

May 12, 2026

To the El Dorado County Agricultural Commission,

I am writing regarding Project P24-0006 Collette Tentative Parcel Map.

I respectfully request that the Commission carefully consider the cumulative impacts of this proposed subdivision and either deny the project or require additional environmental and infrastructure review before any approval is considered.

The surrounding area is already experiencing substantial strain on existing infrastructure. Roads serving this area are deteriorating, and in recent years severe storm events have caused significant flooding and drainage problems affecting residents and evacuation routes. Incremental increases in residential density in rural areas such as this create cumulative impacts on roadway capacity, emergency access, stormwater management, and wildfire evacuation safety. This is a very real concern, as flooding in the past has made portions of Valley View Road inoperable at times and evacuation necessary and treacherous for current residents.

I am also concerned about the continued fragmentation of rural and wildlife habitat. This area supports significant wildlife activity, including a substantial mountain lion population and other large animals that rely on connected open land for movement and survival. As larger parcels are increasingly subdivided and fenced, habitat connectivity continues to decline.

In addition, I ask the Commission to carefully evaluate the long-term agricultural compatibility impacts of introducing additional residential parcelization adjacent to agricultural and Williamson Act protected land. Incremental rural subdivision can increase land use conflicts and contribute to gradual suburbanization pressures that are inconsistent with the agricultural and rural character of this area.

Part of the proposed subdivision is also situated uphill from the adjacent vineyard property. Given the area's existing drainage and stormwater issues, I ask that the County carefully evaluate the potential for increased runoff, erosion, chemical transport, and other downstream impacts that could negatively affect neighboring agricultural operations.

Thank you for your consideration and for including these concerns in the public record.

Sincerely,

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