

Shingle Springs has been fighting for the last several years to maintain its identity as a peaceful community of homes and ranches on acreage. That is how a majority of residents see ourselves. There is a clear trail of how we've tried to work with staff and you, the Board of Supervisors, to help us memorialize that identity, as required in the General Plan. For some reason, we have been unsuccessful due to resistance from staff and the Board. That needs to stop right now with you, our new board.

One of the most poignant statements that was made during our struggles was by Art Marinaccio. He said that it is imperative that the Board of Supervisors maintain their land use authority in El Dorado County. At the time, I didn't see his point. But now I do.

You have an obligation to the residents of El Dorado County to maintain your land use authority in order to protect public health and safety, to protect each and every one of us from harm, and to ensure that we are free to enjoy our property without being harassed by our neighbors.

Residents in your communities have been working diligently to research ways for our Board of Supervisors to fight against the County's loss of land use authority. So far all we have seen is that staff has been directed to work with the Tribal Council on processing their application for this project. When are you going to direct staff to work with the residents to fight against our loss of authority to protect the public from harm? Are you simply going to roll over and let this happen? Where will it end?

We have questions that need answers. Are you collaborating with the Tribal Council rather than the public because of the mitigation they are paying the County? Your purpose is to protect the public from harm, not to sell out the County for the highest bid. History repeats itself. Are you going to negotiate another MOU with the Tribal Council and leave the residents to suffer the consequences? That is what a previous Board did. Is that what you will do?

This agenda item is premature. There are legalities surrounding this parcel that need to be investigated before moving forward on a project that will forever negatively impact El Dorado County. Please postpone this item until the County has done its due diligence in determining what legal avenues are available to stopping this threat to public health and safety and loss of land use authority.