

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
From: Mary Humphrey
Date: October 22, 2019

Subject: 5716 Oak Hill Road

I'm requesting your help in resolving the escalating problems at 5716 Oak Hill Road. Several neighbors and I plan to meet with Supervisor Brian Veerkamp on 10/29. However, the situation has become urgent. I would like you to have some background information so that the appropriate agencies can come together to bring about a quick resolution.

Here is a brief summary of the situation:

- The property has a long history of problems, beginning in 2013 when the Sheriff's Department raided a trailer there, arrested several people for drug violations, and removed a 7-year old and 3-year old who had been caring for themselves in a "home" with no hot water and no sewer connection, amidst drugs, needles, and rotting food. The owner claimed to have no knowledge of the situation, although his parents lived at the property.
- In 2018, drug dealing was suspected. There was a heavy stream of traffic most nights, with vehicles stopping briefly at the house. There were other concerns as well including people living in a tent and an RV. After many months of complaints to the owner, the Sheriff's Department, and Code Enforcement, the tenants were finally evicted. However, some of the people who were seen at the house have been seen at the mobile home.
- Both the main house and the mobile home were red-tagged on 6/26/2019. We hoped this meant progress. However, the mobile home has been openly and illegally occupied ever since. (Note: the mobile home was originally permitted only as a caretaker unit and could not legally be rented out.) The yard of the mobile home is covered in debris, junk parts, and cars being repaired. This is an eyesore that affects everyone's property value. It also appears to violate Sec. 8.42.700 (B) which prohibits the accumulation of

scrap materials and junk parts that is visible to the users of any right-of-way.



- A male has been seen sleeping in a car in front of the property. Another male has been seen loitering by the property at 5:30 a.m. many mornings. Questionable-looking characters hang out at the mobile home.
- Now Robin, the sister of the owner, has been reported to the Sheriff for indecent exposure and trying to enter several neighbors' properties. She has exposed herself to children in the neighborhood. Clearly Robin needs mental support. So do the children who have been traumatized. Even if their parents would let them, they are afraid to even walk up the street to collect the mail. Adults also are afraid to walk by the property.

We tried to resolve this problem by talking with the owner, Allen Robinson. We have asked Allen many times over the years to address the problems. For six years, he has variously said that...

- It was too hard to manage the property from out of town
- He'd just had surgery and couldn't travel here himself
- He was trying to get the place cleaned up
- He was going to sell
- He was going to evict the occupants "next week"

He has not followed through on any of his promises.

When we didn't get results by talking with the owner, we filed complaints with Code Enforcement and Environmental Health. We also made many calls to the Sheriff's Department.

We are dismayed by the County's ineffectiveness at helping resolve this situation. We have been told that...

- The County can't use the Administrative Citation process, which allows fines to be levied and liens to be filed, because the process is on hold for a "short time." It's been on hold for almost a year. The last we were told, it was with the County Counsel for review.
- The Sheriff would not cite illegal occupants because the DA won't prosecute unless there are well over a dozen citations. It is hard to understand why there have not been many more than a dozen opportunities to issue citations at this point.
- Deputies won't arrest illegal occupants unless they feel threatened or there is a warrant.

Our children and grandchildren are not safe. We are not safe. Further delay is not only unacceptable but dangerous. We hope you can figure out a way to deal with this situation before we have a tragedy on our hands. We've tried everything we can think of.

Sincerely,

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Sample of the emails and letters that have gone to/from the County

Submitted 10/22/19 by Mary Humphrey, neighbor

from: Mary Humphrey <humphreyusa@gmail.com>

to:

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How long is this going to go on with NOTHING being done to protect our neighborhood?

To Brian Veerkamp, Tiffany Schmid, Lynda Jorgensen, et al.

Now there's a naked person walking near 5716 Oak Hill Road. What's next? **What will it take for the county to do something to protect the legal residents of Oak Hill Road and Brandy Lane** from the frightening people who are ILLEGALLY occupying the house and mobile home?

Despite many, many complaints, both written and verbal, over most of the last year, the house and mobile home at 5716 Oak Hill Road continue to be ILLEGALLY occupied. The properties have been red-flagged. According to county staff, they cannot be legally occupied. County staff has been told many times that the mobile home continues to be occupied. Yet people are still living there, running a generator for power. People who appear derelict are observed everyday working on the many vehicles parked amidst the trash in the front yard of the house.

County staff says the Sheriff's Dept can't do anything about this because they are short-staffed. The county has been asked, time and time again, to implement the Administrative Citation process. Yet, every time we ask, we are told that the process is being reviewed. For how many months? This is intolerable. What will it take for the county to act on this? Now we have a naked person observed walking from and near the property. Our children are not safe. We are not safe. It is past time for the county to take action. Please do something before we have a tragedy.

Do we need to agendize this matter for a Board of Supervisor's meeting? Take a look at the Nextdoor posts. You'll see that the legal residents are ready to take this en masse to the county. **Enough is enough.** How much more time do the neighbors have to spend to get something done about this egregious and unnecessary problem?

The string of posts, below, was on Nextdoor. As you can see, the Sheriff's Department has been called many times and, to date, has done NOTHING.

