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Subject FW: BOS Meeting on Monday, March 28

I have sent a copy of the following to each supervisor. This is FYI.

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

Please read and consider prior to making a decision regarding the PSVRR and trails groups.

This is to let you know that as a resident of Cameron Park, I am supportive of the Placerville and Sacramento Valley Railroad's (PSVRR) work to bring an excursion train from Folsom through Latrobe and eventually to Shingle Springs and beyond.

In addition, I understand that PSVRR is favorable to working with the trails group so that both the rails and trails can co-exist along the same or nearby corridors.

This seems like a commonsense approach to me - working together seems to offer more options and a way for each group to obtain what they need or close to it. Since Latrobe is basically a small somewhat isolated community, the volume of trails traffic could also be expected to be rather small for the foreseeable future, whereas the trains have the potential to bring some economic viability and "entertainment options" to the Latrobe area.

As you are likely aware, Latrobe consists of three main entities in addition to its citizens: schools, fire house, and the IOOF and Rebekah Lodge. As the current leader of the Latrobe Rebekah Lodge, I arranged to host a presentation by the PSVRR to the Latrobe community at the lodge hall so we could learn more about what they are planning. Two trails people also attended and I had the opportunity to talk to them after the presentation.

I am not a part of either group nor do I have any ties with them other than learning of what PSVRR wanted to do and then hosting the community forum. I asked the trails people numerous questions, and was **not convinced** of their reasons for eliminating the rails.

There were approximately 40 people in attendance - they seemed overwhelmingly in support of the PSVRR (I didn't hear any Latrobe residents against the rails; in fact they were proud of the history behind them and excited about the new possibilities!).

One resident that I heard indicated the economic benefits and is looking forward to having a role in bringing some commerce to Latrobe. Right now, there are no stores or shops of any kind in Latrobe.

Another resident, a rancher, indicated he would rather have the trains coming through as they would not be trespassing onto his land, vandalizing his property nor harassing his cattle. Apparently he has had "walkers" in the past that created issues.

Art Cort, whom you may know (the Rotary named their new Observatory at Cosumnes College

in Placerville after him), is a longtime Latrobe resident was also in attendance. As a person deeply involved in his community and the county, he would be a good person to hear from; he could also put you in touch with a variety of residents of Latrobe if you would like to hear from them.

All of this is just to indicate that there are diverse constituencies even in very small communities that need to be heard, and we appreciate your thoughtful consideration before a decision is made.

Thanks!

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