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Ken Humphreys
 LAFCO Chair
 El Dorado Local Agency Formation Commission
 550 Main Street, Suite E
 Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Mr. Humphreys,

In our efforts to annex an area south of our District that we have provided free service to since the inception of our organization, and de-annex areas that are State and Federal parcels, we discovered that if we proceeded with the reorganization as we originally proposed, the fees charged to us by from the State Board of Equalization would become cost prohibitive due to the number of acres involved.

As part of the history for this project, we originally only wanted to annex the areas that contained structures, and really did not want to annex the State and Federal lands in between. Your staff encouraged us to avoid annexing an "island," hence we moved forward with one contiguous annexation of the State and Federal lands in between.

When we finally got the "SBE" fee estimates, we were shocked to learn that the sum of these fees would exceed \$10K! Due to this unplanned expense, we have decided to drop the de-annexation, and would also like to remove the "contiguous" parcels. We understand that you have the discretionary authority to alter boundaries of any proposal before you, so we are asking for your assistance to help us proceed with this project in a fiscally responsible manner.

Our ultimate goal is to annex the properties that have structures on them so can provide them with the level of fire and EMS service that they rightly deserve. In return, we will also be able to capture some revenues for the service we are providing.

Sincerely,


 John Pang

