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Subject: Item 48 BOS 7/22/08
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To the Members of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

I hereby request that you withdraw your consideration of item 48, on the Agenda for your July 22, 2008 meeting, regarding the purchase of land for rare plant preservation.

I have reviewed all material posted in the website within the Agenda item and find no analysis from the County on the matter, to include: review of the appraisal, review of the objectives of the County for rare plant preservation and whether a purchase of these properties meet those objectives, determining whether the removal of 20 acres of land designated in the General Plan for Multi-Family will allow us to meet the objectives of the Housing Element that is currently under review by HCD, the rationale of removing multi-family inventory located proximate to commercial property and a major Highway 50 interchange regardless of HCD's perspective, the impact of removing the property tax base these properties generate, the impact of removing the future property tax revenues the development of these parcels might generate, the loss of potential housing for those earning incomes less than above moderate incomes, the rationale of buying lands where the land is more expensive instead of lands north of Green Valley Rd where it is more affordable, and which contain the same plants, the impact upon the County's goal to construct a roadway that will connect Palmer Drive eastward to Chaparral, providing a frontage road between the Cameron Park Drive and Ponderosa Road off ramps, the consideration of more right of way through the subject 4 parcels which should be wider than the existing 50 feet in order to accomplish the County's needs for a connector road, and more. Further, after receiving public input shouldn't such an action be discussed in closed session by your Board?

I understand the motivation of the property owner, as he would be selling the land he purchased in November 2005 for \$2,600,000 (and where the party he was under contract with for a subsequent purchase once obtaining entitlements for a subdivision withdrew from the purchase agreement), to the American River Conservancy (ARC) at a price higher than paid, \$3,320,000, while owing \$1.7 million on the property, and during a time when the property is not very marketable for multi-family development due to the recession, poor financial climate, roadway and secondary access constraints, and GP policy constraints still needing review and implementation standards. I also understand the motivation of the ARC and the United States Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service, but I DO NOT see any benefit to the County of El Dorado, or its citizens, to consider such a purchase at this time.

Please remove item 48 from your Agenda tomorrow, or should you open the item for consideration under department matters, take an action to postpone this matter until you have been given an analysis from your staff, to include what I outlined above.

Respectfully submitted,

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