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RE: El Dorado County Joint Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan

Dear:

On November 6, 2006 the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors directed the Development Services Department (DSD) to work with Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) to prepare a work plan for the preparation of the El Dorado County Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP). The INRMP, mandated by the 2004 General Plan, Policy 2.4.2.8, will also include all components necessary to meet the requirements of a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) and a Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP) under the California Natural Community Conservation Planning Act (NCCP Act). The General Plan (Policy 7.4.2.8) requires that the INRMP be developed and implemented within five years. The INRMP must include a habitat inventory, habitat protection strategy, mitigation assistance, habitat acquisition, habitat management, monitoring, public participation, and funding components.

In response to the Board of Supervisors' direction, the Development Services Department worked with SAIC to prepare a draft Work Plan, Schedule and Budget to prepare the INRMP/HCP/NCCP. The project process is based upon a vision that will result in a conservation plan and implementing strategy that is unique in California while potentially surpassing the statutory requirements of applicable federal and state laws. The work plan is aggressive and anticipates completion of the INRMP/HCP/NCCP by July 2010, with optional permitting tasks to follow. The Work Plan, Schedule and Budget are posted on the Development Services Department/Planning Services web-site under the heading Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (<http://www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/Planning/GeneralPlanINRMP.html>).

The Board of Supervisors has scheduled a public hearing for January 23, 2007, to consider the draft Work Plan, Schedule, and Budget. It is important to the Board to hear from you about the level of interest and the degree of participation that your agency has in working in partnership

with the County on this important effort. I would appreciate receiving a written response from you concerning the INRMP/HCP/NCCP process, your comments on the draft Work Plan and your interest in participating with the County as a partner in this process prior to the Board hearing. Please direct your correspondence to Gregory Fuz, Development Services Director, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA 95667 or by email at greg.fuz@co.el-dorado.ca.us.

Sincerely,

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Planning Commission
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