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More than 10 years ago, El Dorado County voters recognized the threat over-development poses to this County, and approved a General Plan to hold our representatives in check. Protective policies to help maintain the small town atmosphere of our urban areas as well as the scenic beauty of the environment around them, were a top priority.

But in December, four of five County supervisors approved changes to the 2004 General Plan and Zoning Ordinance which undermined the policies residents had voted to keep in place. These supervisors exposed themselves as willing to sacrifice the very nature that drew us here, in order to benefit developer interests. They did it by hiding the changes that were being proposed from the public. West county residents were not informed by the obscure public notices posted in Tahoe and Georgetown papers. Those who received word were told changes were 'minimal'.

Largely unknown to the public:

- our existing groundwater supplies are insufficient to accommodate the proposed changes.
- *37,000 parcels* will receive new zone designations without notification to landowners, or adjacent landowners.
- the changed policies reduce open space requirements, stream protections, and noise standards.
- traffic data was misrepresented to understate the traffic impacts of the project.

Rural Communities United (RCU) is now fighting to overturn that approval. Your donation to the legal fund will help us to see that wells don't go dry, that traffic congestion won't choke off access to local wineries or ski slopes or work, that industrial facilities don't pop up next to rural residences, and more. Every County resident is vulnerable in some way to the impact of the changes just approved.

The nonprofit Planning & Conservation League Foundation (PCLF) recognized the pattern of CEQA abuse being perpetrated by our County, and stepped in with a fiscal sponsorship to make tax deductible donations possible for RCU to fight this battle. Please become an RCU supporter and donate, by check or online at www.RuralCommunitiesUnited.org.

Tax deductible donations are possible through PCLF, with checks made payable to "PCLF Legal Funds" and 'RCU' in the memo line. Mail to: RCU, 2011 E. Green Springs Rd, Rescue Ca 95672