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MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
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June 5, 2015

Supervisor Michael Ranalli  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, Ca 95667

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Re: Mosquito Bridge Project

Dear Supervisor Ranalli,

At the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MFPD board of directors, the directors unanimously voted in support of the attached Mosquito Bridge resolution.

The Mosquito bridge project will have a significant impact on the development of the Mosquito area in the foreseeable future. The bridge option selected must provide the greatest benefit over the projected lifespan of the bridge and it is our belief that the high bridge option offers the most advantages to the county and residents of Mosquito.

One of the key benefits is the reduction in response times for emergency vehicles and mutual aid in both directions. This has a direct impact on quality of life and security within the district. Currently all emergency vehicles enter and exit Mosquito via Rock Creek Road. Normal response times are approximately 45 minutes. The new bridge has the potential to reduce that time by 50%.

Both Rock Creek Rd and Mosquito Rd are subject to rock slides which have closed both roads at times in the past. It is important the new bridge eliminates the potential for rock slides which would isolate Mosquito from the rest of the county.

The Board of Supervisors is recommending fire districts study all options available to ensure long term financial and operational success of the fire service in the County of El Dorado. The new bridge will have a direct impact on the feasibility of the Mosquito Fire District partnering with other districts to achieve economies of scale and possible functional and operational reorganization.

We request that the Board of Supervisors support the high bridge option and utilize their position to accelerate the project's progress.

Ken Joseph  
Mosquito Fire Protection District, President

Resolution No 15-03

**Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Mosquito Fire Protection District Regarding the Replacement of the Mosquito Bridge**

Whereas, the Mosquito Fire Protection District, pursuing the replacement of the Mosquito Bridge over the south fork of the American River, serves the approximate 2200 residents of the Mosquito area and the Swansboro subdivision; and

Whereas, the residents of this district use Mosquito Road, as their main route to and from Placerville an average of 1400 times daily crossing the Mosquito Bridge, a one-lane narrow bridge unable to accommodate vehicles towing trailers and commercial vehicles in excess of 5 tons including ambulances and fire engines; and

Whereas, the volunteer fire department must rely heavily on other fire departments as part of automatic aid agreements for paramedic-equipped ambulances and fire engines to augment responses to medical aid and fire emergencies respectively; and

Whereas, Rock Creek Road, a windy, narrow canyon road is the main route from Placerville to Mosquito is the main thoroughfare for ambulances and fire engines which takes approximately 42 to 45 minutes to navigate, and the construction of a high-level bridge crossing the American River is estimated to reduce this response time to 16 to 19 minutes; and

Whereas, a high-level bridge would reduce evacuation times for residents in the event of another conflagration similar to the 95,000 acre King Fire of September, 2014; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of El Dorado County to promote the construction a functional bridge for its citizens' safety and for the welfare of the county;

Now, therefore, be it and it is hereby resolved by the Board of Directors of the Mosquito Fire Protection District that an expeditious construction of a new Mosquito Bridge is in the best interests of El Dorado County.

The foregoing Resolution was introduced at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mosquito Fire Protection District held on May 26, 2015 by Director Mike Hoffman, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Director Theresa Stuart, and a poll vote taken which stood as follows:

Resolution No. 15-03

AYES: 4  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 1  
ABSTAIN: 0

The motion having a majority of votes "AYE", the resolution was declared to have been adopted, and it was so ordered:

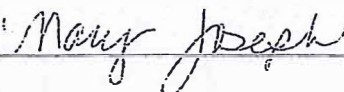


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Ken Joseph, Chairperson

Board of Directors, Mosquito Fire Protection District

ATTEST: Mary Joseph



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Secretary to the Board