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Dear Ms. Santiago,

Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION without condition. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

Thank you for your consideration!!

Fay Marcus  
1980 Copperton Rd.  
Camino, CA 95709

Trains CAN use the SPTC Corridor also!

Bob Snyder

to:

Ron Briggs, Thomas Fossum, Bo Grebitus, John Knight, Ray Nutting, Russell Nygaard, Norman Santiago, Jeff Sellwood, James Sweeney, Michael White

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12-07-2010. Noon.

I wanted to set aside any fears that you may have of mixing Train with Trail use of the SPTC Corridor.

Plaes take the time to read my attached letter.

Thank you,

Bob Snyder

Bob Snyder

12-07-2010

#### Rail vs. Trail use of the former SP Transportation Corridor

I can understand how some folks would be opposed to mixing "Train" traffic with Bicycles, Walkers/Joggers, & Equestrian use. Please allow me to try and set those concerns aside. The railroad system in the United States is regulated by some very strict rules, one of which is Maximum Speed allowed on the tracks. This is determined largely by the type of track.

All High-speed (70 MPH) track is classified as "Class 1 Rail", in that it is "Welded Rail", where each piece of rail is welded to each other. AND they use concrete ties with Bolts holding the rail in place. This type of construction is used on "Main Line" track, such as that in place from Sacramento outward, where high speed freight and passenger trains operate.

The Placerville/ Sacramento track has ALWAYS been rated as "Class 4" track that has a Maximum speed rating of 10 MPH. The rails are BOLTED to each other and are held in place by spikes hammered into WOODEN ties. This type of construction is IMPOSSIBLE to get entirely smooth, thus the speed restrictions.

Considering that many modern bicycles can easily reach 25 MPH and more, you can see where the speed of the train has little effect on safety issues. More of a safety issue is keeping the two apart. This can easily be accomplished with a short fence. Noting that there is from 60 to 20 feet of Right of Way, there is PLENTY of room to separate the Tracks from the Trail!

While I'm on the subject of Train vs. Trail, I want to make some important facts available:

1. The "friends of El Dorado Trails" keeps referring to the dollars generated by the Trail system in Sacramento County. BUT they fail to mention that the income from the trail does NOT meet the expenses involved in maintaining it!
2. Whereas we "Train" folks not only PAY a fee (typically \$500.00 or more per "Run"), to the Railroad for use of the tracks, but in this case, also MAINTAIN the tracks at ZERO cost to the County/JPA!

Respectfully yours,

Bob Snyder

Original Trails Resolution

Brian Austin

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

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Dear Supervisors,

I urge you all to please vote for our *ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION* without condition. I want the trails resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority for our county.

Sincerely,

Brian Austin

Placerville Resident

FW: El Dorado Hills Trail decision change - we need your help

Schutt, Brian

to:

Schutt, Brian

12/07/2010 11:15 AM

Cc:

"brian.schutt@mac.com"

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Dear Mister or Madame Supervisor:

Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" **without** Jack Sweeney's additions.

We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

A concerned cyclist,

Brian Schutt

(916) 356-2895 d

(916) 600-6475 m

El Dorado Trail

Chad Johnson

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

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El Dorado County Supervisors:

Why are you considering handing over a public right of way to a small group that won't share it. The public right of way should be handled in a manner that benefits the community. Thousands of people would benefit by converting the right of way to a trail. About twenty would benefit if they got to run their toot-toot trains. Giving the right of way to a small group of train historians is criminal.

Chad Johnson

Placerville Resident

Trail user

El Dorado Trail  
Alissa Fogg  
to:  
bosfive  
12/07/2010 11:04 AM  
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Dear Supervisor Norma Santiago,

**Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions." We want the Trails Resolution that will make the multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.**

**I am a regular trail user (runner, bicyclist) in Placerville. I chose to live in a house that is close to the El Dorado trail and would not live in this town if it did not have trails because the roads in this county are extremely unsafe for biking, running and walking. Please keep this trail corridor in the public trust and not give it away to specific-user groups. This trail corridor is for everyone in our community.**

**Thank you,  
Alissa Fogg  
2872-B Mosquito Rd  
Placerville, CA 95667**

Save the El Dorado Trail!

mewhite3

to:

bostwo

12/07/2010 10:29 AM

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To Supervisor Nutting:

As a voter I am appalled by the way our County politics are determined. Specifically, the resolution on the El Dorado Trail. When in a public meeting a resolution is discussed, each Supervisor opening states their opinion and views, it then goes to legal council for confirmation of wording and when the resolution returns it comes back to be voted on in a different form. The El Dorado Trail is for the Community.

The El Dorado Trail is for the Community.

It is not for a special interest group that has had control of this public access for over 15 years and have done nothing except use it for occasionally train demonstrations and their own use.

Our SPTC Master Plan allows for the "consideration" of excursion trains, but also the removal of the ties and track. This new line not only allows excursion trains to be the first priority, but it takes away the trails negotiation leverage with these businesses. Why would an excursion train Business try to help build us get a trail built? For 14 years they haven't tried. We need to give them a reason to be interested in a trail, and make the trail the priority use does that.

The El Dorado Trail is a public facility that benefits the people of El Dorado County. A vote with wording that stops the removal of existing rails and ties or put them as a priority is voting AGAINST the people of El Dorado County.

Is voting AGAINST all those people who walk on the trail everyday. Which could be throughout the whole County with a vote stating the trail is the priority.

Sincerely

Michael White



Reject Amended Trail Resolution added by Mr. Sweeney

Meghan Napoli

to:

bostwo, bosfour, bosfive, bosone

12/07/2010 10:23 AM

Cc:

bostthree

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Honorable Supervisors,

I would hope that you would reject the addition of Mr. Sweeney's recent amendment of the Trails Resolution and support a go forward with the original Trails Resolution A. The train idea is unsafe and not practical, so please do what is correct for our children and the community.

Thank you

Meghan Napoli  
5141 Barnett Loop Rd  
Shingle Springs, Ca

***"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."***

*---Winston Churchill*

Trails Vote  
moonrisers@juno.com

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosthree, :bosfour, bosfive

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I urge you to vote for the **ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A"** , without changes or additions, which will make the multi-use, class-one biking, hiking, and equestrian trail a priority.

John Rittenhouse

Biker and Hiker

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trail vote today  
suzy graham  
to:  
bosfive  
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Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION without condition. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

Let's give the people in our county a FREE way to lead a HEALTHY lifestyle...not with an excursion train that gives most of its money to a DIFFERENT COUNTY!!!

Come on, I trust that you are working in our county's best interest.  
Suzanne Graham

ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION

Patrick Lawler

to:

bosfive@edcgov.us

12/07/2010 10:14 AM

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Supervisor Santiago,

Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION without condition. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

Thanks,

Patrick Lawler



Patrick Lawler | Project Manager, Residential Development, Programming

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**El Dorado County Trail**

**Mark & Gail to: bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive**

12/07/2010 10:02 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please note that Mark and Gail Strong (40+ years' EDC residents) are in favor of giving priority to the walkers, hikers and equestrians. We feel that an excursion train is a nice idea, but the experience of other such trains is that of low ridership on a year-around basis and expenses beyond the income in most cases. And the deal the county is about to give them sounds very one-sided.

We are bikers and hikers and use the existing parts of the El Dorado Trail extensively. We would love to see it completed to Folsom, but with the addition of the clause that gives priority to the proposed excursion train, we feel it will not happen in our lifetime (or that of our children, either).

Please do everything you can to thwart the proposed changes coming before the board. It will pay off in higher use and the trail will be completed a lot sooner.

Mark and Gail Strong  
6620 Canyon Edge Rd.  
Pollock Pines, CA 95726

Please vote for original trail resolution "A" without Jack Sweeney's changes & additions

Bob

to:

bosfive

12/07/2010 09:27 AM

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Supervisor Santiago,

Please vote for the ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions. I want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority. I want my children and grandchildren to enjoy our beautiful county! Have you tried to find a parking spot at the Wal-Mart trail head? It shows how much our residents love and use a hiking trail.

Please vote for the resolution that supports the majority of residents and not a special interest group.

Sincerely,

Bob Boyes

Shingle Springs

Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions.

Joe Ferguson

to:

undisclosed recipients: ;

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*It has come to my attention that you have changed your position and now support leaving the rails in place. This represents a 180\* turn in your previous position. I find your change disconcerting. A bike/multiuse trail such as is being proposed, and one that you apparently until recently were a proponent of, would receive tremendous use from the incredibly active citizens in our community. There are numerous stops for food/drink that would receive increased business revenue from this system of trails. These trails would be used every single day, by voting citizens from our community and from surrounding communities.*

*The American River multiuse trail system is renowned nationally. In fact, pro cyclists (such as Robbie Hunter) at the Amgen Tour of California commented that it was the "best cycling trail system" that they had ever witnessed. That is high praise indeed. The proposed El Dorado County multiuse trail system would be a continuation of this excellent community feature.*

*I urge you to reconsider your decision and return your support for a multiuse/bike trail. I am a registered voter and I do vote whenever I am eligible.*

Joe Ferguson  
fergersonj@sbcglobal.net  
916-337-5769

Trail Resolution A

Brian Mullens

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

12/07/2010 09:09 AM

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I'm asking you to please vote for the Original Trails Resolution "A" with out Jack Sweeney's additions. I want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking trail and equestrian trail a priority. Thank you.



Please vote for original trail resolution "A" without Jack Sweeney's changes & additions

Lynnee Boyes

to:

bosfive

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Sincerely,

Lynnee Boyes

Shingle Springs

trail  
Pete Hilton  
to:  
bosfive  
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Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION without condition. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

EDH Trails Resolution

lkatfisher

to:

12/07/2010 07:38 AM

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Dear Supervisor,

I am a member of Team Revolutions in EDH. I understand that an important vote is occurring today regarding the trail resolution and the priority of use.

I am writing to express my opposition to the addition of the following language to the resolution:

"trails have priority as long as such priority does not cause the removal of the existing rail and ties."

I am a frequent user of the American River trail as both cyclist and runner and would like to see the El Dorado Trail developed for these uses. I support the original resolution as drafted to develop the El Dorado Trail for multi use.

I hope you will take this feedback into consideration when you cast your vote.

Sincerely,

Laura Fisher

please vote for the Original resolution A

Barbara Petersen

to:

bosfive

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We are huge users of the trail and continue to be happy to see such a diverse group of walkers/bikers/strollers on the trail. There are many people on the trail who would likely not get out if it weren't available. My mother-in-law goes using her walker/wheel chair. And we use it multiple times each week.

Train excursions are something that is done once and frankly it requires spectacular scenery to be an ongoing success (e.g. the Durango Silverton Rio Gande).

Thank you.

El Dorado Trail Resolution  
Ruddy, David  
to:  
bosfive@edcgov.us  
12/07/2010 11:46 AM  
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Dear Supervisor Santiago,

It has come to my attention that the Board may be changing their position on the El Dorado Trail . I would like to express **my strongest support for the original El Dorado Trails Resolution "A," without the recent addition of language that would make leaving rail road tracks in place a priority over trails.**

The City and County of Sacramento have received global recognition for being home to one of the most extensive and dedicated multiuse trail systems in the nation - the American River Trail. El Dorado County now has an unprecedented opportunity to expand upon this treasure to create a trail network that is truly second to none.

As a resident of El Dorado County, a small business owner, a former land use planner, a community activist, and an avid cyclist and hiker, I ask that you recognize the tremendous **fiscal and social** benefits to the residents of El Dorado County and the region that come with a dedicated multi-use trail system.

I urge your support a resolution that **does not place limitations on the manner in which the trail network is created.** In doing this, you will be taking an important step forward in creating a truly world class multi-use trail system that will benefit generations to come.

Sincerely,

David Ruddy



**TRAILS**  
Mark Dean to: bosfive

12/06/2010 11:40 PM

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Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions." We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

Mark Bartley  
916-628-5169

Dec 7th vote  
Mary Critz  
to:  
bosfive  
12/06/2010 10:44 PM  
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Dear supervisor

It has come to my attention that you have changed your position regarding the proposed El Dorado multi-use trail and now support a rail line.

A multi-use trail will be a much more valuable asset to the people of El Dorado County and would be accessible and enjoyed on a more consistent basis to many more people than would be an excursion train. The American River Bike Trail is constantly referred to as the Jewel of Sacramento County. It would be a great benefit and addition to the quality of life to bring a similar trail here to El Dorado County

I urge you to reconsider your decision and return your support for a multiuse/bike trail. I am a registered voter and I do vote whenever I am eligible.

Sincerely,

Mary A Critz

Original Trails Resolution Without Condition  
joe and paula grady  
to:  
bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive  
12/06/2010 10:34 PM  
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We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, Class one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a  
PRIORITY!!!  
Sincerely,  
Pauline and Joseph Grady



multituse bike trail

Michael Stump

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

12/06/2010 09:51 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

It has come to my attention the position the Board is taking on the creation of a bike/multituse trail in place of the rail tracks has changed. I am sure there are reasons for the turn of position, most likely financial with this depressed economy. However, if government consistently thinks short term without the vision and fortitude to make great decisions, nothing great will ever be done. This is your chance to do something big. Find a way to make it happen. This kind of a project will benefit El Dorado County businesses and citizens for many years to come. The rise in the popularity of cycling has been staggering. We need this type of trail. Just look at the popularity of the American River trail. The proposed trail could make the Sacramento region world famous in the bicycle community.

