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Board of Supervisors  
County of El Dorado  
330 Fair Lane  
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Re: Sundance Supplement

Dear Board Members;

I have just received the proposed findings from Mr. Trout. In response, a couple of points need to be raised. First, in determining whether a fair argument can be made that the project may have a significant impact on the environment the Board would need to examine the evidence in the record.

The proposed findings state that the evidence is "uncertain" regarding impacts on the groundwater. I respectfully disagree. The conclusion of "no impacts" is supported by: 1) two expert reports submitted by the applicant's consultants, Holdrege & Kull dated October 28, 2008 and February 14, 2012 and 2) the expert testimony of County staff. The only contrary evidence is that offered by Mr. Bennett. However, Mr. Bennett's testimony was submitted as a non-expert. The matter of groundwater capacity is a technical issue that is not subject to casual observation and substantial evidence must consist of expert testimony. Again, Mr. Bennett did not submit his report in his professional capacity as such was not sealed and stamped as required by law Bus and Prof Code 6735). Accordingly, such testimony must be rejected (See Porterville Citizens for Responsible Hillside Development v. City of Porterville (2007), 157 CA4th 885; Bowman v. City of Berkeley (2004) 122 CA4th 572; Pala Band of Mission Indians v. County of San Diego (1998) 68 CA4th 556). Therefore, the only evidence in the record concludes that the proposed project will not have a significant impact on the environment.

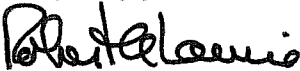
As to the additional proposed findings regarding impacts to infrastructure and the neighborhood, it is simply noted that the proposed project is of a density that is less than

or equal to the adjacent neighborhood. The evidence in the record concludes, without contest, that "infrastructure" would not be negatively impacted.

It is understood that much of rural development in the County is served by wells. It is also understood that as Mr. Sanford testified, wells in a fractured rock setting are sometimes challenging, highly dependent upon the specific location and setting of the property involved. The issue of lands served by wells is a County-wide issue, not one particular to the subject property. If the County has a problem with the approval of this project then it must be concluded any future rural development to be served by wells must likewise be barred and that must include irrigated agricultural development.

For the reasons noted above, it is respectfully requested that the proposed findings be rejected and the project approved based upon the proposed findings forwarded by the Planning Commission. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Laurie". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.

ROBERT A. LAURIE