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RE: Aid to Fire Augmentation

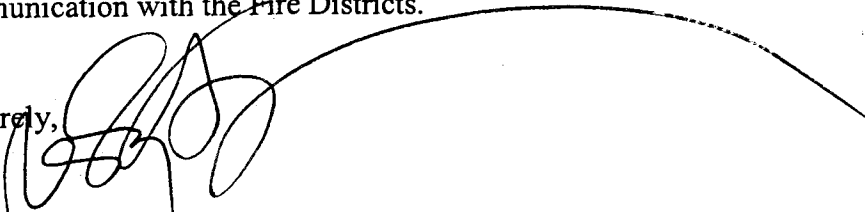
Dear Chief Keating,

As you know the County is and will be facing significant budgetary challenges in the upcoming years. As a result the County must continually evaluate its commitments and ensure that core County functions are sustained.

For a number of years now the County has provided a subsidy of County General Fund support to the smaller rural fire districts through the Aid to Fire Augmentation Program. The Board of Supervisors wishes to make clear to the Fire Chiefs Association that the future of the Aid to Fire funding is tentative given the budgetary challenges faced by the County.

The Board recommends the Chiefs Association begin evaluating creative options to plan for the possible elimination of the Aid to Fire funding including but not limited to: service integration, increased collaboration, and linkages with the emergency medical services system. The Board remains committed to providing Aid to Fire funding for FY 08/09 at the FY 07/08 level and appreciates having receiving the attached letter of support for this from the Chiefs Association. As always the Board looks forward to a continued partnership and ongoing communication with the Fire Districts.

Sincerely,


Rusty Dupray
Chairman
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors