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TO: Board of Supervisors, County of El Dorado
FROM: John R. Knight, District 1 Supervisor
DATE: May 2, 2011
RE: Update on EDAC Regulatory Reform

There were 21 in attendance at the Regulatory Reform Committee of April 29, 2011. Topics for this meeting included industrial zoning, R & D Zoning and some general discussion involving CEQA.

- The work to be accomplished is a "Targeted General Plan Update." Only what is targeted will be under consideration.
- Mitigation measures, General Plan polices and implemented programs need to be specific and enforceable so they can use CEQA streamlining benefits that an adequate and thorough programmatic document can deliver.
- Discussion was around General Plan polices 2.2.1.2, 5.2.1.3 and 5.3.1.1. Are they too restrictive and specific? Are industrial policies supporting rural sustainability? Any changes made in any General Plan policy should consider the intent of the change and any effects on other policies.
- Where does the County want industrial land and what uses are acceptable in industrial zoning, in community regions, rural centers and rural regions.
- Should the zoning code be broken up to more categories; i.e. heavy vs. light; and what would be permissible by right or in need of a permit.
- A stated goal is to help facilitate any applicant in the future for individual projects so there would not be any misunderstanding of the intended use. No poison pill language in the General Plan or zoning code that prevents projects moving forward.
- Do we have enough industrial or R & D land and is it in the best locations: Mapping issue

Respectively submitted,


John R. Knight

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