



# **The Miner's Inch**

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## **THANK YOU**

At this moment in time, I would like to thank all of you that voted for me and other candidates on March 5, 2024. Those that gave me permission to post signs, again thank you. You wanted a change in how your county government conducts OUR Business. Unfortunately, you were out voted. Politics is a dirty business. When the political environment is also in question anything can happen.

Three men were voted into office with someone's idea that things will change. NOT?? Going forward I will refer to them as the "THREE DESPERADOES" One a returning incumbent of 8 years with a sit out for four years and voted for the water rate hike recently by EID since he is a paid board member. Will he give up this position? The second is a returning incumbent who is currently on the board and lastly, a "newbie" to the board.

With a combined track record of 12 years, what have the incumbents accomplished to change in El Dorado County and that of your life and family?

If they did really accomplish anything, then why are **OUR** roads crap and getting worse by the hour. Our roads are quickly becoming a liability to you, the county and all of us. Heavier traffic has come to roads that were built for the traffic of the sixties which are now returning to wagon roads.

This new trio will in the future, in my opinion, favor big time development because that is the only thing the county can pander (OOPS!!!)sell to get the tax revenue for a bloated budget that after living on the government grant from state and federal sources for years could be in trouble. Who knows they may owe developers more for their support also.

Our budget according to the County Annual Financial Report for 2022-23 is 50.1% of our budget came from government grants. We have high cost overhead in county management that has and will stretch into retirement packages with CalPERS.

We have a public safety facility aka, the "Crystal Citadel" with a loan payment to the Department of Agriculture of \$2 million a year before any bills are paid for my guess, the next 40 years. With the California state budget in "freefall" from a surplus of about \$60 billion surplus to a deficit that is predicted to be a \$73 billion dollar deficit, I would guess that grant money will be few and far between. So where will that leave us?? It will not leave this county in a good financial condition, in my opinion.

Grizzly Flats after 2/2 years? Has anything been done to help homeowners with their fire insurance except lip service, a pending vegetation ordinance that is an overreach by our local government on homeowners, in my opinion. The roads again play apart in your insurance premium or cancellation because

of the excuse that our roads delay first responders have been used by insurance companies to justify cancellation.

Large developments **should be on hold** until the infrastructure includes sources of food and water to accommodate it has been built by the developer and **NOT** subsidized by local property owners. The COVID-19 pandemic should have taught us the lesson of shortages including food.

They say these developments are for work force housing, changed from low-income housing. Question, where are the jobs, in the valley so keep these developments down there. These developments are not intended for your children, just more people of all economic backgrounds that are moving here to escape the downfall of our metropolitan areas. In time, what they are fleeing will be on your doorstep.

Probably of more important note is with human nature, having three people on the same five-member board that campaigned together as witnessed by their actions WILL control the direction of a five-member board. Only time and human nature will tell the story. The foregoing are my opinions on where our county is moving toward. We have to keep on top of the actions of the “Three Desperadoes” in 2025 and beyond.

## *Sometimes the Best Idea, Is Not the Right Idea*

Sadly, “the Grifters” just cannot leave our local city and county history alone. They tried to do away with the Druid monument and create a roundabout to save money over a signal. Now, the new version will be, if approved, an extension of Clay Street across the parking lot to align with Cedar Ravine. This will remove badly needed parking from the city and businesses

close by. Will they improve Main Street or Cedar Ravine? I seriously doubt they will do it.

This section will stand out like a sore thumb when the improvement does not continue, typical spot improvement. **No**, the big story is the Clay Street Bridge. The bridge has been in place, survived flooding for longer than most of us have been alive. Could the answer be the land that could be developed behind it and who owns it? The bridge may not accommodate the impact of an increase in travel trips traffic per day. Is this bridge replacement a condition of approval for any development behind it?

If they really wanted to help "Hangtown", why doesn't the city help business owners with cleaning up the appearances of buildings and Main Street with an emphasis on what this town may have looked like during the "Gold Rush". Signs to help people visualize what the town could have looked like in 1849 and creativity to attract tourists.

