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Please Request Meetings on Frogs and Toads!

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Do not go blindly into this major action.

Respectfully,

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mueller, RCDD, DCCA, DSCE

EL	DORADO	COUNTY	RESOLUTION #	

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN EL DORADO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
DUE TO DEGRADED FOREST CONDITIONS AND IMMINENT THREAT FROM
CATASTROPHIC FIRES AND EXTREME DROUGHT

WHEREAS

- It is the responsibility and within the scope of authority of the Board of Supervisors of El Dorado County ("County") to exercise powers necessary and proper to protect public safety, health, promote public prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of the inhabitants of County pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of laws of this State; and
- The Board of Supervisors of County is required to exercise those powers necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health, and promote the prosperity and welfare of County in appropriate instances; and
- The County Sheriffs Office has an obligation to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents and visitors of County; and that existing state and local laws are not being routinely followed on federally managed forest lands in County; and
- Federal laws (e.g. the National Environmental Policy Act, etc.) and regulations contain reciprocal requirements concerning cooperation, consultation and coordination by Federal agencies with state and local governments and such cooperation has not been forthcoming; and
- County forests threaten the health, safety, welfare, and prosperity of County residents, families, and businesses due to federal mismanagement driven by ill-advised environmental policies; and
- Multiple-Use Management, Timber Sales and Livestock Grazing are being curtailed due to federal mismanagement driven by ill-advised environmental policies to the point of causing greatly diminished health to our forests, and catastrophic health, safety, welfare and economic affects to County residents, businesses, lives, and property;

NOW THEREFORE, HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED that

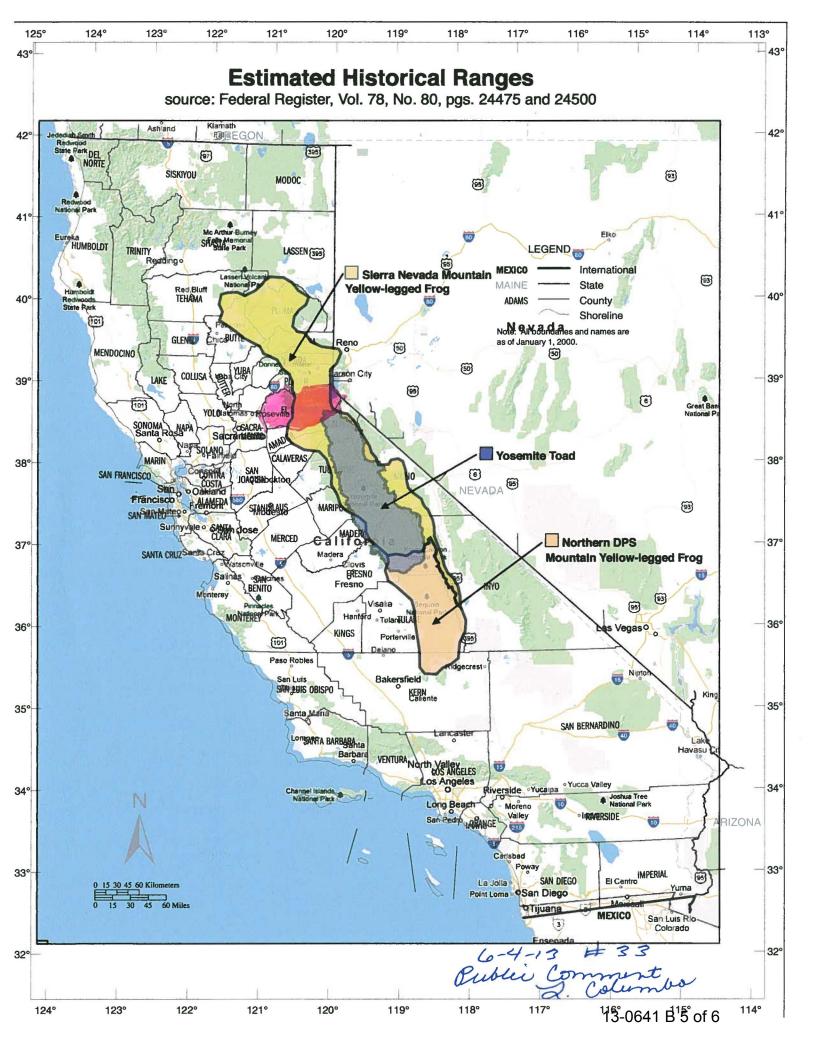
 The County Board of Supervisors declares a State of Emergency and Disaster to exist in and around the County's communities; and

