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**Rusty Dupray, Chairman
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667**

Subject: Item 35, Board of Supervisor's Agenda 10-28-08

Dear Supervisor Dupray and Member of the Board of Supervisors:

As a member of your Parks and Recreation Commission I am very disappointed that you have chosen to hear item 35, which deals with recreation staffing re-organization. I am surprised this topic did not come before the commission for discussions. Without a clear understanding of the general plan work you want to accomplish, I can not support this re-organization proposal.

Your Parks and Recreation Commission has asked repeatedly to meet with your board in a workshop setting to clarify your priorities for recreation. After you made the recreation organization decision on January 8, 2008, and knowing the huge issues you face, I thought we could wait on the workshop until the new board was in place in 2009.

When you look at the work that has been recently done in recreation, with almost no staffing, I am baffled when I hear comments that work is not being done. I would point to the reopening of Joe's Skateboard Park, the acquisition of Chili Bar, and the improvements at Pioneer Park. Following Plan direction, the El Dorado Trail/Pony Express Trail continues to expand with activities that include paving from Parkway to Los Trampas, a grant application for the next mile from Los Trampas to Halcon, and the contract linking Ray Lawyer to Missouri Flat. In areas that do not have CSDs, the reviews of the numerous subdivisions proposals falls on our recreation division to conduct. The projects cited are only a partial list. All these projects are quite complex and should be considered as major work accomplishments.

A wise cat once said something like "If you don't know where you want to be, it makes little difference which way you go". I would urge you to not do another re-organizing activity at this time, because it is not clear what it is you want.

Sincerely,

/s/Robert A. Smart, Jr.
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