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Don Nottoli, Chair, and
Members of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
700 H Street, Suite 2450
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: The Board decision to deny adding 3,400 acres to the Sacramento General Plan along the Sacramento-El Dorado County Line

Dear Chair Nottoli and Supervisors,

As the Board is aware, the mission of the Local Agency Formation Commission is to encourage the orderly formation of local agencies, ensure efficient provision of services and to protect agricultural and open space resources. The Commission works with its local government partners to promote these three goals.

The El Dorado Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is writing in regards to the Sacramento Board of Supervisors' prior consideration of adding 3,400 acres ("lands in question") for development along the Sacramento-El Dorado county line. LAFCO is pleased with the March 14, 2007 unanimous decision by the Board to deny the inclusion of these lands for urbanization. Nevertheless, the Commission discussed this matter at its March 28, 2007 meeting and voted to respectfully submit this letter detailing the Commission's formal opposition to develop the lands in question. LAFCO realizes that the Board has already taken action on the matter, however, the Commission wishes to be on record as opposing the issue should it resurface again in the future.

El Dorado LAFCO determined that the addition of the lands in question to the Sacramento General Plan may have significant impacts on the El Dorado County side. Development of the southwest portion of El Dorado County is not feasible at this time, as there is currently no existing infrastructure in this area. Development would first require roads, water and wastewater transmission lines as well as other services that are desired by residential and commercial development. In addition, as you can see in the attached map, a large portion of the El Dorado parcels that abut the lands in question are zoned "Agricultural Preserve." In addition, no lands south of the Southern Pacific Railroad line are slated for development in the 2004 El Dorado County General Plan. However, growth-inducing effects and incompatible land uses may be introduced into the area if the lands in question were to be urbanized on the Sacramento County side. If that were the case, the economic viability of agriculture in the southwestern county region could be compromised.

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El Dorado LAFCO would once again like to reiterate its opposition to include the lands in question in the updated General Plan and would appreciate your Board's consideration of the issues raised here should, in the future, this proposal be revived through your General Plan process or through some other vehicle. LAFCO is in full agreement with the decision of the Board of Supervisors to deny the proposal. We thank you for receiving these comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Long
LAFCO Chairman