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To all members pf the Board of supervisors for El Dorado County,

After reading The Grand Jury Report, 2009-2010, Case No. GJ 09-013, I feel impelled to send this letter. I am appalled at the lack of responsibility that you have taken in regard to the purchase of land for the Animal Shelter and the attached expenditures that go along with it. It appears that your goal is not to plan for what's best for the county, but that what will line the pockets of "friends". It's no wonder our financial state is in the mess that it is in.

Please do all you can to overcome this embarrassing contract and help put some of our trust back in our local government, by disapproving the Animal shelter plan.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Parker



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## ANIMAL SHELTER IMPROPRIETY

1 message

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**Mardi** <mm@internet49.com>

**Mon, Feb 27, 2012 at 5:47 AM**

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

To the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

RE: Animal shelter and improper use of taxpayer dollars

I am shocked to learn that this project is even being considered! To spend millions of tax payer's dollars to construct roads for the benefit of one individual and his private development is absurd and obscene to say the least. At most it is malfeasance.

There are many properties in this county, with existing access, owned by tax paying citizens who would gladly sell. You would save millions of dollars and you could place the animal shelter in a more central location which would greatly benefit both people and the animals.

You have been placed in a position of trust and responsibility to represent the best interests of all the people of El Dorado County. Not just one.

Please reconsider and do what is right.

Mardi Morris  
P.O. Box 416  
El Dorado, CA 95623



Cindy Johnson &lt;cynthia.johnson@edcgov.us&gt;

## County Animal Shelter Corrupt Dealings

1 message

drboylan &lt;drboylan@sbcglobal.net&gt;

Sun, Feb 26, 2012 at 4:05 PM

To: JohnKnightBOSDistr1 <bosone@co.el-dorado.ca.us>, RayNuttingBOSDistr2 <bostwo@co.el-dorado.ca.us>, JackSweeneyBOSDistr3 <bosthree@co.el-dorado.ca.us>, RonBriggsBOSDistr4 <bosfour@co.el-dorado.ca.us>, NormaSantiagoBOSDistr5 - EDC <bosfive@co.el-dorado.ca.us>, BOSSecty1SuzanneAllendeSanchezMPA <suzanne.allendesanch@edcgov.us>, "BOSSecty2CynthiaJohnson (cynthiajohnson@edcgov.us)" <cynthia.johnson@edcgov.us>

Board of Supervisors,

The proposed Western Slope County Animal Shelter contract is an illegal, immoral, and corrupt nine-million-dollar boondoggle that must not be approved.

An illegal conflict of interest exists which vitiates the project.

As the Grand Jury has noted,

""The Board of Supervisor's decision regarding the selection of the location for the Animal Control Shelter and the method of construction were strongly influenced by one Supervisor [Sweeney]. According to authoritative sources with direct knowledge, that Supervisor "drove the bus". (Findings #8)

"The Board of Supervisors authorized the purchase of a parcel owned by a **friend of one Supervisor**." [Shinn] (Reason for Report #1)

"The 2006 Board of Supervisors, ..... , **overstepped their involvement in the details of the negotiation and construction of the structure**. The County had staff expertise in the area of real estate acquisition, negotiation and construction. The Board should have deferred to their expertise and taken an impartial posture. Instead, because of their close involvement in the details, an aura of **conflict of interest** has been created and **serious ethical questions** have been raised." (Recommendations #6)

"The purchase agreement required the County to build a road and water lines at a cost of approximately \$1.5 million. (Reason for Report #3)" Now it is up to \$2 million?

"The **County Counsel's office...made a glaring omission** by neglecting to insert an "escape clause" (Findings #11) "Currently the County has to build the road "...even if the County does not build the Animal Control Shelter on the 10-acre parcel."

Stop this boondoggle now.

in the light,

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## Shinn Ranch Road Construction and Animal Shelter

1 message

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**Amy L. Sellers** <sellersmom1@sbcglobal.net>

**Tue, Feb 28, 2012 at 12:14 PM**

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear Supervisors,

In any economic climate, one of the duties of the supervisors to use the taxpayer's money as efficiently as possible to achieve the approved goals of the county. In today's economy it is even more important that we be frugal and fiscally responsible. We cannot afford to pay more than is necessary for land, pay more than our share of improvements, or give away easements so that others may profit at the expense of the taxpayers.

I think development is great, but they should do it at their own risk, and expense, since it is the developers who will profit. Investors who purchase land without roads and amenities, presumably for a favorable price, they need to bear the cost of putting in the roads and water for their personal or for profit projects.

Thank you for being good stewards of our county resources and not taking on debt that burdens our future.

Sincerely,

Amy Sellers

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Cindy Johnson &lt;cynthia.johnson@edcgov.us&gt;

## Fwd: No to Proceeding With Proposed Animal Shelter Project

1 message

The BOSTWO <bostwo@edcgov.us>  
 To: Cindy Johnson <cynthia.johnson@edcgov.us>

Wed, Feb 29, 2012 at 9:55 AM

C,  
 Do you have this one?

Thank you,

Ray Nutting  
 El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
 530) 621-5651

—— Forwarded message ——

From: mary dohnke <maryinthehills@wildblue.net>

Date: Mon, Feb 27, 2012 at 9:00 AM

Subject: No to Proceeding With Proposed Animal Shelter Project

To: [suzanne.allendesanchez@edcgov.us](mailto:suzanne.allendesanchez@edcgov.us)

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February 27, 2012

TO: Supervisor John Knight, Dist. 1  
 Supervisor Ray Nutting, Dist. 2  
 Supervisor Jack Sweeney, Dist. 3  
 Supervisor Ron Briggs, Dist. 4  
 Supervisor Norma Santiago, Dist. 5  
 Clerk to the Board Suzanne Allen de Sanchez

**RE: Vote No to proceeding with the Animal Shelter project as proposed.**

I first became aware of the proposal for the relocated animal shelter during a discussion at the EDC Taxpayers Association. There was a lively debate with opposing views expressed. Since then I have researched the project and have made the following conclusion: **I oppose this project as currently planned.**

In studying a map of the project area I was left with unanswered questions. As a taxpayer who expects fiscal responsibility from our elected officials, I ask the following:

- 1) Since the shortest distance between 2 points is a straight line, was the 30' easement to the west of the project area considered as the entrance to the animal shelter? If not, why not?
- 2) If extending public water to accommodate the animal shelter, could the water line not run along the 30' easement?
- 3) What was the reason for abandoning the first proposal for a road in favor of a second, larger, more circuitous road?
- 4) In the renegotiated road, what is the purpose of the dead end 'appendage' at the point where the road takes a right turn?

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- 5) I understand there is an 8" water line planned to service the animal shelter. At first glance that certainly seems excessive. However, I can understand the forward planning of the county to bring an adequate supply of water for future development in the area. My question is, will the taxpayers be reimbursed for the cost of the 8" water line at a time in the future if/when it is used to develop private property?
- 6) Is there funding available for the animal shelter? If not, will the road and water line be put on hold until such a time that the funds are secured?

I urge you to deny proceeding with this project until these and other questions can be satisfactorily answered for myself and other taxpayers of El Dorado County.

Respectfully,  
Mary Dohnke  
Diamond Springs

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