Please reconsider your decision and return your support for a multiuse/bike trail. I am a registered voter and I do vote whenever I am eligible.

Michael Stump

Rails

russ MOTE

to:

bosfive

12/06/2010 09:31 PM

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Dear Supervisor, I am asking you not to vote for a resolution that would keep rails instead of trails. A class 1 bike path will bring more visitors, money, recreation, healthy lifestyles, and public transportation by riding bicycles than all the events the train supporters have had in the last 17 years of their almost exclusive control of this public right of way. Trails not rails please. Thanks, Russ Mote

Sim Tweed

to:

bosone

12/06/2010 09:28 PM

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It has come to my attention that you have changed your position and now support leaving the rails in place. This represents a 180\* turn in your previous position. I find your change disconcerting. A bike/multiuse trail such as is being proposed, and one that you apparently until recently were a proponent of, would receive tremendous use from the incredibly active citizens in our community. There are numerous stops for food/drink that would receive increased business revenue from this system of trails. These trails would be used every single day, by voting citizens from our community and from surrounding communities.

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I urge you to reconsider your decision and return your support for a multiuse/bike trail. I am a registered voter and I do vote whenever I am eligible.

Sincerely,

Jackie Tweed

El Dorado Trail Resolution  
K Kolafa  
to:  
bosfive  
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Dear Supervisor Santiago:

My name is Kimberly Kolafa, and I am a resident of El Dorado County and the organizer of El Dorado Hikers, a local hiking group amongst several others in our community. Just this last week, several members of our group utilized the El Dorado Trail for a hike. We live in this county because it is rural and small, but primarily because it is close to outdoor recreational opportunities - unfortunately those opportunities exist primarily in Auburn, and the Tahoe area. Now YOU have a tremendous opportunity to create another area for healthy outdoor recreation by voting YES on the ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION without condition. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority. To keep the rails and not remove the trails is defiant to what the original intent of the Rails to Trails Act intended. I have used rails to trails in other areas of the country, notably in Leadville and Telluride, both in Colorado and the Galloping Goose in Victoria, British Columbia. I urge you to PLEASE use the taxpayers money responsibly and as intended and **VOTE YES** on the original Trails Resolution that you considered last month. Thank you!

Kimberly Kolafa  
5510 Robinhood Lane  
Pollock Pines, CA 95726

El Dorado Trail  
Ed Parker  
to:  
bosfive  
12/06/2010 09:18 PM  
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Dear Ms. Santiago:

Please vote for the original trails resolution, without condition. We want the Trails Resolution which makes the multi-use, bicycling, hiking, and equestrian trail a priority. Thank you.

Ed Parker

Vote

Sandy Stretch

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosthree, @edcgov.us

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I use the bike trail for walking and biking and would like to see the trail connected down to Folsom I think this would be great for the community.

I would like to vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION without condition. I would the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

Sandy Stretch

4083 Betty Jean Ct

Placerville, CA 95667

Sandy



Trail resolution  
Annemiek Storm  
to:  
bosfive  
12/06/2010 08:57 PM  
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Dear Ms. Santiago,

Regarding the priority use vote (Rail/Trail) coming before the Board tomorrow, I would like to make a plea to you to consider voting for the priority resolution to make the hike, bike, horse trail a priority without the added sentence "as long as such priority does not cause the removal of the existing rail and ties."

The rails to trails act allows for the removal of the rails and ties, even if that does not necessarily need to happen, certainly not along the whole track from Missouri Flat to the County line.

The RR right of way was purchased by the County for future use by its residents. The most immediate public and beneficial use of the trail for the most residents of the County, would be with a hike/bike/horse trail. This would benefit the public the most.

I have hiked within the last year, in 5 segments, the whole trail (or rails since not everywhere is there an existing trail next to the rails) from downtown Camino to White Rock road. Where the rails are still in existence, there are 13 crossings over roads, some with busy (South Shingle) or heavy (Latrobe Rd) traffic. To get a train going over the whole length would be extremely costly and money is not available. However, for hiking and biking there are many grants available, among the reasons for those being health benefits to the public.

At the last BOS meeting it was insinuated that the right-of-way might revert back to adjoining property owners if rails were removed. I understand that this is not the case ([http://WWW.railstotrails.org/resources/documents/resource\\_docs/RTC\\_FactSheet\\_Railbanking.PDF](http://WWW.railstotrails.org/resources/documents/resource_docs/RTC_FactSheet_Railbanking.PDF)).

