

Attention:
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Supervisor Ron Briggs, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

I am writing in support of the Land Use Programmatic Policy Update, a process that has been supported by hundreds of volunteers for over four years.

As a member of the Community and Economic Advisory Committee and also its Regulatory Reform sub-committee, I have participated in this effort for that entire time. After almost 40 years in this county, I have never seen a more inclusive group of people developing proposals that can immeasurably improve El Dorado County.

My initial hesitation to participate in these discussions was instantly overcome by the diversity of those involved and the sincere willingness to hear all sides of every issue. The wisdom of the whole was how decisions were made. This way of looking at issues proved to be the best possible way to come to excellent conclusions. But not participating most certainly is not an excuse for wanting things differently now.

The thought that at this late date possibly changing course would be considered is beyond belief. After years of presentations before the Board of Supervisors and with their continuing unanimous support of the LUPPU process and its proposals, what could possibly have changed? This is an affront to all the thousands of volunteer hours from hundreds of people. What could possibly negate all the positive votes by the Supervisors?

The results of this monumental volunteer effort are many. A Zoning Ordinance that was decades out of date was finally brought into compliance with our General Plan. That effort alone brought together every possible segment of the county to discuss what should be considered for a vote of the Supervisors. The few General Plan amendments are aligned with what was considered the minimum changes needed. The citizens voted for this General Plan and we must abide by that choice. This is our General Plan!

Resolutions of Intention from the Board that had been sitting on the shelf waiting to be implemented were combined with other aspects of LUPPU. Other items were wisely combined together in this EIR. The inability to "get anything done" before was shown to be the short-sighted linear approach to needed changes. Try to do things individually and you will soon find out that it is too costly and never gets done.

I strongly ask the Supervisors to remember what they have said for four years. Do you really believe your reasoned response to LUPPU has suddenly been shown to be wrong? I think not. This programmatic approach is a first and vital step in getting a General Plan that works for the people.

Sincerely,
Maryann Argyres
Camino



Re: EID Bass Lake Property Zoning, EDHSP Village R

1 message

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Fri, Sep 27, 2013 at 2:39 PM

Thank you.

Kitty Miller on behalf of
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On Mon, Sep 23, 2013 at 5:08 PM, <hpkp@aol.com> wrote:

Good Afternoon:

Attached is our letter of concern regarding the proposed LUPPU rezoning of the Bass Lake EID property in El Dorado Hills.

Kathy Prevost
Vice President
Bass Lake Action Committee

TO:

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

Ron Mikulaco/District 1, Ray Nutting/District 2, Brian Veerkamp/District 3, Ron Briggs/District 4, Norma Santiago/District 5, and Shawna Purvines, El Dorado County Senior Planner

It has recently come to our attention that the parcel listed as 115-400-12, at 3240 Bass Lake Road, which contains Bass lake and is owned by the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID), is proposed to be rezoned under the El Dorado County Land Use Policy Programmatic Update (LUPPU) from its current status as RF - Recreation with a land usage of AP - Adopted Plan, to RH - Recreation - High Usage zoning which allows property to be used for recreational activities with high concentrations of people, such as sports fields, sports complexes, recreational parks, and amusement parks.

We believe this proposed zoning change would be in direct contravention to the El Dorado Hills Specific Plan (EDHSP), which specifically designates the EID Bass Lake parcel as permanently dedicated to open space and low-impact recreation.

The EID Bass Lake property is designated as Village R in the EDHSP. According to the EDHSP, "Village 'R' constitutes 157 acres of the El Dorado irrigation District's (EID) Bass lake water reservoir and water treatment facility. Once used as a recreation area, the lake and the surrounding properties are no longer available for public use. . . . The lake and the surrounding properties also constitute an additional area of permanent open space "..... (EDHSP, page 35).

The EDHSP Design Guidelines provide, in reference to open space: "(a) Natural open space, as designated in the Specific Plan, will be preserved in perpetuity in an essentially unaltered condition. (b) No development will occur in these areas except for maintenance, fire protection, trails, and permitted uses. (c) Use will be restricted to such activities as jogging, hiking, and horseback riding, where the impact on the natural environment will be minimal." (EDHSP, page B-12).

Therefore it appears that this restriction prohibits using any of the dedicated natural open space in the EDHSP, including Village R, for high recreational use.

The neighborhoods and the residents of the Bass Lake area, including Green Springs Ranch, would no doubt object strenuously to any use of the EID Bass Lake property other than use as natural open space.

Therefore we urge that the LUPPU process not change the zoning of the EID Bass lake property from its current status of RF - Recreation with a land usage of AP - Adopted Plan
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Sincerely,

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