Nextdoor is just the tip of the iceberg. I, for instance, received texts from neighbors saying that the naked person was Robin (the daughter of the deceased parents who lived in the home at one time - the current owner, their son, lives in Arizona), who is living in the house. Another text said they'd called the sheriff. Yet another text yesterday said "I saw her walking right next to (the house on Brandy Lane that is behind 5716 Oak Hill Road). She was butt naked! Covering her junk, I called the sheriff around 8 am."

Of course, these texts don't even mention the ILLEGAL OCCUPANTS of the mobile home. It is pretty sad to see on Nextdoor a post that says, "The teens from the high school call that stretch of road in front of the trailer and the Robinson Place "Tweaker Flats".

Nextdoor (updated 10/18/19)

Urgent Alert

Cindy Richardson

This morning an Africa American NAKED man walking down OAK HILL. It has been reported. Please be careful.

Cindy Richardson

He went down Brandy In.

Genie Tompkins

Did you call the sheriff?

Denna Patton

The Sheriff is at the corner of Oak Hill and Pleasant Valley

Christian Wonder

i saw a man yesterday morning @ 4:30am standing on the side of the road near Sierra Lima apple orchard, again a little further up oak hill towards Pleasant Valley Rd, around 2pm then again in the same area around 8:30pm. i called the Sheriff and dispatch said they would send someone out. Tell everyone in the area you know to be on alert and report everything

Brittany Miller

Saw him yesterday looking over our privacy fence for awhile. This was around 11am or so.

Cindy Richardson

The sheriff has talked to the person. It's a mental health issue. He/she name is Robin. Robin is seeing their doctor today at sometime. The sheriff did state if the walking in the road continues to please report it. Yes it's at the same problem place on oak hill.

Christian Wonder

Totally staying aware, thank you Cindy.

Todd Richardson

And that right there is why we keep our gate to the property closed.

Brittany Miller

Thank you Cindy!

Mary Humphrey

Please CALL the sheriff if you see anything. According to Lynda Jorgensen of County Code Enforcement, both the Robinson place and the mobile home next door have been red-flagged and cannot be legally occupied. BUT, she said that the Sheriff's department is short-staffed and won't do anything unless there is a problem. Please call if you see anything.

Several neighbors have been in frequent contact with the County for almost a year now but very little has happened. The properties were red-flagged but there they sit - same issues, still people hanging around. Now this.

BTW, we shouldn't take the person who was causing the problem's word for the situation, e.g., that she's going to see her doctor. She and the owner of the property, who lives in Arizona, have said many, many times that they were going to do something about the situation or were in the process of eviction but nothing has ever happened that they claimed was going to happen.

There is an Administrative Citation fine that can be issued and a lien can be put on the property. But the county has been working on the process for months and so far, nothing.

Unless we ALL call and file written complaints EVERY time we see a problem, I'm afraid this problem will continue to exist. Many people seem to be hanging around the mobile home. Lots of cars being worked on and that change periodically. Lots of junk. Now this.

Maybe if everyone calls and files written complaints the county will move. By all means, don't take the word of anyone involved in perpetuating the situation. That word has not been kept over and over.

Cindy Richardson

Sheriff is being dispatched again. Thanks to all for calling AGAIN!!!

Christian Wonder

My wife and i are thinking a large group of should go to the county together. Does this sound productive and how many people would be willing to do this? We are open to other options. **We just want our neighborhood to be safe and respectable.**

Cindy Richardson

Sounds like a great idea. I'm in.

Sherrie Davies

The teens from the high school call that stretch of road in front of the trailer and the Robinson Place "Tweaker Flats". Pretty sad that it is that widely known. I personally have called code enforcement on the place many times. We also have another trailer parked/ being lived in behind the corner building, the old Poverty Flats lot.

Cindy Richardson

Well **the sheriff still hasn't done anything. Now that person is trying to enter a neighbor's gate.** Again the sheriff has been called. 3 times in 2 days.

Mary Humphrey

I agree with Christian, it's time to go to the County to see if we can get some action to fix this ongoing problem. Over the last year, many of us have filed written complaints, emailed, and called about the problems at 5716 Oak Hill Road. The home and the mobile home have both been red-flagged and cannot be legally occupied. Yet they are illegally and FLAGRANTLY being occupied.

Despite being asked to help numerous time (including through many letters and cc's to Tiffany Schmid, Planning and Building Director and the Board of Supervisors), the county continues to let the situation go. Enough is enough.

I talked to Kathy, Superintendent Brian Veerkamp's clerk, about setting up a meeting with him. She was on the way out the door but will call Monday. He is out of the office for the next week so we would have to meet with him the following week. Who is interested in participating and what days/times would work for you?

BTW, we could also bring this up at the public forum at the Board of Supervisor's meeting. The next meeting is this coming Tuesday at 330 Fair Lane, Room A. The public forum starts at 9 am. Although Brian Veerkamp won't be there, it might be worth going and speaking. Let me know if you plan to go, I'd be up for it.

