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As a resident of El Dorado County in District 4, I am extremely disappointed in learning about the Board's decision to refuse to collect the state surcharge on building permits per Senate Bill 1473.

From my understand, the fee requirements for SB 1473 is minor, only a fee of four dollars (\$4.00) per every hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in building valuation, as determined by the local building official, with a minimum fee of one dollar (\$1.00). In addition, cities and counties may retain up to ten percent (10percent) of the fee to cover related administrative costs and for code enforcement education.

Even more importantly, the fees collected under SB 1473 are minuscule compared to the outcome - green building standards that would help protect our environment and our county's way of life that is dependent on the state of our environment. Because of this reasoning, building developers did not oppose the passage of SB 1473. Yet, this Board has decided to not collect the state surcharge, even risking possible lawsuit and back payment of fees.

As a voter and resident, I question the Board's decision and believe you have failed in your duty to your constituents. I strongly urge the Board to reconsider.

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