

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

August 23, 2012

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Re: Iowa Hill Joint Advisory Committee

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Dear Supervisors:

In his letter of resignation as Co-Chair of the Iowa Hill Joint Advisory Committee (IHJAC), dated July 26, 2012, Supervisor Sweeney requests that Supervisor Briggs replace him as the County representative on that Committee. He cites his reason for his early resignation as "That Committee will soon start discussing the newly proposed Generaton Facility below Slab Creek Reservoir." It must be pointed out that the charge of the IHJAC, as per the El Dorado-SMUD Cooperation Agreement, is as follows: "receive public input and to develop reasonable and feasible measures to substantially mitigate the impacts of activities related to the construction of the Iowa Hill Development on the surrounding communities and existing infrastructure." SMUD has stated emphatically that the newly proposed powerhouse is not a part of the Iowa Hill Development. Therefore, the IHJAC has no authority to recommend mitigation measures relative to this project and will not have that authority unless SMUD and the County agree to amend that document. The duty of the IHJAC, therefore, has been and continues to be to monitor each construction component of the Iowa Hill Development as SMUD releases the details of those many components.

During the last six-plus years the IHJAC has held dozens of public meetings at which time the local citizens have expressed their concerns regarding this massive project. Supervisor Briggs has attended very few, if any, of these meetings and, therefore, is lacking in the background to adequately carry out the wishes of those who will be most affected. In that regard, it must be pointed out that no portion of the Iowa Hill Development is within District 4 boundaries and no impacts due to construction traffic, noise, dust, safety or socia-economic disruption will effect the constituents of District 4. That is not to say that there will be no impacts that will effect the residents of Mosquito, but only that by far the bulk of impacts will greatly effect those who live in Camino/Apple Hill. In addition, Supervisor Briggs, in two separate meetings with local groups, has expressed his opinion that the County has agreed to support the construction, not just the FERC License application, of the Iowa Hill Development even though the County has yet to review and comment on any of the impacts that will surely occur. This misquided opinion would make it almost impossible for Supervisor Briggs to objectively assess the as-yet-to-be-defined impacts and to champion appropriate mitigation measures.

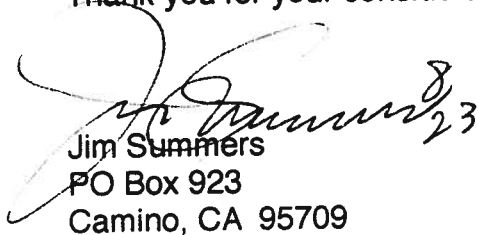
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The net result of the appointment of Supervisor Briggs as Co-Chair of the IHJAC will be that those who will be most affected by the construction of this Development, dollar-wise the largest single project ever undertaken in El Dorado County, will be without a County representative who is accountable to the constituents of the District in which the project will occur. I can't imagine any Supervisor agreeing to that occurring in his/her own district.

Finally, with the knowledge that there has not been a meeting of the IHJAC for over a year and that SMUD has stated the release of Iowa Hill construction component details is at least two years away, and with all due respect to Supervisors Sweeney and Briggs, I request the Board consider the following two options:

1. Table the appointment of Supervisor Sweeney's replacement until after the November District 3 election, or:
2. Appoint Supervisor Briggs as the IHJAC Co-Chair Pro-Tem, with the new District 3 Supervisor taking over that position in January of 2013.

Thank you for your consideration.

  
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## Fwd: August 28, 2012 Agenda Item #26

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Thank you.

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Dear Chair John R. Knight,

I wish to address Item #26 on the August 28, 2012 Board of Supervisors Agenda. The meeting agenda states that Supervisor Sweeney is requesting the Board accept his resignation from the Iowa Hill Joint Advisory Committee (IHJAC), and recommending the Board appoint Supervisor Briggs to the Committee.

I am a member of the Iowa Hill Joint Advisory Committee (IHJAC) and live in District 3. The IHJAC last met in October 2011 and prior to that I believe the previous meeting was in 2008. The meeting frequency used to be on a regular basis as Members of the IHJAC were advised of the areas of impact regarding the proposed Iowa Hill project and received updates on key areas to allow committee and public input, discussion and recommendations. During the NEPA and CEQA process, I specifically asked Supervisor Sweeney at an IHJAC meeting if El Dorado County was going to review and respond to the environmental documents during the review period and his reply was that El Dorado County would have to hire a consultant to do so and they were not going to do that. Consequently, El Dorado County government did not respond to the environmental impacts that were identified for this massive project involving 5 years of heavy construction. I subsequently came to your Board of Supervisors meeting along with other District #3 residents to ask why El Dorado County did not respond to the CEQA document during the review period. We received no answer. Our requests to put that topic on your agenda went unanswered. Now, Supervisor Sweeney requests to resign and put another Board Member that does not represent the residents in the affected district to take his place on the IHJAC. Since I live in District #3, ***I am very concerned about what is going on.***

On July 18, 2012 SMUD conducted a Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m. with final action by the SMUD Board of Directors on July 19, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. to "Complete the remaining SMUD requirements under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the relicensing of the Upper American River Project (UARP): (1) approve an Addendum to the CEQA Supplemental Analysis; (2) adopt Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations; (3) adopt the Mitigation and Monitoring Report; (4) Approve the Project; and (5) authorizing a filing a Notice of Determination". No IHJAC meeting was called to address, update, or discuss this significant step; i.e. **SMUD APPROVING THE IOWA HILL PROJECT.** WHY?

On July 17, 2012, (just one day before the SMUD Committee Meeting and two days prior to SMUD approving the Iowa Hill Project) the Members of the IHJAC received an email from the two Co-Chairs of the IHJAC, Jim Shetler, a retired Assistant GM for SMUD and Jack Sweeney, District #3 Member of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, stating that they "believe the best time for an update meeting of the IHJAC would be the second half of August 2012". **THAT MEETING DATE WAS AFTER SMUD APPROVES THE IOWA HILL PROJECT AND THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE FILING OF THE NOTICE OF DETERMINATION!** Other IHJAC Members were not consulted; only the two Co-Chairs made this decision. ***I am very concerned about what is going on.***

As a District #3 resident, a Member of the Iowa Hill Action Committee, a Member of the IHJAC, President of the Southfork Ranch

Homeowner's Association located in the impact area of the Iowa Hill project, I am asking for more clarification, transparency and involvement by El Dorado County government in relation to the Iowa Hill project and the other proposed SMUD project(s) to be located in our community. I love living in Camino and the Apple Hill area and am very concerned about impacts to our community as a result of the construction of the Iowa Hill project and other SMUD projects, including long-term construction in an EXTREME FIRE RISK designated area. In talking to other residents in the area, they feel the same way. My recommendation for Item #26 on your agenda is that your Board designate a Board Member on an interim basis who would provide the impacted residents with open, timely, and complete representation on behalf of the County of El Dorado. Further, I recommend the permanent replacement of Jack Sweeney's role on the IHJAC be the new Board Member for District #3 following the upcoming election, effective upon the beginning of his term of office.

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