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## Fwd: Planning Commission Agenda Item 11-0356 for September 2, 2015

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Please see email.

Thanks, Debbie

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Date: Tue, Sep 1, 2015 at 2:25 PM

Subject: Planning Commission Agenda Item 11-0356 for September 2, 2015

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Hi Char! Attached is our comments for tomorrow's special TGPA/ZOU meeting.

Thanks in advance and see you at the meeting...

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September 1, 2015

County of El Dorado  
Planning Commission  
2850 Fairlane Court  
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Subject: TGPA/ZOU Update and Final EIR Adoption

Reference: Special Planning Commission meeting dated September 2, 2015

Dear Sirs,

For several years, The El Dorado County Farm Bureau has participated in the Targeted General Plan Amendment and Zoning Ordinance Update (TGPA/ZOU) process and we are pleased that it has moved forward. This has been a collaborative process, incorporating input from a wide array of community interests. For the first time, El Dorado County stands on the threshold of implementing the General Plan that was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2004 and affirmed by the voters in 2005.

Naturally, as the Farm Bureau, our main focus is the agricultural industry and interests, however at all times during the entire update process, careful consideration of land use, economic development, other industries and the general public has been at the forefront, after all, this is a 'general plan' which targets the entire county's boundaries and those residing within.

As two Farm Bureau board members publicly stated on August 27, 2015 during the initial Planning Commission hearing, we are in favor of moving the General Plan forward and believe that the compatibility and consistency of the land use and zoning is appropriate for agriculture at this time, and at this juncture. We use our collective and strong voice on our own behalf and have not appointed any substitutes.

Staff has done a superb job of taking El Dorado County's complex General Plan, along with all the elements contained therein, evaluating the effects, updating it by utilizing appropriate input and parameters, and making it a consistent, working document that dovetails with our current and future needs. A General Plan is a "living, breathing" document—it is expected to 'flex'. The five year reviews provide a framework for periodic evaluation and analysis of how El Dorado is performing to the Plan. New ideas and adjustments are anticipated but will be put forward, analyzed, and receive the benefit of public input.

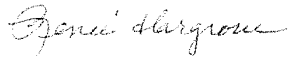
*Protect, promote, and enhance the economic opportunities and long-term viability  
for El Dorado County farmers, ranchers, and foresters.*

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The El Dorado County Farm Bureau respectfully requests that you follow staff's recommendation to adopt the Resolution certifying the EIR for the TGPA-ZOU Project to amend the General Plan and update the Zoning Ordinance along with issuing a Statement of Overriding Considerations as well as adopt the Resolution to Amend the County General Plan in accordance with state and federal law.

We thank you for your careful review of this important process and look forward to future involvement as well.

Sincerely,



Renee Hargrove  
Executive Director

cc: James E. Davies, President  
El Dorado County Agricultural Commissioner, Charlene Carveth