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El Dorado County Chamber opposes no growth initiatives

Bad for jobs, property-owners' rights, and local control

The El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors unanimously voted to oppose four no growth ballot proposals heading for the November 2014 county ballot.

Why?

It's simple, these poorly conceived proposals are bad for jobs, erode property-owners' rights and will strip our county of local control over responsible planning and economic growth.

And they will not reduce traffic congestion and preserve open space as they claim. Instead they will make traffic worse and develop more open space and agricultural land by replacing planned communities that protect open space with hopscotch development spread over the county.

These initiatives are being pushed by a small group of environmental activists. They want to restrict property-owners' rights and control all decisions for land use in the county to advance their own agenda.

But their proposals are not only bad ideas, they are not necessary.

El Dorado County's voter approved General Plan requires new development to be well-planned, meet the character of our community by protecting natural resources and open space, and developers must pay to upgrade roads and other critical infrastructure. But removing these safeguards, will result in more sprawl, traffic, air pollution and the loss of agricultural land and open space.

And the initiatives would eliminate the fees developers currently pay to improve local roads to reduce traffic. If this change is approved, El Dorado County stands to lose millions of dollars to repair and upgrade roads, and instead may be forced to raise local taxes to make up for the loss of revenue.

These initiatives will strip us of the right to make local land use decisions. If these changes to the General Plan are approved, state bureaucrats, not local voters, would take control and have the

authority to approve development projects in our community.

Amending the General Plan would force residents, not developers, to bear the brunt of future road and highway improvements.

These initiatives are bad for our local economy — pushing jobs and employers to leave our area. By changing the county's General Plan, these initiatives would make it virtually impossible to attract new businesses to our area and prevent the economic investment needed to create jobs and grow our local economy.

These initiatives are deeply flawed and must be stopped. That's why the El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce will be joining a coalition that includes local farmers, classroom teachers, police and firefighters, doctors and nurses, local businesses, water experts and traffic experts to oppose changing El Dorado County's voter approved General Plan.

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The El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce
and the Economic Development Corporation
of El Dorado County
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Business Awards Luncheon

& State of the County Address

Friday, March 14th

11:00am to 1:00pm

Wedgewood at Sequoia

\$30 - Reservation required



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Learn about our Film Industry!
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Friday, March 14th

4:00pm to 8:00pm

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For More Information or to reserve a booth contact the
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In El Dorado County WE LOVE FILM!

The Film Mixer is FREE and open to the public! It's a great opportunity to learn about how to get involved in the film community right here in El Dorado County. Here is your chance to learn how to get a role in a film, use your home or property as a location, or get work on a film crew. Join the El Dorado Lake Tahoe Film Office for networking with film industry professionals in your own community.



Studio 24 out of Folsom will be one just one of the businesses displaying at the event. Meet CEO Cody Dorkin who provides Northern CA talent with the guidance and resources needed to pursue professional careers in the entertainment industry.

Sacramento local Film Director, Deon Taylor, is the keynote speaker at this year's Film Mixer. Deon has filmed two movies on location in El Dorado County, and two television shows. The speaking event will be held at Imagination Theatre. There will be a premier screening of a trailer for his new film, Supremacy, starring Danny Glover and afterward a directors Q & A.

He will also be inducted into the California Film Hall of Fame, with an award presentation by the California Film Foundation.

A V.I.P. reception will follow at Reunion in El Dorado Hills. Check out our event page on Face Book

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/events/681593678560160/>

El Dorado Irrigation District Declares a Drought Stage 2 Water Warning District Seeking 30% Water Use Reductions

On February 4, 2014, EID's Board of Directors declared a Stage 2 Water Supply Warning due to the third straight year of extremely dry weather conditions that our region has experienced. Although the February storm provided some good precipitation – and did add to our snowpack and reservoir levels – the storm delivered only a small fraction of what is needed to make up the precipitation deficit.

The Stage 2 Water Supply Warning is still in effect for the entire EID service area until further notice. EID is asking their customers to continue to voluntarily reduce their water consumption and help them meet the overall District-wide goal of reducing water consumption by 30%. These voluntary actions will help the District avoid having to make more stringent declarations, such as making water reduction actions mandatory, imposing drought rates, and moving to a Stage 3 Water Crisis drought declaration and beyond. At its March 10 meeting, the EID Board will decide whether to convert the call for voluntary conservation into a mandate.