Adding the sentence mentioned in the first paragraph might mean that this valuable public resource would not be made useable for anyone (rail or trail) for decades to come: no money for rail and no more priority for trail without possibility of removing a portion of the rail. A trail would be achievable much sooner. Maybe reserving the rails for the tour train from Shingle Springs to Missouri Flat would be a good compromise?

Please vote for the original resolution!

Respectfully,

Annemiek Storm  
Ed Means  
530-621-1684



**Your Support for El Dorado Trails Resolution A**  
**Dan Streetman to: Dan Streetman**

12/06/2010 08:09 PM

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Dear Supervisor:

As a citizen and voter in El Dorado County, I encourage you on December 7th to please vote for the ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without any additions which favor keeping rail tracks in place.

Our county needs a Trails Resolution that will make a multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority. A multi-use trail will be a great recreational asset to the citizens in our community and also increase revenue along the numerous stops for food/drink/equipment. These trails would be used every day - by El Dorado County citizens and also by revenue-generating visitors from surrounding communities.

The American River multiuse trail system is renowned nationally. Professional cyclists visiting the Sacramento region have called it the "best cycling trail system" they've seen. The proposed El Dorado County multiuse trail system would be a continuation of this excellent community feature and would also bring increased revenue to our county.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this terrific opportunity for our great county.

Dan Streetman





**Trail Resolution**

**JoAnn LoFranco** to: bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

12/06/2010 08:03 PM

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Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A". We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one hiking, biking and equestrian trail a priority.

Thanks,  
JoAnn LoFranco

12-7-10 Vote on the Trails Resolution

Ron Mellor

to:

bosfive

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Dear Supervisor Santiago:

The purpose of my e-mail is to urge you vote for the original Trails Resolution without condition. I strongly feel that we need to have the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority. This is what is going to best benefit our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Ron Mellor

Trail Vote  
Carol Bolton  
to:  
bosfive  
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Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION without condition. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

Carol Bolton

Upcoming Trials Resolution

Clyde Kimball

to:

bosone, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

12/06/2010 05:22 PM

Cc:

bostwo

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Dear Supervisor

I am an El Dorado Hills resident and member of Team Revolutions Cycling based in EDH. It has come to the attention of the team and others that the wording in the trails resolution coming up for vote tomorrow has been hanged from what was originally proposed. Please change the wording back to the original resolution and support the original resolution making this 30 mile stretch and bike and multi-use trail. This use is to the benefit of El Dorado Hills residents, all residents of the area and small business owners along the route who will benefit from increased business from the many people who will use the multi-use trail.

Thanks for listening to your constituents.

Clyde Kimball

El Dorado Trail  
 Jennifer Zraick  
 to:  
 bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive  
 12/07/2010 06:03 AM  
 Cc:  
 Tom & Jennie Zraick  
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Hello,

I just received an email about the agenda item concernaing the El Dorado Trail at today's meeting. I want to encourage you to make the further additions and current maintenance of the trail a priority for the people of this county.

The trail section from Missouri Flat Rd., to the County Jail has been a catalyst for getting people in our community together. I regularly walk and ride the trail and I see:

- ~ Families with multi-generations out together (kids on bikes, grandparents on scooters and parents trying to keep up!)
- ~ Physically handicapped people using their walkers and wheelchairs
- ~ Mentally handicapped people in groups with caregivers
- ~ Elite athletes as well as those who haven't exercised in decades
- ~ People rehabilitating from accidents and strokes
- ~ Friends catching up
- ~ Business people, caregivers, stay at home moms, at of work dads, affluent, low income....THE LIST GOES ON!

This trail reaches every cross-section of our population, and gives them the opportunity to do something positive with their lives while enjoying the beauty of nature.

As you know, the benefits of regular exercise are enumerable. It impacts both the function of the physical body as well as mental health. Municipalities all across the country have spent millions of dollars on initiatives to get their residents out and moving in order to impact the growing cost of healthcare. Benefits to local governments have also included the attraction of businesses and growing number of residents who want to take advantage of a health centered community. A local example is Folsom and the national attention they have received for the series of trails that criss-cross their community.

The trail is a unique feature of our county which has already been a huge benefit, and whose full potential has not yet been fully conceived. Please make the trails projects a priority for our budget dollars.

