



## Legislation Text

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Supervisor Briggs recommending the Board authorize the Chair to sign a letter addressed to Placer County Supervisor Jennifer Montgomery to extend an offer for the County of El Dorado staff to provide a presentation to the Placer County Board of Supervisors on El Dorado's successful partnerships and implementation of programs, policies and practices that resulted in the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board rescinding the Cleanup and Abatement Order for the Rubicon Trail.

On April 23, 2009, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) R5-2009-0030 for the County of El Dorado and the United States Department of Agriculture, Eldorado National Forest to address water quality impacts associated with the Rubicon Trail. The water quality threats identified in the CAO were excessive erosion and sedimentation caused by trail use, oil and fuel spills from damaged vehicles, and human sanitation. The CAO required submittal of quarterly reports, and preparation of a water quality protection plan and a long-term management plan.

The County, various agencies, stakeholders, property owners and interested parties worked collaboratively to address the issues and requirements that were included in the Order. The County invested significant time and resources to comply with the Order and to protect the Rubicon Trail.

The Order requirements were completed and the County submitted a request to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board to rescind the Cleanup and Abatement Order.

On October 7, 2014 (File #14-1291), staff provided the Board with a presentation and a report that outlined the Order requirements and the County's actions to comply. The Board adopted Resolution 165-2014 to reaffirm the County's continued commitment to the future health and wellbeing of the Rubicon Trail.

The County provided this same information to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board on October 10, 2014, and the Regional Board voted to rescind the Cleanup and Abatement Order.

The County's efforts, including the creation of partnerships and use of grants and outside funding sources, are now used as an example for trail management throughout the state.

Supervisor Briggs recommends the Board authorize the Chair to sign a letter to Placer County Supervisors Jennifer Montgomery to extend an offer for the El Dorado staff responsible for coordinating the County's successful efforts to comply with the Order to provide a presentation to the Placer County Board of Supervisors on the partnerships and implementation of programs, policies and practices that resulted in the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board rescinding the Cleanup and Abatement Order for the Rubicon Trail.