To get up-to-date news and information on the drought, EID encourages community members and customers to visit www.eid.org/drought and share this resource with their friends, family and neighbors. The drought web page includes links to practical water efficiency tips and other important information for customers. You may sign up on the EID webpage eNotifier link to receive automatic updates when drought-related news items are posted on the website.

EID also offers its customers various complimentary water savings devices such as low flow shower heads; kitchen and bathroom faucet aerators; toilet tank bags and dams (to displace water in older toilets); and toilet leak detection packets.

Complimentary water surveys are also available to help you learn about ways to conserve water inside and outside of your home. Just fill out and return the request form at www.eid.org/watersurvey by mail to EID Office of Water Efficiency, 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, CA 95667, or fax to 530-622-8569, or stop by the EID headquarters office Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and pick up these devices. You can also call EID Customer Services at 530-642-4000 or 916-965-0930.

Welcome New Members



Blake and Rita Bartel, Tan Central & All About Me; Dr. Dale Coco, EID Board Member; and Gail Lohmann, Visiting Angels were all welcomed into the Chamber by Christa Campbell, Chamber President-elect.



Drought Update at Joint Chambers Meeting

El Dorado Irrigation District Director of Engineering Brian Mueller will be presenting an update and important information on the drought and ways to reduce water use. Join us for this important meeting.

Friday, February 28, 2014

8:00 A.M.

Cameron Park CSD

2502 Country Club Drive, Cameron Park

www.eid.org/drought

EID's drought information web page



**El Dorado Irrigation District
2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville CA 95667**

MARCH 2014 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community Observatory

Folsom Lake College-El Dorado Center, Campus Dr. Free. (530) 642-5621 or communityobservatory.com

Family Fun Night at Round Table Pizza

Every Tuesday evening, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Food and other activities for the family. Round Table Pizza at 512 Main Street, Placerville. 530-622-2259

Tuesday Evenings Men's Chorus

7:15 p.m. First Christian Church of Placerville, 2687 Andler Rd, Placerville. (530) 344-9209 or (530) 644-4151 or www.goldrushchorus.org

UCCE/El Dorado County Master Gardener Classes

Mar 01 Propagation by Seed
Mar 08 Working with Soils I
Mar 15 The Home Garden & Principles of Permaculture.

Classes at Veterans Memorial Bldg. 130 Placerville Dr., Placerville, 530-621-5512. http://ceeldorado.ucdavis.edu/Master_Gardener/

Apple Jacks & Jills Square Dance Club

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the Hangtown Grange, 2020 Smith Flat Road, Placerville. Darlene Szymuski 916.933.2790 or Mary 530.344.7447. szymuski@sbcglobal.net

Main Street Strollers Square Dance Club

Thursday Evenings at 6:45 p.m. at the I.O.O.F Hall, 467 Main Street., Placerville. Barbara Littley 530-647-0852. main.st.strollers@gmail.com

Mar 01 & 02 Divide High Artwork – on Display at AODC Gallery

10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. Georgetown's historical buildings at 6295 Main Street. 530-333-ARTS or www.artonthedivide.com

Mar 07, 14, 21 & 28 Karaoke & Komed

7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. It's Personal. 250 Main Street, Placerville. 530 303 3792. <http://www.itspersonalwine.com/>

Mar 01, 08, 15, 22, & 29 Music Saturdays at It's Personal

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.. 250 Main Street. 530 303 3792. <http://www.itspersonalwine.com/>

Mar 01 Mountain Bike Clinic & Ride

9:00 a.m. -Noon. \$5/members, \$10/non-members. RSVP (530) 621-1224, <http://www.arconservancy.org/>

Mar 04, 11, 18, 25 Bingo

5:00 p.m. Pollock Pines/Camino Community Center, 2675 Sanders Drive, Pollock Pines. \$10 for first 14 games. 530-647-8005