FYI, I have previously contacted the owner in writing. He is aware of the problems yet he has done nothing to correct the situation. It's only gotten worse. He has told Code Enforcement that he was evicting the "tenants" but nothing has happened. We could try contacting him again with the latest info.

Other than that, unless we can get the county to take action, I know of only two legal alternatives.

1) We can sue the owner of the property (who lives in AZ), for mental and emotional distress in Small Claims Court. EACH PERSON, including each child, who has been affected, can sue for \$10,000. If enough people sued, that would amount to a tidy sum - maybe enough to motivate the apparently uncaring seller to get rid of the property. I think the cost for filing each case would be \$75. There may be other costs that I don't know about.

2) we can go to the media to see if we can get them to help.

Pete Holtrichter

Before I forget to mention, there has been a young male sleeping in his car in front of 5716 Oak Hill most mornings. I drive by every morning around 5:15AM.

And I've noticed a new person walking along Oak Hill at this time (in the dark/not for exercise), I fear for the lady that jogs Oak Hill every morning at this time.

Keep your heads on a swivel folks, look out for your neighbors, report what's not right. I don't think the county has heard it from enough people yet. Maybe, just maybe, the county will get off its hands concerning 5716 Oak Hill. it's gone on for too long, it's not just an eyesore/nuisance property, its way beyond that. I hope Robin will get the help he/she needs but my girls don't need to see a naked person walking down our road in the rain at 7 in the morning on their way to school.

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date: Oct 18, 2019, 4:31 PM
from: Lynda Jorgensen <lynda.jorgensen@edcgov.us>
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(also cc/d to many neighbors)

Re: How long is this going to go on with NOTHING being done to protect our neighborhood?

Good afternoon Mary,

The Administrative Citation process that has been on hold for about a year for many different reasons is very close to being able to begin again.

There is just one last thing that needs to be done and then we will start issuing the citations.

Please be assured that I have permission to have this property be one of the first ones that will have the citation issued.

One thing to keep in mind however: Just because we issue citations with fines, that does not mean the owners will pay the citation(s) or abate the violations; even with a 'threat' of the property being liened that is not always enough incentive for owners to do what is necessary.

I have already discussed this with Alan Robinson and informed him that the code case is at that point; I reiterated it again in my last voicemail message that I left for him.

Alan has told me that he intends to clean things up and sell the property; it is difficult for him to manage everything with him living in Arizona.

I will let you know when the Administrative Citation process has been approved and I am ready to post the citation.

I have left numerous messages for Alan to contact me; not once has he called back or emailed me, at least not since June.

I just left another voicemail a few minutes ago, letting him know about Robin.

Our Code Enforcement Unit cannot do anything about the people that are there, or about Robin (or anyone else) going around naked.

I will be bringing this latest situation up with a group of county departments & agencies that meet once a month to discuss such issues, to see if there is anything else I can do within my capabilities or that can be done through another department or agency.

The group includes Mental Health, Sheriffs, and Adult Protective Services (APS) among others.

Please know that I do take this very seriously and will do everything I can that I have authority to do to help rectify this situation.

Regards,

Lynda

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date: Oct 18, 2019, 5:47 PM
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Re: How long is this going to go on with NOTHING being done to protect our neighborhood?

Lynda,

Thank you for your attention to this matter that has plagued our neighborhood for many years.

As a reminder to those of us that have been here for a few years and as information to those of you who are newer to the area, and to Lynda, in case you never were aware of this, we, the Oak Hill Neighborhood Association, had sent a letter to the owner, Allen Robinson, and copied in El Dorado County Code Enforcement and the El Dorado County Public Housing Authority the attached letter. Please note the date of this letter as being May 2013.

This has been an ongoing issue in our neighborhood for over 6 years! I feel like we have been more than patient with the authorities and the homeowner to do something. I feel like we have the right to feel safe walking or jogging down our street (which I currently will not do because of THIS house).

I think the time has come to ramp up our efforts to rid our street, once and for all, of this horrible blight that we have been forced to live with for far too long.

I will be attending any meeting deemed necessary to attend to rid ourselves of this hazard. We will be rallying our neighbors to BOMBARD your offices with complaint calls. We will not rest any longer assuming our ELECTED officials have our best interest at heart.

Sincerely,

Sherrie Davies

Attachments

From: Oak Hill Neighborhood Association
705 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs, CA 95619

To: Allen R. Robinson
3930 E. Ray Rd., #100, Phoenix AZ 85044

Date: May 7, 2013

Property: 5716 Oak Hill Road (which includes the granny unit, which is a mobile home with a mailbox address of 5714 Oak Hill Rd), Placerville, CA 95667

Parcel Number 046-340-20-100

It has come to our attention that, in addition to having two legal residences (the main residence and the mobile home granny unit that has a mailbox address of 5714 Oak Hill Rd), you have three illegally occupied residences at your property at 5716 Oak Hill Road:

- * Two illegally occupied fifth wheel travel trailers
- * An illegally occupied converted garage

On May 6, 2013, the El Dorado County Sheriff's Department raided one of the illegally occupied fifth wheel travel trailers. They found deplorable living conditions and arrested four people on multiple charges, including drug charges. There appeared to have been five people living in the fifth wheel travel trailer, including two children.

