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Monday, September 30, 2013 meeting - items 4,5,6

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Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the BOS meeting for Monday, September 30, 2013. The following are my comments that I would like submitted into the official record. (I have attached a letter-formatted version for your use, as well.)

As you know, in the late 1980s through the mid-1990s, with multiple revisits into the 2000s, El Dorado County staff, contractors, and general public spent an inordinate amount of time and money, complete with public meetings and voter initiatives, developing a comprehensive General Plan to guide future development. Yet, with all that guidance, certain land owners try again and again to gain "special consideration" to develop their land. Too many land owners are trying to make a windfall profit at the expense of current residents. I am really tired of having to spend so much of my personal time trying to keep up with their latest shenanigans. You have an opportunity at the September 30th meeting to finally "put your foot down" and stop this nonsense. At this meeting, please:

- 1. (Item #4). Require notification of proposed developments, by US Postal Service directly to their home address, to anyone in the same school district, community services area, and traffic use area.** A 500-foot public notification zone is inadequate and should be increased. People way outside of that zone are detrimentally impacted by some of the developments that have been proposed, yet we rely on word of mouth from other community members to alert us because neither the developer nor the County will. (FYI - Tiny newspaper notifications are ineffective.)
- 2. (Item #5) –REMOVE the Shingle Springs Community Region Line – IMMEDIATELY!!!!!!.** The Shingle Springs Community Region Line has served as a target that many developers see as a bulls-eye. This was discussed at a meeting on May 7, 2013 and absolutely no progress has been made. County staff just don't seem to understand what a problem this designation is for current residents – or they are simply dismissing our concerns. Either way, this designation exacts a huge cost in terms of time on the part of residents and tax payer money for staff, and you, by the public continually having to come before you. It would make everyone's jobs easier and be more respectful of our private lives if you simply remove the line.
- 3. (Item #6) – Implement an Early Review policy that would require all projects that need a General Plan Amendment to come before the BOS for a hearing to decide if they warrant further processing.** Again another way to save a significant number of people time and tax payer money would be to have this type of procedure. This way, no one would be

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wasting their time on frivolous developments. Only well thought out plans sensitive to the needs of the existing community's needs would be considered.

Unfortunately, the egregious nature of the recently proposed developments warrant these changes. As a public citizen, I am so very tired of constantly having to try to figure out the latest move developers are trying to pull. Enough really is enough. Just because someone bought land years ago on a speculative basis to pad their retirement does not mean that current residents have to ensure they get their anticipated profit. I do not want any more high density development in the Shingle Springs area. We already have enough – our roads, schools, and services are saturated. Please enact these three recommendations so I can get on with the rest of my life without worrying about another development impacting my way of life.

Thank you,

Penny Howard

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