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The BOSONE to: Cynthia C Johnson
Sent by: Loretta M Featherston

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Steven Neau to: bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

12/06/2010 12:08 PM

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 proposed "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

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trail

holly marin to: bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

12/06/2010 12:20 PM

PLEASE VOTE FOR THE **ORIGINAL TRAILS** **RESOLUTION**

THANK

HOLLY AND ALAN MARIN

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Trails priority use resolution

Emogene Marbut to: bosone

12/06/2010 12:29 PM

Supervisor John Knight,

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.) 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 vote

Alan or Rosemary Cooksey to: Bosone

12/06/2010 12:36 PM

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

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Original Trails Resolution

Karin Root to: bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

12/06/2010 12:42 PM

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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Trails Vote Tomorrow

Maggie Bush at Madrona Vineyards to: bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour,
bosfive

12/06/2010 12:49 PM

Dear Board Of Supervisors,

Please vote for the Original Trails Resolution "A" without changes. We want the Trails Resolution that will make the Multi-use, class-one biking, hiking and equestrian trail a priority.

We are very excited to hear about the possibilities of more trails in El Dorado County making it an even better place to live and work.

Sincerely,

Maggie & Paul Bush

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ORIGINAL TRAIL RESOLUTION "A", WITHOUT JACK SWEENEY'S CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

Mike Dalforno to: bosone

12/06/2010 01:09 PM

Dear Mr. Knight,

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.

Sincerely,

Mike Dalforno

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rails to trails

Heidi Napier to: bosone

12/06/2010 01:11 PM

I am AGAINST Jack Sweeney's changes to resolution A. I am a member of Team Revolutions, the Tea Party and Republican Women's group. Making a multiuse trail like the American River Trail would be a great boost to our county. Check out the rails to trails in Wisconsin; they are great. I will work to unseat any of you that vote for an excursion train on those old rails.

Heidi Napier
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Cameron Park

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Rails, Trails and Priorities

Charlie Downs to: 'bosone@edcgov.us', 'bostwo@edcgov.us',
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12/06/2010 01:52 PM

Dear El Dorado County Supervisors,

I wanted to express my support for making the trail use the highest priority on the SPTC corridor, WITHOUT condition. While certainly an excursion train would be an asset for the region it continues to support the notion that El Dorado County is nothing more than a place one goes for historical reference, recreation and entertainment. I am not advocating dismissing the train idea but I do question its viability and strongly support an idea that has been advancing incrementally for decades. Conditioning the trail would impede its implementation. It seems the trail linked to other trail networks as a regional asset is low hanging fruit. It is easily achievable by comparison and can generate a lot of support both locally, regionally and nationally as opposed to a private business venture.

Having great assets for our residents as well as visitors is a path to better community particularly as it relates to business attraction and retention. Certainly the many high tech companies that are currently located in Folsom as part of their site selection process took recreational assets into consideration. The economic leakage we experience as a county to Folsom and other communities has more to do with a commuting work force than anything. A focus on betterment of community with such things as a regional trail that will gain national attention can help serve as an attraction and reinforce the fact our county is a great place to live and work.

Again please consider support for making the trail use the highest priority on the SPTC corridor, WITHOUT condition.

Thank you and best regards,

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 **Trails Resolution**

AguilarK to: bosone

12/06/2010 02:05 PM

Supervisor Knight:

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. Many people, including myself, use the trail regularly. There are three miles of track for the excursion train. Please vote for the original Trails Resolution. Thank you, Karin Aguilar

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

Cindy Smith to: bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

12/06/2010 02:15 PM

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

Sincerely,
Cindy A. Smith
El Dorado County registered voter & taxpayer

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El Dorado Hills Trail decision

Van Saun, Mark T to:

12/06/2010 02:16 PM

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