Mar 08 Gold Country Jazz Festival

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mountain Creek Middle School Gym, 6862 Mt. Aukum Rd. Somerset. Adults: \$5 Students/Children: Free. Santiago Sabado. ssabado@pioneer.k12.ca.us. (530)545-9140. <http://support-pioneer.org/gold-country-jazz-festival>

Mar 08 Wakamatsu Historical Tour

10:00a.m.-Noon. \$5/Children 12-18 years old, \$10/Adults. R.S.V.P. (530) 621-1224 <http://www.arconservancy.org/>

Mar 08 Olmstead Loop Trail Hike

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Suggested donation: \$5/members, \$10/non-members. R.S.V.P. (530) 621-1224, <http://www.arconservancy.org/>

Mar 08 Introduction to Outdoor Exploration with Kids

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Ages 5+ with parents. Suggested donation: \$5. R.S.V.P. (530) 621-1224, <http://www.arconservancy.org/>

Mar 9 & 23 Shingle Springs Depot Train Rides

Noon – 4:00 p.m. \$5.00 ages 9 and up, \$3.00 ages 3 to 8. El Dorado Western Railway Foundation. 530-621-5865. <http://eldoradowestern.blogspot.com/>

Mar 14 Business Showcase & I Love Film Mixer

4:00 – 8:00 pm El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Drive. Free admission. 530-621-5885. www.eldoradocounty.org

Mar 15 Salmon Falls Hike – Birds of the Foothills

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (El Dorado Hills area) Suggested donation: \$10. R.S.V.P. (530) 621-1224, <http://www.arconservancy.org/>

Mar 15 Strikes for Scholarships

11:00 a.m. Knotty Pines Lanes, 2667 Sanders Drive, Pollock Pines. 530.626.1222. <http://www.pollockpines-caminorotary.org/>

Mar 15 Third Saturday Art Walk

5:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. Historic Main Street. (530) 672-3436, (530) 295-3496. www.placerville-downtown.org

Mar 16 El Dorado Depot Train

Noon – 4:00 p.m. Located next to the El Dorado Community Center in the town of El Dorado. \$5.00 ages 9 and up, \$3.00 ages 3 to 8. El Dorado Western Railway Foundation. 530-621-5865. <http://eldoradowestern.blogspot.com>

Mar 22 Cameron Park CSD Community Concerts presents: Dean-O-Holics

6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Cameron Park Community Event Center. \$18 each/(2) for \$34 in Advance and \$20 pp at the Door. 530-677-2231 cpcsd@cameronpark.org, www.cameronpark.org

Mar 22 Placerville Rotary 37th Annual Bon Voyage Ball

6:00 p.m. El Dorado County Fairgrounds. \$70 per person. Ticket information available at www.placervillerotary.org or any Placerville Rotarian.

Mar 27 Hiking Opportunites Along the Forks of the American River

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Responsible teens+ welcome. Suggested donation: \$5/members, \$10/non-members. R.S.V.P. (530) 621-1224, www.arconservancy.org

Mar 28, 29 & 30 Imagination Theater Presents "You Can't Take it With You"

530-642-0404 or visit www.it-tickets.org

Mar 30 Special Round Trip Shingle Springs to El Dorado

Reservations required. Noon – 4:00 p.m. \$5.00 ages 9 and up, \$3.00 ages 3 to 8. El Dorado Western Railway Foundation. 530-621-5865. <http://eldoradowestern.blogspot.com>

For more information on these and other events, visit www.visiteldorado.com

The event date, time, cost and locations are subject to change. Therefore prior to attending an event please contact the event contact person to confirm the information.

MEETINGS

Mar 06 Chamber Diplomats, noon, Chamber

Mar 12 Board of Directors, 5:30 p.m., EDCOE

Mar 13 Joint Chambers, 7:30 a.m., EDCOE

Mar 13 Visitor's Authority, MORE, 4 p.m.

Mar 14 Business Awards Luncheon, Sequoia 11:00 p.m.

Mar 14 Business Showcase & I Love Film Mixer, 4:00 pm, EDC Fairgrounds

Mar 19 Senior Ambassadors, 10:00 a.m. MORE

Mar 20 Ag Council, 7:30 a.m., Ag Building