATE and would go bankrupt without the STATE'S financing. For an example, just look what happened to the Skunk Train in Northern California.

Trains and people do not mix. I can not envision children biking and walking next to a moving train...let alone horseback riders.

Many more El Dorado County residents and visitors will benefit from a biking/walking/horse trail, than will benefit from a train.

Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION without condition. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

Thank you,

Dori and Carl Drake

Trail Priority Resolution
Laura Choate
to:
bosfive
12/05/2010 02:47 PM
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We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and
equestrian trail a priority.**

Thanks – Laura & Ralph

**Laura Choate
Ralph Lubick
916-355-8515
Folsom Ca**

Vote for Original Trails Resolution "A"

The Team@Caffe Santoro

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

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Dear Supervisors Knight, Nutting, Sweeney, Briggs, and Santiago;

Thank you for considering an earnest request from a concerned and invested business man.

Many of you know who I am and of our little cafe in Cameron Park. For those who do not please come by and experience "coffee with personality".

In the 2 1/2 years that we've been in existence we have sought to constantly be asking what is our community in need of and then fill that need. Our approach for building a family/community focused coffee shop is coming at a time when the specialty coffee industry has seen significant down turn. We remain optimistic because our focus is not industry based but rather people based, El Dorado County focused.

This is why we support the Board voting for the Original Trails Resolution "A". This, for us, is a very big deal because to have a trail of "National Significance" go through the heart of our county would be the type of ecologically/economically friendly development that would help preserve both our history and stimulate tourism. I'm no expert but judging by reading up on the issue we shouldn't and can't miss out on this. It seems like this type of trail will happen, whether through El Dorado County or one or the other corridors (probably Placer, I would think). IT WILL HAPPEN. Where would that leave us, once again being the county of the past floundering to survive. No one wants to become what Pacer is becoming but that's why this trail is so perfect for us. Bringing tourism and fostering fun outdoors activity that all can enjoy in varying degrees without major industrial infrastructure. People from outside the county and from within would be able to enjoy the beauty of our natural resources and the history.

We at Caffe Santoro are voicing our support for seeing the Original Trails Resolution "A" pass so that this Trail of National Significance can go through our county.

Please do not let this opportunity pass us by. Vote for the Original Trails Resolution "A"!

Sincerely,

Ken Santoro

Caffe Santoro

www.caffesantoro.com

530-387-4432

(mobile 530-558-5181)

Trails Resolution should NOT favor a rail line please!

Tom Henderson

to:

bosfive

12/05/2010 01:38 PM

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Dear Ms. Santiago,

Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions. I and my neighbors all prefer a Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority. Please do the right thing for the citizens of this county, not for a special interests group.

Thank you,

Tom Henderson

--

Tom Henderson

tom@customlogic.com

2760 Rancheria Drive

Shingle Springs, CA 95682

530 677-5508 home

916 612-7448 cell

Please vote!
Terry Rhodes
to:
bosfive
12/05/2010 01:30 PM
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“Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions." We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

FW: A little help please
 Bob & Margie Read
 to:
 bosone, bostwo, bosfour, bosfive
 12/05/2010 01:24 PM
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Board of Supervisors -

I received this email notice about a recent edit to change the Rails to Trails Resolution that had been discussed at the last Board Meeting. It was not until today that I heard of this, thus it obvious to me that this is another backhanded maneuver (Jack Sweeney?) to accomplish the same thing that many county residents had been objecting to -- that is, to keep the aging rail tracks for the vague nostalgia of a few who dream of an excursion train possibility that could never happen.

My hope is that you all will see through that as well and go back to the resolution language that was discussed at the last meeting. That idea of the multi purpose trail has real possibilities and real rewards for us all.

Margie Lopez Read
 Placerville resident

Dear Friends,

I need your help. As you all know, I've been working on building the trail to Folsom for the last 6 months. The moment has arrived that will make or break this effort. On Tuesday, our priority resolution will come before the board, but the train folks have added a twist, that actually makes our resolution an excursion train priority. At the last line they have added, "as long as such priority does not cause the removal of the existing rail and ties."

