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Taxpayer Association Comments on 8/31 Item 3

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Good afternoon Board,

Attached are the Taxpayer Association's recommended considerations on tomorrow'ss Item 3, the appointment of Greg Stanton to assist with the Biomass facility. Thanks.

Andy Nevis

President, Taxpayer Association of El Dorado County

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DATE:

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TO:

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Andy Nevis, President, Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County

RE:

8/31 Item 3 – Appointment of Extra Help Position

The Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County appreciates the county's desire to locate a Biomass Cogeneration facility in the county and the need to bring on extra help. However, in doing so the Association believes that the public must have enough information to determine whether the proposed employment of Mr. Greg Stanton is in the best interest of taxpayers. During discussion and before taking action tomorrow, the Association encourages staff and the Board to address for the public record the following topics that do not appear to be addressed in the staff report:

- It does not appear there was a competitive recruitment for this position. What are the special qualifications that made Mr. Stanton the exclusive candidate?
- County Personnel Rule 604.3 generally requires that self-help employees be compensated at Step 1, and it does not appear that he participated in a competitive recruitment which is required for an advanced step hire under Rule 604.2. Why is the Board being requested to make an exception and hire Mr. Stanton at Step 5?
- What alternatives (consultant contract, staff re-assignment, etc.) were considered and why is Mr. Stanton's proposed extra-help appointment superior to those alternatives?
- Has this appointment and project strategy been discussed with the Community and Economic Development Advisory Committee's Ad Hoc on Alternative Energy Cogeneration/Biomass, and if so what was their feedback?

Thank you for your attention to these topics and continued engagement with the Association.