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El Dorado County Local Agency Formation Commission
Attn: Shiva Frentzen, Executive Officer
550 Main Street, Suite E
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Re: Current Draft Placerville Municipal Service Review Report

Dear Ms. Frentzen:

Councilmember Clerici shared with me the latest update to the Draft MSR Report for Cameron Park, Placerville and South Lake Tahoe. He asked that I provide a response based on the previous letter outlining comments approved by our City Council. Although due to timing I have not taken the latest draft MSR to the City Council, the comments are consistent with those previously approved by the Council.

As stated in the previous letter, the following topics are still of concern to the City.

1. SOI Expansion: The City again, strongly recommends that the language be amended to allow for the proposed Smith Flat expansion of the SOI. If there is minor information the City needs to provide to facilitate this, we can do that. Staff also notes that the requested process be removed as it appears to be a new process that has not been considered or vetted in the past. Staff concurs that an Environmental Review of the SOI expansion, may be required contingent on an Initial Study. We recommend that the SOI be approved contingent on completion of the Initial Study and any subsequent required environmental studies.

The study refers to the protection of Agricultural Land. The City's General Plan already has a land use designation of Agricultural/Commercial which will allow for the agricultural uses currently in place in the proposed expansion area.

Based on available capacity in the City's Water Reclamation Facility, availability of water through agreements with El Dorado Irrigation District, an excellent Police Department, and sound administrative and financial policies, we are confident that we can provide services to the requested area of expansion should it annex into the City in the future.

It is important that the City be allowed to control this area on the border of our City. This, coupled with strong desire of property owners to be part of the City, provides necessary support for

approval of the SOI expansion at this time. We recommend that the SOI be approved contingent on completion of the Initial Study and any subsequent required environmental studies.

2. Financial Measurement: On page 3 of the report Section (4) e) continues the reference to the State Interactive Dashboard which has been discontinued and is no longer available on the State Auditor's Website. The use of discontinued financial information, which is no longer available for the Public to review, verify, or compare, is totally inappropriate. The use of 2019-2020 data, which is contrary to other statements that refer to the use of static information as of 2020-2021, is also inappropriate and portrays a negative and misleading message to the public. Pages 56 and 57 of the report again refer to the outdated Interactive Dashboard. By highlighting one year out of 5, the report does not show the true financial health of the City. As stated in the previous letter, we strongly object to the references made to the State Auditor's Interactive Dashboard without providing the same information for the other 4 years being reviewed. All references to and information regarding the Interactive Dashboard should be eliminated from the report.
3. As a general note to the study, the City again strongly recommends that the three MSR's be separate independent documents. The adding of a page delineator between each jurisdiction's report is not appropriate.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to the report. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions on any of these items or would like further clarification.

Sincerely,



M. Cleve Morris
City Manager