Not only are the residences themselves illegal, but you are allowing illegal activity to occur on your property at 5716 Oak Hill Road in Placerville.

- * Seeing persons walking along the road who appeared to have been under the influence has distressed your neighbors and their children.
- * Your neighbors and their children have been concerned about the safety of their own residences.

- Your neighbors and their children have been concerned about the safety of the occupants of the illegally occupied residences, particularly the children.
- Your neighbors and their children have been worried – and have made several phone calls to Gold Oak School – when nobody has come to the school bus stop to pick up the *first grader* who has been living in one of the illegally occupied fifth wheel residence.

You are depriving your neighbors of the quiet use and enjoyment of their property. You have caused emotional and mental distress to your neighbors.

Each person, including every child, who is deprived of the use and enjoyment of his or her property or who has been caused emotional or mental distress by your maintenance of a public nuisance, can sue you in Small Claims Court for \$10,000. For instance, if 20 people sue you in Small Claims Court for \$10,000 each, you will be sued for a total of \$200,000.

If you have not taken action to remove the illegal residences from your property within 10 days, the members of the neighborhood group will collectively sue you in Small Claims Court for maintaining a public nuisance.

Sincerely,

Oak Hill Neighborhood Association

cc: Annie R. Robinson, 5716 Oak Hill Rd, Placerville, CA 95667, (530) 626-6163

Lawrence L. Robinson, 5716 Oak Hill Rd, Placerville, CA 95667, (530) 620-8291, Fax (530) 622-9469, home business (per BBB) Fashion Carole, www.fashioncarole.com

El Dorado County Code Enforcement, 2850 Fairlane Ct, Placerville, CA 95667, (530) 621-5999, Fax (530) 622-2021

El Dorado County Public Housing Authority Offices, 2900 Fairlane Ct, Placerville CA 95667, (530) 621-6300, Fax (530) 642-7262

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Thank you for your reply, Lynda. **A year to put the Administrative Citation**

process in place is unacceptable. I imagine this is not under your control. However, the responsible party or parties should be ashamed of themselves. What a lousy way to spend taxpayer money.

And I don't think there should be a question of a "threat" to place a lien on the property. **The lien should be placed, period.** If this isn't a case where that is justified, what is? I am very unhappy to hear there is only a "threat" to levy a fine. There should be no question of a threat. Instead, there should be resolve to act responsibly to protect the people who live in the neighborhood.

Sherrie Davies forwarded copies to you of the letters the Oak Hill Neighborhood Association sent to Allen Robinson in 2013. I had forgotten about that. But we're talking about the **same owner and the same failure to respond.** Fortunately, in 2013, the Sheriff's Department raided the place and rescued two children from where they'd been living in squalor, drug and needles lying around, no hot water, and nobody taking care of them. The parents subsequently gave up their parental rights.

In your email, you said, it was "difficult for him (Allen) to manage everything with him living in Arizona." **I call BS in this case. Apparently it has been "difficult for him to manage everything with him living in Arizona" for SIX YEARS. Fortunately, the two children who were living in appalling squalor on that same property, owned by the SAME PERSON, were rescued. There are other children in the neighborhood who, equally, need to be protected.**

The naked person roaming the street was seen peering over one person's gate and trying to get into another yard. Your job isn't to arrest that person (which should happen) but you or your department can put the Administrative Citation in place and enforce it. It is not acceptable to continue to delay action. **Further delay is not only unacceptable but downright dangerous. The responsibility for that delay sits squarely in the county's lap.**

The following letter was hand-delivered 6/1/2019 to Tiffany Schmid, Building and Planning Director, Don Ashton, County Chief Administrative Officer, Keith Boucher, Code Enforcement Supervisor (since left the County), and Lynda Jorgensen, Code Enforcement Officer. This letter was subsequently included in an email to the BOS.

Neighbors of 5716 Oak Hill Road

June 1, 2019

Ms. Tiffany Schmid
Building and Planning Director
2850 Fairlane Court
Building C
Placerville, CA 95667

Re: 5716 Oak Hill Road

Dear Ms. Schmid,

We are writing to you about a matter of concern to our neighborhood that involves both Code Enforcement and the Building Department. We are concerned that, with the current process that involves multiple departments, this matter may get lost in the shuffle. Many complaints have been made over many months to the property owner and to Code Enforcement but there has been little to no progress. We hope you can help.

Last year, several neighbors complained first to the owner, then to Code Enforcement, the Sheriff's Department, and the Health Department about what appeared to be a drug house at 5716 Oak Hill Road. Complaints included the main house and a mobile home. (The property owner is Allen R. Robinson, who lives in Arizona.)

The tenants in the main house were finally evicted. The heavy and continuous traffic, day and night, to the main house ceased. However, we are still concerned about the constantly shifting group of people and constantly changing array of cars parked in the front yard of the mobile home. Scrap materials and junk parts cover the entire front yard. The mobile home is an eyesore and a safety concern. We have asked the property owner and the County many times to correct this illegal situation but with no success.