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- The County Board of Supervisors hereby formally demands that State and Federal officials take immediate action to eliminate hazardous conditions in and around the County's communities; and
- The County Board of Supervisors, invoking the inherent police powers of the state, hereby formally gives notice to all relevant State and Federal officials that pursuant to its duty outlined above—after consulting with the State Forester and the Regional United States Forester, taking surveys, holding those public hearings as may be necessary, and developing a plan to mitigate the effects of the disaster, and as a county in which a disaster has been declared—we intend to unilaterally take such actions as are necessary to clear and thin undergrowth and to remove or log trees within the area of the disaster, and to assess all attendant costs to those agencies charged with wise management of our forests and whose neglect has caused the dangerous conditions therein; and
- This Resolution be called immediately to the attention of the Secretary of Agriculture, California's Congressional Delegation, Governor Brown, the California Legislature, and the California Division of Emergency Management; and
- The Governor of the State of California and the California Division of Emergency Management are hereby called upon in the name of the State of California to declare a State of Emergency and Disaster in the County and its national forests effected by severe drought conditions, high fire danger and actual or potential catastrophic losses caused by wild fires; and
- United States Forest Service personnel are hereby called upon to immediately respond to the communication, consultation and coordination with, and provide immediate notification to, County of all their activities, programs, planning, NEPA processes etc. having as their object to abate fire and flooding dangers in County; and
- The County Board of Supervisors calls upon the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Congress, the California Legislature, and the California Governor's office to immediately provide emergency funding to accomplish tree thinning, timber sales, dead tree removal, fuel-load reduction and livestock grazing to protect affected areas from catastrophic wildfire; and
- The County Board of Supervisors calls on State and Federal officials to immediately coordinate a meeting to address the issues raised by this resolution; and
- The County Board of Supervisors calls upon the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Congress to conduct an investigation to determine why the requirements of County, State and Federal ordinances, laws and regulations are not being routinely followed in relation to public safety, recreation, wildfire and economic issues of County forest lands and other federally managed lands.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on [date].

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ELDORADO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
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ATTEST:
[name] Clerk of the Board





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SAVE YOUR COUNTY

The future of California's Sierra Nevada counties is being decided right now. These are your counties, but they won't be under your control unless you act now. Heed the warnings of Siskiyou County's <u>Frank Tallerico</u> and <u>Tom Wetter</u> as to the severe economic consequences of inaction.

HERE'S HOW

▶ Defeat The Frogs and Toads Listing The Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to close off 2 MILLION more acres of California's forests (an area 30% larger than Delaware) that span 14 counties (Alpine, Amador, El Dorado, Fresno, Inyo, Madera, Mariposa, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sierra, Tulare, and Tuolumne) and 9 national forests. *Reference:* information and map, overview, talking points, article 1, article 2.

- ACTION: Challenge the <u>Listing</u> and the <u>Habitat Designation</u>. The science is clear: virus, herbicides like Roundup, and trout are the problem. Habitat is neither the problem nor the solution. In addition, a listing is not necessary as current regulatory measures are adequate.
- ACTION: Request a public meeting and hearing in each county. June 10 is the submission deadline. Here is a template.
- ACTION: Jointly fund a professionally written response, which must contain "substantive commentary" to be legally binding. June 24 is the submission deadline. Here is an example.

▶ Reopen The Forests The most direct path to restoring county prosperity and services is to keep open, or reopen, the forests to prudent commercial forest management. This also preserves recreational uses, and adds 1 million acre-feet of water to California's water supply for agricultural and ecological use.

 ACTION: Each county Board to pass 2 resolutions <u>Declaring of a state of emergency</u> and <u>Authorizing</u> the reopening of closed forest roads.

▶Vote Down the Next Economy The Next Economy is a proposal to turn the economic planning of El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties over to Sacramento-based "stakeholders," to be funded in part by local bonds. The People will pay, but have no say.

ACTION: Vote down the Next Economy. Here is the complete analysis.

▶ Create A Permanent Defense It should be obvious to everyone, the attack on Rural America will not end. Yet, the counties have done little to recognize this threat, and thus remain on the defensive.

• ACTION: Each county, jointly or severally, to hire a qualified professional to monitor all upcoming federal and state actions, and prepare responses, working with the county supervisors and sheriffs.

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