***Jennie Zraick***  
 1021 Los Robles Rd.  
 Placerville, CA 95667  
 530-417-1382



**trail**  
**Loretta Wahl to: bosfive**

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ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION without condition. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

Loretta Wahl

american river bike trail

Matt Johnson

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfive, bosfour

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Board of Supervisors,

I am writing you in response to the proposed American River Bike trail extension from EDH to Camino. In following the story in the local news I was under the impression that the board was in favor of the trail extension. Now I hear that you have reversed that decision and want to keep the trail as a railroad grade and intact. To me this is a grave injustice to the people of Eldorado County. A bike trail/multiuse trail would be a huge benefit to the active people in the east part of the county. As a user of the American River trail from EDH to Sacramento, I see the wide use of the trail in all aspects from walking, biking, running, and enjoying nature. The extension to Camino would increase the use of the trail from its current state and benefit your constituents. All you have to do is look at the use of the trail from Missouri Flat to Placerville.

I commute on my bike from Cameron Park to Placerville daily in the spring/summer and the roads in this county are not bike friendly. On numerous occasions I have been run off the road and squeezed by trucks and automobiles. I cannot ride in the fall due to increased traffic from driving children to school and the normal traffic at 0730. It is just not safe. As a member of Revolutions Cycling club I would hope you reconsider your stance on the trail extension program. This county needs this trail as it will bring more exposure and people to enjoy the beauty of the east county.

Thank you, Matt Johnson

Bob Snyder

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Dec 04-2010

An open letter to counter the recent e-mail from "Friends of the El Dorado Trail".

To whom it may concern;

I urge you to vote FOR Jack Sweeney's addition to the proposal submitted by "Friends of El Dorado Trail". It is ONLY by adopting this addition that there is a guarantee that "friends" won't remove rails, because it "costs less to use the rail fill that is there, vs. building an entirely new trail bed" as Mike White told me.

For the past 6 months this "Friends" group has been strongly campaigning to "Extend the Class 1 bicycle trail". They have been told several times that, "Extending the Trail is a good thing, but because there are others who want to use the RAILS, it cannot be done IF the rails have to be removed". Yet, even after professing a desire to "share" at the special meetings with Russ Nygaard, here they send out another e-mail complaining about unfair treatment because Jack Sweeney added an unwelcome phrase when he proposed an amendment to the resolution, stating that it was ok to extend the Trail, so long as the Rails Remain in Place!

I couldn't help but notice the 2 DIFFERENT sides this group is taking! In one part of the e-mail they are saying that the trails extension is in jeopardy because of the addition. Yet the last sentence states that they profess an "...attempt to put trails on an even playing fields with trains". Now I ask you, "If they are so intent upon a 'level playing field' then Why does an addition to the resolution preventing them from removing rails put them in so much 'jeopardy'?? If they are willing to SHARE the corridor, why is removing the rails so important? Just how do they expect a train to operate without rails? I fail to see where that constitutes a "Level playing field"!

Now just WHAT is so "unfair"? Jack's resolve to Keep the present rail corridor open to all who are willing to SHARE it, or to this "Friends" group who ONLY want their Trail, even if it denies those who want to use the rails??

As Russ Nygaard, Tom Fossom, Jack Sweeney and others have REPEATEDLY stated, "There is plenty of room for a Trail alongside the present tracks. Sure, there are places that are going to require some extra effort, but that is what a "Multi Use Trail Corridor" is all about. It means "Learn to share".

If they are unable to share this corridor, then I suggest they move their sights a few miles to the north and link up with the trail that is there now! It's also a part of the El Dorado County Trail system.

While I'm at it, may I also point out that according to a recent presentation before the Board of Supervisors, some 5 MILLION dollars that is dedicated toward the El Dorado County Trails system is currently sitting UNUSED!

Bob Snyder



Trails Resolution  
AguilarK  
to:  
bosfive  
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Dear Supervisor Santiago:

Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION without condition. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the multi-use, class-one biking, hiking, and equestrian trail a priority. We have given the museum 3 miles of this track for an excursion train. El Dorado County spent \$2.77 million to purchase this land under the rails to trails act. It would be mismanagement to lease this land to a non-profit business. El Dorado County will not collect one tax dollar for this business. This business will not bring any health benefits to the residents. The Trail does. It is used heavily on a regular basis by me and many others. Thank you, Karin Aguilar

El Dorado Hills Trail decision  
Van Saun, Mark T  
to:

12/06/2010 02:16 PM  
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**Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions."  
We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and  
equestrian trail a priority**

**- Mark**

.Mark Van Saun, PMP UMG Platform Project Analyst Corporate Platform Office Desk: 916-356-0840

Vote for Original Trails Resolution A - without Jack Sweeney's additions

Cindy Smith

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

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**Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.**

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Smith

El Dorado County registered voter & taxpayer

Original Trails Resolution

Karin Root

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

12/06/2010 12:42 PM

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Dear Supervisors Knight, Nutting, Sweeney, Briggs, and Santiago,

Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION without condition. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

We love trails and want to a wide variety of users to be able to benefit from them (not just train folks), especially since a wide variety of users funded the purchase of the property!