The mobile home received a 2-year permit as a caretaker unit in 1995. That's 24 years ago. The permit has not been renewed since. Not only did the Caretaker permit expire 22 years ago, it would not have been renewable even if it had not expired as the tenants have not acted in any way as caretakers and the mobile home has been illegally rented out for years, evidenced by the "For Rent" signs that have been posted on the fence in front of the home from time to time and the ads in the Goldpanner. In fact, the owner's elderly parents, who resided in the main house, died many years ago.

Several neighbors complained about the situation to the owner as far back as September of last year. Last January, Code Enforcement was asked to open a case against the mobile home for code violations. Code Enforcement Officer Lynda Jorgensen replied in an email that, "There is no need for a complaint form; we already have what is needed from the emails and phone calls we have received. A code case has been opened on the hardship MH, and on 5716 Oak Hill Rd."

Here it is, five months later, and there has been no progress toward removal of the illegally occupied mobile home. We were alarmed to receive an email May 29th from Lynda saying, "The next step in our enforcement actions is an Administrative Citation, which is fines if the mobile home is not permitted or removed. The process for Admin Citations is currently on hold, but for just a short time; we have been waiting for our contracts for several Hearing Officers to be approved and signed, and I believe that is currently happening. We do have a backlog of cases that are waiting for the Admin Citation process; I am not sure where this case stands. When the mobile home is permitted the Building Department staff are the ones to check to see who lives in the home.

This implies that:

- The mobile home may receive a permit,
- The process for assessing fines if it is not permitted or removed is on hold for an indeterminate length of time,
- There is a backlog of cases even if or when the process for assessing fines is reinstated,
- and, if the mobile home is permitted, the Building Department will check to see who is living there.

First, the mobile home should not be permitted as either a Caretaker or a Hardship unit. The Building Department should not allow a permit to be granted as, according to the County's permit form, permits for both a Caretaker and a Hardship unit require that the owner reside on the property. The owner of this property lives in Arizona and, as far as we know, does not plan to relocate to the property.

We see two permissible purposes for Caretaker and Hardship units on the County's permit application form. Both require that the current owner reside on the property.

"For use by a family member or owner of the property to prevent dislocation of a family member or allow for in-home care of family members (17.52.030.A). _____(name of family member being cared for). The current owner must reside on the property.

and

"For use by caretaker to assist elderly or handicapped homeowner. (Site must consist of one acre. The elderly or handicapped owner must live on site.) (17.52.030.B)"

Clearly, the mobile home does not qualify as either a Caretaker or a Hardship unit according to the County's code requirements.

We are also concerned about the possibility that the owner might apply for a permit for the mobile home as a secondary residential unit, also known as a granny unit. The County's code stipulates that only the main house or the granny unit may be rented out and that the other must be occupied by the owner. As the owner lives in Arizona, unless he relocates, this is not possible.

"Either the primary residence or the Second Residential Unit must be occupied by the property owner. Only one of the two residences may be rented."

[https://www.edcgov.us/Government/planning/Pages/frequently asked questions-planning.aspx#TMA](https://www.edcgov.us/Government/planning/Pages/frequently%20asked%20questions-planning.aspx#TMA)

If, in the event the owner relocates to this area and seeks to obtain a permit for the mobile home as a granny unit, we believe it should be treated as any new permit for a granny unit would be (not "grandfathered" in) and should comply with Sec. 110.64.090.

A. In all zones which permit single-family residences the manufactured home shall:

1. Be connected to an approved sewage disposal system which shall be subject to design and installation review and approval by the Department of Environmental Management.
2. Prove that an adequate potable water supply is provided as required by the Department of Environmental Management. When other than public water is to be provided for the site of the building, the alternative proposed water system shall be installed and approved by the Department of Environmental Management prior to the issuance of a building permit.
3. Be located on a permanent foundation system of State-approved design, or a permanent foundation system designed by a licensed architect or structural engineer or civil engineer.
4. Have been issued an insignia of approval by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and certified under the National Mobile Home Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 USC 5401 et seq.), or have been certified by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development, or by a State-registered engineer or architect as meeting such standards as are contained in said Act.

5. Pay fees as set forth in the building fee schedule as adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

In addition, the home is in violation of, and we request enforcement of Sec. 8.42.700. - Littering, accumulation of litter, and illegal dumping prohibited.

B. The existence or accumulation, without the authority of the County, of litter, trash, scrap materials, junk parts, garbage or refuse of any kind upon private property shall be prohibited, provided that said refuse is visible to the occupants of an adjacent or nearby parcel of real property, or to the users of any right-of-way.

The yard in front of the mobile home is filled with scrap materials and junk parts, among other debris. The scrap materials and junk parts are clearly visible from nearby parcels and from Oak Hill Road and Brandy Lane. The owner of this property is clearly in violation of this code.

Our understanding from Lynda is that unpermitted mobile homes must be removed. We would appreciate your help in facilitating the immediate removal of the illegally occupied mobile home and enforcing the applicable code re the scrap materials and junk parts stored in the front yard of the property. We understand that Code Enforcement has a considerable workload, but this property is not only an eyesore but is a cause for concern about the safety of the neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Signed by neighbors

CC:
Mr. Don Ashton, El Dorado County Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Lynda Jorgensen, Code Enforcement Officer

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Email to me from a neighbor on 8/1/19

I am confused of the status of Code Enforcement on the Robinson Property.

