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What I find unacceptable in this SACOG MOU is the generous use of "Sustainable Development" as a measure of acceptability for future planning. Calling a project "Sustainable" is just putting a happy face on government control.

A land-use plan adopted by the government gives the government, not the property owner, the right to decide how the land may be used. Under a "Sustainable" land-use plan, the owner must ask permission to use his own land and permission is granted or denied based on how the project conforms to the "Sustainable" policies.

This gives government the benefit of land ownership while leaving the responsibility of paying property taxes on that land to its rightful owner. In effect, this is a type of property confiscation without due compensation.

Because of Regional land-use plans that go beyond Transportation coordination, I object to El Dorado County joining SACOG's Consortium.

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