Sincerely, Karin Root

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[keroot@ucdavis.edu](mailto:keroot@ucdavis.edu)

trail vote  
Alan or Rosemary Cooksey  
to:  
Bosfive  
12/06/2010 12:40 PM  
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Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION without condition. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

Alan and Rosemary Cooksey



Supervisor Norma Santiago,

I attended the last session in which the priority use for SPTC corridor was discussed. I will be unable to attend tomorrow; therefore I am emailing you to urge you to remove the newly added verbiage "as long as such priority does not cause the removal of the existing rail and ties." The rails to trails act allows for the removal of the rails and ties ([http://www.railstotrails.org/resources/documents/resource\\_docs/RTC\\_FactSheet\\_Railbanking.PDF](http://www.railstotrails.org/resources/documents/resource_docs/RTC_FactSheet_Railbanking.PDF).) That's how thousands of the trails across the United States have been built. I'd like to see our trail built in the near future, and oppose disallowing what may end up being a primary source of funding for this project in these tough times. I am a long distance runner and also bike and hike and consider the existing trail to be one of the biggest benefits of living here. When friends and relatives visit we always make time to walk for awhile on the trail. The existing trail is a much-appreciated community asset. I'd like to see it extended and the pleasures of outdoor exercise made readily available to even more people.

Please vote for the original trails resolution without condition. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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trail  
holly marin  
to:  
bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive  
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**PLEASE VOTE FOR THE**  
**ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION**

THANK  
HOLLY AND ALAN MARIN

Resoultion A  
Lajra Williams  
to:  
Lajra Williams  
12/06/2010 12:18 PM  
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**Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions." We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.**

## **Lajra**

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Please vote for the ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A

Peggy Blair

to:

bosfive

12/06/2010 08:25 PM

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Please vote for the ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions.

We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

Please support this original resolution that will allow so many more in this region to enjoy the trails and the beauty of El Dorado County.

Peggy Blair

## Public Assets used for Public Good

Steven Neau

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

12/06/2010 12:08 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I am not formally a member of the El Dorado Trail group but have spent a fair amount of time helping my wife Jackie research trains and trails. Specifically I've researched the FEDS proposal to run a train in Folsom and the V&T operation including state funded the 15 mile expansion. I've also read the new resolution being brought forth by John Knight. The only logical conclusion is that you, the supervisors, are contemplating giving away the use of the rails to the FEDS and the El Dorado Western Railway Foundation. Both of these entities are private groups. I've also heard the propped "fee" to these groups will be \$100 per year for a 20 year lease to run an excursion train.

The competition for this business will be the California State Rail Museum to the west and the V&T railroad in Nevada. Both of which have multiple trains to view and ride. These are well established attractions. This was a contributing factor to why the City of Folsom DECLINED the FEDS proposal to run an excursion train. Folsom's feasibility study went on to say that in the long run the rail would end up costing Folsom money! The California State Rail Museum runs a 3 mile train ride and the V&T runs a 15 mile ride that was subsidized by the state to the tune of \$50 million dollars. El Dorado county cannot financially support the either or both rail groups and they themselves cannot afford to rebuild 25 miles of tracks. They have submitted no plan and no timetable to reach operability. Nor have they shown any economic benefit to the community the warrants saving the tracks that would come close to equaling the cost of a trail.

Why are the supervisors reluctant to pull the rails? There is nowhere in the national rails to trails act that stops groups from pulling up the rail to support an economic means of trail development. El Dorado County has the right to maintain the rail corridor as they see fit including pulling the rail to support trails. So again I ask why wouldn't the supervisors support a public trail over a private underfunded hobbyist group which has been proven not to add to the county but will actually cost us all? It makes no sense.

I ask you to support making the trail a priority over the rails and that you support the resolution proposed by John Knight in its original configuration without the last line which prevents the rails from being removed.

Sincerely,

Steve Neau

El Dorado County Resident

Resolution"A"  
Lajra Williams  
to:  
lajra  
12/06/2010 12:07 PM  
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**Trails Resolution Vote**  
**Jeffrey Temple to: bosfive**

12/06/2010 11:30 AM

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Dear Supervisor Santiago,

Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

I have long had a dream that unused railways (Minnesota has a wonderful trail system using old railways) and property easements along power lines would make a wonderful multi-use trail system around California and the United States. I live in Serrano so this personally affects me. I am a bike commuter from Serrano to Intel. Please make the correct choice.