I have repeatedly called Allen in Arizona with no response to date. I offer the following:

- PG&E shut off the service for lack of payment. Service was then somehow turned on by tenant until PG&E came out and again shut off service.
- All tenants were supposedly served for eviction. However, it was not filed with the Courts so therefore null and void.

I have had items taken from my hill (i.e., car transmissions, bicycles, tires) more than once. I have had enough!

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After hearing nothing back from Tiffany following the 6/1/19 letter, I wrote this email on 8/5/19:

from: Mary
Humphrey <humphreyusa@gmail.com>
to: tiffany.schmid@edcgov.us
cc: don.ashton@edcgov.us, etc.
(and many neighbors)
date: Aug 5, 2019, 1:27 PM
subject: 5716 Oak Hill Rd and adjacent mobile
home

Hi Tiffany, several neighbors and I delivered a letter to you a little more than two months ago on June 1st about 5716 Oak Hill Rd and the adjacent mobile home. Would you let us know the status?

The mobile home was cleaned up slightly but is now accumulating auto parts, etc., which are visible from Oak Hill Road and the property across the street. We understand the tenant was in jail but is now out. If that's correct, that might explain it.

As we said in the letter (copy attached), our understanding is that unpermitted mobile homes must be removed. We would appreciate your help in facilitating the immediate removal of the illegally occupied mobile home and enforcing the applicable code re the scrap materials and junk parts stored in the front yard of the property. The property is both an eyesore and a cause for concern about the safety of the neighborhood.

Thanks,
Mary

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On **September 3, 2019 (more than two months after the letter was hand-delivered)**, I received this email from Tiffany Schmid:

Good morning Mary,
Lynda Jorgensen will be in touch with an update shortly.
Thank you,

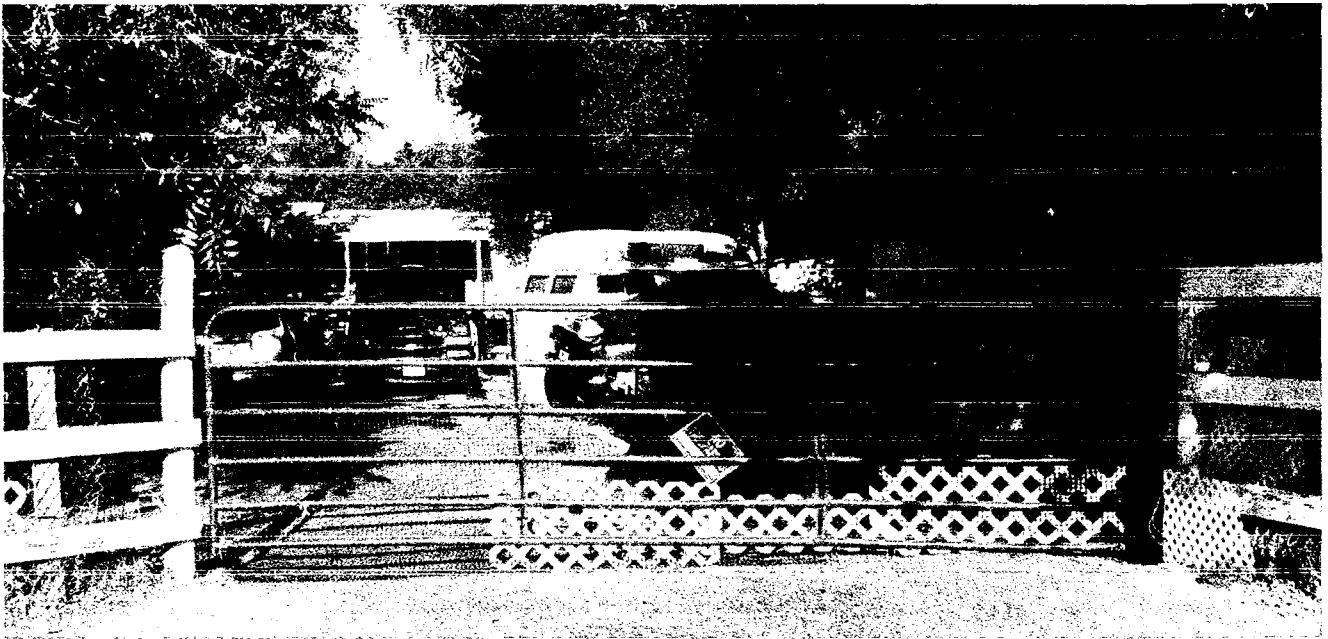
Tiffany Schmid
Director, Planning and Building Department

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On September 3, 2019, neighbor Michael Gennis wrote to Tiffany Schmid.

from: Michael
Gennis <limasierraranch@gmail.com>
to: tiffany.schmid@edcgov.us
cc: don.ashton@edcgov.us,
keith.boucher@edcgov.us,
Lynda Jorgensen
<lynda.jorgensen@edcgov.us>,
(cc's to several neighbors)

subject: Re: 5716 Oak Hill Rd and adjacent
mobile home

Would appreciate an update on what, if anything, is being done about this illegal mobile home. These pictures taken in the last two days. **More vehicles in various states of disrepair as well as an ever-increasing cast of sketchy characters with no visible legal means of support.**



