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Supervisor Sweeney recommending the Board approve beginning the effort to make an adjustment to add approximately 160 acres to El Dorado County which is Federal land managed by the USFS and is currently in Placer County in order to place all of the Rubicon Trail in that area within the jurisdiction of our county. Further, to offer assistance from our staff to Placer County to enable them to obtain an easement from the USFS for that portion of the Rubicon Trail which is Northeast of Rubicon Springs in Placer County.

Background:

Boundary Adjustment

On August 14, 2012 item #20 legistar #12-1031 this Board accepted an easement from the USFS for the Rubicon Trail from Wentworth Springs to the county line just North of Rubicon Springs. A portion of the deeded easement crosses through a very small portion of Placer County and this could create jurisdictional problems. That portion is located within the South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter and the South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 28, T14N, R15E, MDM.

In order to avoid any jurisdictional problems it would be appropriate to make a minor change to the boundaries of Placer and El Dorado Counties pursuant to Government Code Section 23200 et.seq. This process was comfortably used with Amador County in about 1990 near the Alpine County Boundary.

Placer County Easement Assistance

While we were perfecting our easement in El Dorado County and creating documents that would serve as a model for erosion control and for right-of-way documentation we talked of the need for the same activities to occur in Placer County and talked of perfecting the system and then helping Placer County through the process. It would be good county to county relations to make an offer to Placer County to have our personnel assist them with the process. This would also make the Regional Water Quality Control Boards, the USFS, and the OHV Division of State Parks more comfortable with the process. I will certainly make myself available after I am off of the Board to assist in the process.

I have drafted a letter to Placer County which I believe the Chairman should sign in order to be certain that Placer County is in fact willing to go down this road (oops, trail). Letter attached along with a map of the specific area proposed for adjustment.