What does that mean? It establishes a new precedence that gives excursion trains the first priority. The rails to trails act allows for the removal of the rails and ties (http://WWW.railstotrails.org/resources/documents/resource_docs/RTC_FactSheet_Railbanking.PDF.) That's how thousands of the trails across the United States have been built. Our SPTC Master Plan allows for the "consideration" of excursion trains, but also for the removal of the ties and track. This new line not only allows excursion trains to be the first priority, but it takes away the trails negotiation leverage with these businesses. Why would an excursion train business try to help us get a trail built? For 14 years they haven't tried. We need to give them a reason to be interested in a trail, and making the trail the priority use does that.

For the last 2 years, the JPA (the trail managers) have been working out a lease with the FEDS (the Folsom train hobby group) for \$100 per year. El Dorado County spent \$2.77 million to purchase this land under the rails to trails act, and the trail managers are proposing we lease this land to non-profit business for \$8.33 per month with a 20 year lease, with two 5 year renewal options. These managers should be fired for the mismanagement of our land.

By giving our line away (that's what I consider \$8.33 per month for a 2.77 million dollar investment) to excursion train groups, we in essence will say we spent \$2.77 million so that we could have excursion trains. As a non-profit business, in an industry that prays to just break even by covering their operating

costs, El Dorado County will not collect one tax dollar for this business running. This business will not bring any health benefits to the residents. What this business will do is drive up our trail building costs.

What happens if we do nothing? Based on the rate of building the El Dorado Trail to date, we will not connect to Folsom for more than 50 years, and based on talking to trail builders, it will cost twice as much of tax payer money to build it.

We have given the museum 3 miles of this track to try to build their dream excursion train. This is the same distance the state funded Sacramento Museum runs along the Sacramento River. This is 10% of our corridor. Shouldn't the rest of the corridor benefit the majority of residents El Dorado County?

The El Dorado Trail is a public facility that benefits the people of El Dorado County.

Please take just 5 minutes now to email or call our supervisors and tell them we want the trail to be the priority use on the SPTC corridor, WITHOUT condition. We can do better than 50 years. We want public facilities to be a priority on our public land, not businesses.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jackie Neau

1) Email each Supervisor this:

Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION without condition. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

District 1 - John Knight - - bosone@edcgov.us
 District 2 - Ray Nutting - - bostwo@edcgov.us
 District 3 - Jack Sweeney - - bosthree@edcgov.us
 District 4 - Ron Briggs - - bosfour@edcgov.us
 District 5 - Norma Santiago - - bosfive@edcgov.us

2) Call each Supervisor:

District 1 - John Knight - (530) 621-5650
 District 2 - Ray Nutting - (530) 621-5651
 District 3 - Jack Sweeney - (530) 621-5652
 District 4 - Ron Briggs - (530) 621-6513
 District 5 - Norma Santiago - (530) 621-6577

3) Attend the 2:00 Trail Supporter party outside of Bldg. A, and
 Then attend the 2 to 5 PM December 7th Board of Supervisors meeting
 Where they will vote on the Trail Priority Resolution.

please, we need more bike/hiking trails

Brent Sundahl

to:

bosfive

12/05/2010 11:59 AM

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"Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions." We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.



No value to Placerville in an excursion train.
tanya309 to: bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive
Please respond to tanya309

12/05/2010 11:25 AM

Most Placerville residents see NO VALUE in an excursion train that benefits Folsom, and doesn't even approach bringing money into our increasingly more run down downtown (let alone to the poor marketing "homeless panhandling" mess that is Broadway). The trail is significantly less expensive and may bring TO OUR BUSINESSES event participation/visitor money, in addition to providing great daily use possibilities for local hikers, bicyclists, and horse riders (i.e. YOUR HOMETOWN VOTERS AND TAX PAYERS).

Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION without condition. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

T. Ouellette

rails to trails

Mieko

to:

bosfive

12/05/2010 11:17 AM

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Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION without condition. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

Mieko Saetta, user of our trails
5176 Little Brush Ridge
Placerville, CA 95667

Support ORIGINAL Trails Resolution "A"

Lori Grant

to:

bosfive

12/05/2010 09:55 AM

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Trails
Rona Knapp
to:
bosfive
12/05/2010 09:29 AM
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equestrian trail a priority.**

Thank You,

Rona Knapp

Supporting EDC biking, hiking, and equestrian use over excursion trains

jan

to:

bosone

12/05/2010 08:30 AM

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“Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions." We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

Trails Resolution vote

Pam Jimison

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

12/05/2010 08:26 AM

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PLEASE vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION A without Jack Sweeney's additions.

I am unable to attend the meeting Tuesday, but I ask for your vote without the changes and additions. Thank you!

Pam Jimison

Team Revolutions and bike advocate

El Dorado Hills

Yes on Revised Trails Resolution (10-1169.2A.2)

Cris Alarcon

to:

John Knight, Ray Nutting, Jack Sweeney, Ron Briggs, Norma Santiago, Suzanne Allen De Sanchez

12/05/2010 07:48 AM

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Yes on Revised Trails Resolution (10-1169.2A.2)

Hello Board of Supervisors Members,

I have put together a short video explaining why I support the updated resolution for the Trails, and why Rails must have primacy under the Rails to Trails Act.

See this video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HHsHxReJwhA>

Text of video:

I support the new trails resolution, but not the November version.

Q: Is that because you are against trails?

A: Oh no. I love trails. Horse riding trails are the best.

Q: Then what was wrong with the November resolution?

A: It missed the point of the Rails to Trails act, and it was a power grab.

Q: Is not the Trails to Rails Act a way to convert rails to trails?

A: No!

Q: What?

A: No, in fact preserving the rails is one of the primary dictates of the Act.

Q: Are you sure? Where did you hear that?

A: What we call Rails to Trails Act, AKA, the 1983 amendment to the National Trails System Act, is actually U S code TITLE 16 CHAPTER 27 § 1247. And the main action is set out in sub-section (d).

Q: And?

A: The Act reads: "In furtherance of the national policy to preserve established railroad rights-of-way for future reactivation of rail service". And also: "use shall not be treated, for purposes of any law or rule of law, as an abandonment of the use of such rights-of-way for railroad purposes".

Q: I read that Starting in the 1970s, our nation's rail corridor system was at risk of becoming irreparably

fragmented. Like the difficulty of putting Humpty Dumpty together again, it would be virtually impossible to recreate our national rail corridor system after it was broken into hundreds of parcels of land, due to the difficulties and costs. This led to the Rails-to-Trails Act.

A: Right on! Rail-trails are subject to a unique and complex, mix of federal and state law. Many rail-trail conversions are "railbanked" under Section 8(d) of the National Trails Systems Act, often called "the Railbanking Act" or the "Rails-to-Trails Act." This important federal law, enacted by Congress in 1983 to preserve established railroad corridors for interim trail and future rail use, preempts state or local laws that are inconsistent with these goals.

Q: If the goal is to preserve the rails, Then why is it called Rails to Trails?

A: Because on both side of the rails are easements between 60 and 120 feet wide. As well as preserving the rails for future re-activation, these easements are a great place to establish a large interconnected trail system.

Q: OK. Then it is NOT trails instead of rails. But it is trails added to rails.

A: That is right, it is a win win deal. Preserving the rails wins. And expanding the trails system wins.

Q: What was wrong with the old resolution?

A: It tried to eliminate the priority for rails.

Q: But I thought "Rails to trails" was to preserve the rails.

A: That is right.

Q: How did they fix the resolution?

A: It is a balanced compromise that clearly states that, first, we want a great trail system. Secondly, that we are complying with the letter and intent of the Act to preserve the rails for future use.

Q: I am glad that our law makers only make laws that comply with the law.

A: You pretty smart. Would you like to go on a hike?

