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Fwd: El Dorado Ranch

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Dear County Clerk, sorry for the late response, please consider this letter from El Dorado Chapter of TU in support of El Dorado Ranch.

Best Regards

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El Dorado County Board of Supervisors C/O Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Re; El Dorado Ranch Phase 1B Purchase, 09.16.2014 Agenda

Trout Unlimited is writing in support of the purchase of the El Dorado Ranch on the Upper Cosumnes River and its development as a trails park. Acquisition of these 1,080 acres along the Cosumnes River would greatly expand access to the river and surrounding landscape. This area is heavily used at present but public access is limited and facilities are nonexistent. Introduction of the park would enable greater control of the use and users in the region.

The American River Conservancy proposes a park structure much like that existing in the Cronan Ranch on the American River beyond Lotus. The landscape is very similar to the Cronan Ranch with over 2 miles of river frontage and broad oak woodland plateaus with great views of the Sacramento Valley and Mount Diablo in the distance. Hikers, runners, anglers, birdwatchers, mountain bikers and equestrians, use Cronan Ranch. Everyone seems to enjoy the broad river canyon vistas and the staff of ARC receives a steady flow of comments describing happy outings and wildlife encounters. Repetition of this model on the Cosumnes will enhance the availability of these opportunities in a region with limited access.

Establishment of the park would also provide for restoration and preservation of the habitat including the important Cosumnes River. Volunteer organizations in the region are available to assist in the development and maintenance of this desirable asset.

Please support the development of this park with your actions on September 16.

Sincerely,

Bernhard Bahro/s/

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