On September 9, 2019, Tiffany Schmid emailed the following to MH and Lynda Jorgensen:

Mary, I understand your frustration with the process. The primary dwelling and the manufactured home have been Red Tagged Substandard and the occupants were told they cannot stay in either dwelling. My Department does not have the authority to remove tenants - it is now up to property owner to evict the tenants. The owner was advised of the process and we've reached out for a status update. Code Enforcement's next steps are to begin the Administrative Citation process. This will place fines on the parcel and may result in a lien on the property.

Planning & Building does not have the jurisdiction to enforce the scrap metal and junk parts stored in a front yard, or abandoned vehicles. **The metal and junk parts are with our Environmental Health, Solid Waste Division, and abandoned vehicles are with the Sheriff's Department.**

Environmental Health last visited the site in October 2018. A complaint had been called in, Environmental Health did a site visit, followed up with the complainant after the site visit, and the complainant felt reasonable clean-up had taken place. **The complaint was closed.** If you'd like to reach out to file another complaint, please contact Kaley Nickle at (530) 621-6623.

Deputy Steve Wunschel with the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office was with Lynda Jorgensen on her last site visit. He witnessed the abandoned vehicles parked in the front of the property.

Please know we are diligently working on the primary dwelling and manufactured home within the County's Code Enforcement and Planning and Building ordinances. It's in the owner's hands to pursue an eviction, and Code Enforcement continues to monitor the situation.

Lynda will keep you apprised of the status of the Administrative Citation.

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On September 9, Mike Gennis, the neighbor who lives across the street from 5716 Oak Hill Rd., wrote to MH and other neighbors:

Hello All,

Per Ms. Schmid I spoke with Kaley Nickle at Environmental Health and **opened a new complaint about the property in regards to the trash and solid waste.** I didn't have any firsthand information about the septic so if any of you have any information or suspicion that the septic isn't up to code like any smell or suspicious activity please call her. The more ammunition she has the better for the inspectors.

Also, news to me, she said that both the "main" house and the so called caretaker mobile have been red tagged and it is illegal to occupy them, and that PG&E has cut off the electricity. **She said that the sheriff dept should be notified if anyone is seen occupying either one of those manufactured homes. The more calls to the sheriffs the better if you see anyone at either place. Also mention the derelict vehicles as that is the sheriff's area of enforcement.**

Mike

date: Sep 12, 2019, 11:55 AM
from: Lynda
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to: Mary Humphrey
<humphreyusa@gmail.com>
cc: Tiffany Schmid
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Michael Gennis
<limasierraranch@gmail.com>,
Donald Ashton <don.ashton@edcgov.us>,
The BOSTHREE <bosthree@edcgov.us>,
ED BOS clerk of the Board
edc.cob@edcgov.us
(and more neighbors)
subject: Re: 5716 Oak Hill Rd and adjacent mobile
home

Good morning all,

I have left several voice mail messages for the owner over the last couple of weeks, with no return call until yesterday afternoon; **the owner called while I was away from my desk and left a voicemail telling me he thought that the two units had been vacated and that there was no longer anyone living on the property.**

I called again this morning and left a message for him letting him know that per his and my conversation on 6/25/19 (the day before I red-tagged the structures) that despite no electricity the two structures were still being occupied, and the occupants are still on the property as of this week.

I reiterated to Mr. Robinson that he had told me he was going to serve eviction papers to both residences, and that I need to know as soon as possible what the status is of the evictions or what other lawful remedy he intends to take.

I also reminded him that I need copies of the eviction notices for our files.

I will keep everyone apprised of the status as I get information.

Regards,

Lynda

date: Sep 13, 2019, 8:00 AM
from: Lynda
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to: Mary Humphrey
<humphreyusa@gmail.com>

cc: Tiffany Schmid
<tiffany.schmid@edcgov.us>,
Michael Gennis
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Donald Ashton <don.ashton@edcgov.us>,
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(and several neighbors)

date: Sep 13, 2019, 8:00 AM

subject: Re: 5716 Oak Hill Rd and adjacent mobile
home

Mary,

None of us - Sheriff included - are authorized to actually remove the mobile home. That is for the owner to do. Mr. Robinson and I have been exchanging voicemails the last couple of days; in the last message he said he intends to remove the MH, clean up the place and sell the property.

The next step in our process is the Administrative Citation; **the process is currently in progress with County Counsel, and we hope to have it in place in the near future (though no estimated date as of yet).**

Mr. Robinson is aware that the Admin Citation is a real possibility, so hopefully that is the motivation he needs to honor his word.

I have been communicating with Env. Health/Solid Waste this last week; they have a new case and will be pursuing the trash/debris aspect of your concerns.