Q: Yes. But I would rather mountain bike. Are you game?

A: You bet, let's hit the trail!

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Cris Alarcon

El Dorado Trail
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Please vote for out orginal TRAILS RESOLUTION A without Jack Sweeneys additions.
We want the TRAILS RESOULTION that makes the Multi-use, class one biking, hiking and esquestrian trail a priority.

Marilee Winkenbach

Trails Resolution A
Michele Milanowski
to:
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Ms. Santiago,

Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions." We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

Thank you,
Michele Milanowski
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Shingle Springs

Trail
mike linker
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Please support the trail with hiking and biking, as the top priority. Make it something the people of this county can use and enjoy on a daily basis.

Michael Linker

El Dorado Trails Resolution issue.

Marsh Wildman

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El Dorado Trail

Rose Giardina

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Dear Supervisors,

We are urging you to please vote for the original trails resolution without Mr. Sweeney's additions. As a regular user of the El Dorado Trail, please pass the trails resolution that will make the multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority. We walk 6 miles a day, 5 days a week, and we have been doing so since I retired more than two years ago. We have walked the rails west of Missouri Flat and would love to have a decent hiking trail for our walks. We would NOT, however, walk it if we knew there were excursion trains or speeders using the rails, nor would we be interested in riding a tourist train. We are skeptical of the viability of such a train and wonder about eventual costs to the county and who would financially benefit from such a venture. When you vote on Tuesday, please make it a vote that will benefit the most people of our beautiful county.

Sincerely,

Rose and Paul Giardina

Trail REsolution
Chris Smith
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Thank you.

Christine Smith

Trail vote A
douglas.maiello
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Norma,

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE....stop playing politics and vote for what is right for families, community and health for the VAST majority of county residents.

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~Laura and Dan Robbins

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a priority

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Ms. Santiago, Please vote for a Multi-Use trail. It will benefit us that live in El Dorado County
and save the air.

Ross Gilroy

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Dear Supervisor Santiago;

Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

Thank You,

Jim Shook

Shingle Springs.

Trail Resolution A Vote
Dr. Michael Gaddini
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Dear Supervisor Santiago,

I am a Family Physician who lives in El Dorado Hills. I have been closely following the proceedings on The El Dorado Trail. I am aware of supervisor Sweeny's last minute changes to the the original El Dorado Trail Resolution A in favor of trains. I urge you for the benefit of all citizens of El Dorado County and not just a narrow corporate interest to **please vote for the ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions."** **We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.** I will be attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on 12/7 to follow your vote.

Thank You,

Michael Gaddini M.D.
2019 Outrigger Dr.
El Dorado Hills CA 95762

El Dorado Trail
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Norma Santiago,

**Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions."
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equestrian trail a priority.**

Regards,

Kurt Helmreich

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Seems to me a greater range of the population would benefit from a multi use trail like the American River Parkway versus a historical train attraction. If the trail priority is put below removing the tracks, then how can a long distance trail be completed?

Thank you for your consideration!

El Dorado Trail
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Alice Varbel



Trails resolution "A" -- without Jack Sweeney's additions.
Stan Schultz to: bosfive

12/03/2010 08:44 PM

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Dear Supervisor Santiago,

I'm recreational cyclist who turned into an avid cyclist after moving to this area few years ago.

Cycling enabled me to lose 27lbs, meet a lot of new friends, and connect intimately with this region.

I now manage a Cycling Club with more than 175 active members, and an opt-in newsletter with more than 265 subscribers. I speak on behalf of all Cycle Folsom's members when I ask that you please vote for the ORIGINALTRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

I would appreciate if you would reply and share your position on the matter.

Sincerely,

Stan Schultz
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Thank you,
Don Eipper

Original Trails Resolution
Sharon O'Neill
to:
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Sincerely, Sharon O'Neill

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Jeff and Amy Dale

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Fw: Our Trail movement is in Jeopardy!!

Hiloboy

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Gordon Vredenburg

No Jack Sweeney's additions
Scott Gross
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