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Honorable Patricia Wiggins
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4081
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support of Senate Bill 1023 (Wiggins) As Amended: Conversion of Tahoe Paradise Resort Improvement District into Recreation Districts

Dear Senator Wiggins,

I am pleased to inform you that the El Dorado Local Agency Formation Commission strongly supports your Senate Bill 1023 as amended on April 28, 2010. These amendments will allow the conversion of Tahoe Paradise Resort Improvement District (TPRID), which operates under outdated laws, into a recreation district.

The State laws that govern resort improvement districts (RIDs) and municipal improvement districts (MIDs) are archaic, making it hard for those districts' governing boards and managers to deliver quality public services. While it is possible to use current law to convert these districts into more modern entities, the statutory procedures are expensive, complicated, and time consuming. Your bill, as originally introduced, allows local officials to set up community services districts (CSDs) to replace the RIDs and MIDs without substantive changes to their powers, duties, financing, or service areas.

In February this Commission wrote to you to express our belief that it may actually be detrimental to convert TRPID into a CSD. The amendments, which allow this Commission the use of the expedited process in SB 1023 to convert TRPID into a recreation district, satisfies our concerns. Your willingness to take local concerns into consideration when proposing legislation is commendable.

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Please include the El Dorado Local Agency Formation Commission on the list of those who support SB 1023. We appreciate your leadership on this issue. Please feel free to contact me or our LAFCO staff at 530-295-2707 if I can provide additional information.

Regards,

Ken Humphreys
Chair

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