I spoke with a Sheriff Deputy (S/O) yesterday afternoon about this property; he said there have been several calls for this property recently. We discussed the red-tag status and what it means; we talked about the fact **that the S/O also does not have the ability to remove the occupant(s) unless the officer feels threatened or there is a warrant issued for the individual(s). The jails are overcrowded as it is - there is no room for people whose violations are misdemeanors not felonies. Because the S/O hasn't been able to do anything except speak to the occupants, it is suggested that calls for service only be made for emergency types of situations for this property.**

I have this case flagged and am doing my best to keep on top of what is happening and what can be done. I am also continuing to try to convince the owner that it is in his best interest to take care of the issues on his property.

Regards,

Lynda

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September 13, 2019

To Lynda, from me, usual CC's including BOS

...It is now almost four months later. For almost a year now, Mr. Robinson, who owns the property has not done anything to resolve the situation other than talk. The mobile home has been blatantly and illegally occupied on an ongoing

basis judging by the people hanging around in the yard constantly and the cars that appear on a frequent basis...

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September 17, 2019

To me (in response to question about who was handling Admin Citation process), from Lynda, usual CC's including BOS

The (Administrative Citation) process is currently being reviewed by County Counsel.

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September 25, 2019

To Lynda from me, usual CC's including BOS

Hi Lynda, do you have an update for us on the Robinson property? You emailed on the 13th to say you expected (maybe hoped is the right word) to get eviction papers from the owner the next week. Did you get them?

I wonder if there's an ordinance that the Sheriff could enforce against vagrants or derelicts illegally occupying a property. You mentioned that both properties have been red-tagged. But both properties appear to be occupied, contrary to the law. A generator has been heard running. I imagine that also presents a hazardous situation if it's being run indoors.

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September 28, 2019

To MH from Lynda, usual CC's including BOS

I have left several messages for the owner, with no response; I will continue to leave messages until I can speak with him or get a response.

We have this one flagged for the Administrative Citation when we get that going - which is anticipated to be soon (though no date yet).

I am not sure if the Sheriff's would consider the occupants vagrants as one had a rental agreement and the other (if the main house is occupied as you say) is the owner's sister.

The Sheriff could cite the occupants but the DA says it would take many (well over a dozen) citations before they would consider prosecution, as the violations are misdemeanors and not felonies.

The Sheriff only arrests if he/she feels threatened or if there is an outstanding warrant.

If a generator is heard running it likely is not being run indoors.

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Nextdoor 10/21/2019

Brittany Miller

Oak Hill

We would love to go but the time doesn't work for us. Please mention if you have the opportunity-that Robin had been trying to get into my fenced yard multiple days in a row and finally succeeded last Friday. She broke the lock to our gate and welcomed herself in. I called the sheriff who showed up over an hour later. She was at my gate and/or inside my yard for over 2hrs. It was very scary. Also FYI, there is a generator going tonight and lights on there. Thank you and good luck

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Meeting
Open Forum Commentary by Terry Kayes, District 3

More on a Topic: No Ethics and Negligence Destroy Public Trust

Last week in Open Forum, on October 15th, I began with a basic question that in effect asked, "How many more people are going to die, be seriously injured, have their health destroyed, or have their lives otherwise ruined by actions taken by public or private agencies that too-often appear to be devoid of operational ethics and negligent in what they do in meeting their responsibilities to the tax-paying general public or paying customers whose needs they are supposed to meet, before the core concept of trust, as a societal necessity, is irreparably destroyed, and chaos ensues?"

What history has repeatedly revealed is that without civil ethics and the unifying sense of mutual and communal trust that come with them, effective government and civil order are not possible. In the absence of ethics and trust, civilized societies collapse — the average lifespan of even the most successful in history being no more than 200 to 250 years before the unraveling starts and collapse follows, accompanied in people by accelerating levels of frustration, anger, intentional apathy and ignorance, and willful denial and what many informed observers have characterized as "magical thinking."

Informed citizenship, to the extent it ever existed, ceases to be practiced, except by a few — since only a few know what it is.

Last week, I pointed to the recent transgressions of PG&E, but in the final paragraph of what I said I made particular reference to "Caltrans, the California Air Resources Board, and other agencies that too-often work to end run the law and science, which (when done rightly) is always about ethics."

Today, I have added the clarifying phrase "(when done rightly)" in parentheses, because what my many hours of investigations over the past several months of Caltrans and the California Air Resources Board, as well as the California Department of Water Resources, clearly reveal — in my professional opinion — has been an often-definite pattern of misusing language, uncertain (possibly bogus) data, and questionable methods of statistical and other analyses. Add to the above, patterns of obscurantism, obfuscation, lying by omission, misdirection, rhetorical "smoke-screening," etc. — and, as stated by U.S. District Judge William Alsup in an adverse recent (June 27, 2019) court ruling against Caltrans, "cherry picking the science to arrive at a preordained conclusion." Caltrans' conduct has been judged.

The following terms linked together suggest where our nation is headed, if further downward patterns of cause and effect persist: **(No Ethics + Self-Absorbed + Dumbed Down + Consumption Fixated) + (Trained Incapacity + Narcotizing Dysfunction) → Catastrophic Failure of Citizenship, Effective Government, Civil Order, and Civilization.**

More about all this later. Thank you for your attention.