Thank you for your time

Jeff Temple

Multi-use Trail Resolution

Daryl Allen

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

12/06/2010 11:25 AM

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Dear El Dorado County Supervisors,

I'm writing regarding the upcoming vote on the El Dorado Trail resolution.

**"Please vote for the *ORIGINAL* TRAILS RESOLUTION "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions."  
We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.**

Sincerely,

Daryl Allen

El Dorado Hills

TRAILS RESOLUTION "A"

Martinez, JoAnn

to:

'bosfive@edcgov.us'

12/06/2010 10:59 AM

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Norma,

Please vote for our **ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION "A"** without Jack Sweeney's additions. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

I am avid cyclist, registered voter and contributing member of society. I live in El Dorado Hills and have been cycling for the past 6 years. I ride 100+ miles a week throughout the foothills. A bike/multiuse trails such as is being proposed would receive tremendous use from the incredibly active citizens in our community. There are numerous stops for food/drink that would receive increased business revenue from this system of trails. These trails would be used every single day, by voting citizens from our community and from surrounding communities.

The American River multiuse trail system is renowned nationally. The proposed El Dorado County multiuse trail system would be a continuation of this excellent community feature.

*Thanks,*

*JoAnn Martinez*

*Application Specialist*

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Trails Resolution Vote on Dec 7th  
Fraser, Elizabeth K  
to:  
Fraser, Elizabeth K  
12/06/2010 10:37 AM  
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Supervisors,

Please vote for the ORIGINAL trails resolution "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority. The additional language "**trails have priority as long as such priority does not cause the removal of the existing rail and ties,**" should be removed from the resolution. I am an avid cyclist and moved to this community because of the world-class biking trail along the American River. I strongly believe an extension of that bike trail through El Dorado County will improve the desirability of homes in the county and will improve business volume for those businesses located near the trail. The change in language to the resolution will significantly set back the effort to extend the trail system. I urge you to vote for the original resolution.

Thanks,  
Elizabeth Fraser  
El Dorado County Cyclist and voter

El Dorado Trail  
Loveridge, Rick R

to:

bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us

12/06/2010 10:31 AM

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Hello,

I have heard that the El Dorado bike/hike/equestrian trail has a chance of not happening now. I am an avid cyclist along with my family. I live in El Dorado Hills and would use this trail all of the time. Currently we drive down to Folsom to ride the trail there – and would love it to be finished as I thought it was going to – up to Camino.

If you walk or ride on the current trails in Placerville and Folsom – they are used all of the time. A great use of our money and I would be very disappointed to see this not come through. Please try all you can to get this trail going.

Thanks,

Rick Loveridge



Trails Resolution  
Janet VanKanegan  
to:

12/06/2010 10:21 AM  
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Please vote for our ORIGINAL TRAILS RESOLUTION without condition. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

Thank you,  
Janet VanKanegan  
Garden Valley, CA

Please vote for Original Trails Resolution "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions

Jim Price

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosfour, bosfive

12/06/2010 10:13 AM

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Please vote for the original Trails Resolution "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions.

My wife and I are residents of Shingle Springs, and are active bicyclists as well as other activities in El Dorado County (and as well as voting regularly). The bike/multiuse trail that has proposed, in contrast to the railroad proposal, would receive tremendous use from the incredibly active citizens in our community. There are numerous stops for food/drink that would receive increased business revenue from this system of trails. These trails would be used every single day, by voting citizens from our community and from surrounding communities.

The American River multiuse trail system is renowned nationally. In fact, pro cyclists (such as Robbie Hunter) at the Amgen Tour of California commented that it was the "best cycling trail system" that they had ever witnessed. That is high praise indeed. The proposed El Dorado County multiuse trail system would be a continuation of this excellent community feature.

However, the amendment by Jack Sweeney would ignore these benefits of a bike/multiuse trail, and would cause the resolution that otherwise would seem to support multiple use to become meaningless.

We urge you to support for a multiuse/bike trail. We are registered voters and I do vote whenever I am eligible.

Sincerely,

Jim Price

3590 Spearmint Lane, Shingle Springs CA 95682

Trail Resolution A  
Sierra, David  
to:  
bosfive@edcgov.us  
12/06/2010 10:08 AM  
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Dear Norma,

Please vote for the original trails resolution "A" without Jack Sweeney's additions. I am an avid cyclist and long-term resident of El Dorado Hills, and the availability of safe cycling road and pathways is a quality of life issue near and dear to me and my family.

Thanks for your consideration.

David Sierra  
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El Dorado Hills