June 30, 2008

Supervisor Ron Briggs, District IV El Dorado County Board of Supervisors 330 Fair Lane Placerville, CA 95667 2000 JUL 21 PH 1:07

Re: The Purchase of Carriage Hill (20 Acres) for Inclusion within the Pine Hill Ecological Preserve (El Dorado County APN's: 070-261-77, -79, -80 and -81)

Dear Supervisor Briggs:

Enclosed, please find the following documents:

- a letter dated May 01, 2008 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service identifying the "Carriage Hill" property as one of two properties with the highest priority ranking for acquisition and inclusion within the Pine Hill Ecological Preserve;
- 2) a map identifying the "Carriage Hill" property location;
- 3) a fully executed Agreement of Purchase and Sale for the subject Carriage Hill property;
- 4) a copy of the Preliminary Title Report for the subject Carriage Hill property;
- 5) a copy of the Appraisal Report for the subject Carriage Hill property conducted by Christopher P. Ferguson and dated June 18, 2008; and,
- 6) a table listing the state and federal status of the 5 species found on the subject Carriage Hill property.

The owner of the Carriage Hill property, CA Cameron Park LP, has agreed to sell this property for the appraised fair market value of \$3,320,000. El Dorado County has in excess of \$4 million dollars within its rare plant mitigation account, available for rare plant habitat acquisitions.

May I respectfully request that this acquisition project be placed on the next available agenda of the EI Dorado County Board of Supervisors. The American River Conservancy proposes that the subject Carriage Hill property be acquired entirely with funds provided by EI Dorado County and that this property be integrated into Cameron Park Unit of the Pine Hill Preserve for management as gabbro soils rare plant habitat and for the recovery of the five special status species found on this subject property.

El Dorado County may choose to retain ownership of the property at close of escrow or transfer the property to the federal Bureau of Land Management. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this project or if I might provide you with any additional materials.

Sincerely,

Alan Ehrgott

**Executive Director** 

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