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Dear Board Members:

I represent Sierra Pacific Industries, which owns timberland in El Dorado County. Nearly two years ago I got involved with the EDAC Regulatory Reform Sub-Committee. This initial involvement led to me accepting the task of Chairperson for the EDAC Regulatory Reform Sub-Committee on Natural Resources. It is in this capacity I am writing to ask you to support the release of the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the targeted El Dorado County General Plan update and Zone Ordinance update (Project).

The release of the NOP will allow for the EIR analysis of the proposed Project to move forward in an open and organized fashion and more importantly provide an open platform for alternatives to the Project to be developed and analyzed in this public process.

The proper functioning of the General Plan and a Zone Ordinance that reflects the goals and policies of the general plan is the cornerstone for defining the range of opportunities found in El Dorado County, whether it's economic, social, recreational, or another quality of life standard. The general plan update is now 3 years overdue and the update to the zone ordinance is 7 years overdue. The planning effort to get to this point in the planning process has been a slow, publicly open and iterative process. The effort thus far to improve upon the existing general plan and update the zone ordinance, by members of the community, planning staff, and the Board of Supervisors has been significant. Releasing the NOP will move this process forward and represents yet one more iterative step necessary for the public to engage in the process, develop alternatives, and begin the hard work of analyzing both the project and those alternatives suggested by the public. Ultimately the EIR analysis of the proposed Project and alternatives developed during the NOP will provide, those of you with the responsibility to make important land use decisions, exactly what you'll need, information.

Thank you for your support of this important planning effort by releasing the NOP of the EIR that will analyze the Project and its alternatives.

Sincerely,



Cedric Twight  
Chairperson, Natural Resources Regulatory Reform Sub-Committee