To paraphrase a statement from a movie. Tear it down and they will **NOT COME**.

I remember that the city received \$2+ million dollars from the government for COVID relief. I wonder where this money was spent. There was something about the purchase of equipment. It should have been used to help businesses recover, the appearance of the "Old Hangtown" section and city by improving streets, which are the first impression given to tourists. This should be done to give and promote the image of "Hangtown" to tourists as a town that cares about its image and people.

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WE need to focus on attracting more tourism now more than ever with the loss of businesses, Walgreens, one Rite Aid, Office Max with possibly more to come with the \$20 dollar state fast food minimum wage fiasco. These were not just stores, they were businesses that brought in county and city revenue that were people's jobs that have disappeared with the wind and the stroke of a pen.

*“Those that can give up essential to gain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty or safety.”*

*Benjamin Franklin*

*“ Sell not virtue to purchase wealth, nor liberty to purchase power.”*

*Benjamin Franklin*

*From One Gang To the Next, Nothing  
Seems to Ever Change. WHY???*

Now, we have a “New Gang” that has ridden into office on March 5, 2024, that will be subjects and principal characters in future political satires of “Life in the Penal Colony aka El Dorado County”, the board, the people and the future of El Dorado County and you for the next four years.

A new day is coming to the famous county in American history and the world known as El Dorado County. Home of the little town known as Coloma, the Birthplace of the “California Gold Rush” in 1849. When gold was discovered by James Marshall the largest migration in world history came to pass.

**People were coming here with the dream of riches at every turn in the creek or shovel load of quartz into an ore cart. Others that came were taking the other route of just plain taking.**

Little towns and camps popped up in the beautiful Sierra Nevada foothills along what became known as “The Mother Lode”. Little towns named sometimes for natural features or a historic events Like Diamond Springs, Growlersburg, Nashville,

Sonora Angels Camp, Rough and Ready, Jackson, Bootjack and even “Hangtown” aka Placerville.

Overtime people came and went. Some penniless, some with fortunes, others stayed because they loved this county and settled families here. Over time, human nature has taken over and those human frailties known as the “Seven Deadly Sins” also stayed unfortunately for all.

In the years that have passed, many people have taken from this county and not given back anything into this county. A Board of Supervisors was created along with a County Charter that was established for direction and guidelines to follow in the **course of leadership** (NOT GOVERNING) and **decisions** for the county.

Fast forward to today, all the current physical and financial conditions of present day El Dorado County can be laid at the feet of past, present “Gangs of Five” aka. the Board of Supervisors. They **have failed to act in the best interest of county residents and their constituents, in my opinion.**

*The Melodramatic Comedy That  
Never Sleeps!!!*

At this time let us introduce the “Gang of Three Desperadoes”. First is the “**Snakeoil Salesman**”, a returning member of 8 years on previous boards with little to show for it despite his claims of leadership, at least publicly.

Then, there is the “**Preacher**” also a returning member of the previous Gang. Again, has nothing to show after four years on the board.

Then there is the “**Highwayman**” who has been introduced into the “Gang from maybe Parts Unknown, California.

There will be other characters introduced into this satire as time and history go by. Almost forgot, there is also the new “Sheriff of Nottingham V2.0”. The one and only “Sheriff of Nottingham V1.0” is living comfortably with a large six figure retirement in just parts unknown. Maybe with “Darth Vader” who has taken to the high road also with a nice six figure retirement. Maybe he is enjoying his retirement comfortably in Parts Unknown Arizona or maybe Idaho, Montana.



As always, there are “Grifters” that are still here with more to come taking their “Pot of Gold” at your loss of quality of life, public safety and your checkbook. Our Department of Transportation aka “The Black Hole”, where money checks in and is never seen again. The “Hoosegow” aka the Sheriff’s Office, same difference.

Our roads are returning to the old roads of 1849, (OOOPSS!!!) excuse me trails used by wagons, horses and feet. This is why all these little camps were a day apart, usually around five miles.

As long as there is human nature this political satire will remain unfinished. Sit back and enjoy future episodes of this satire.

Almost forgot “**Madame Mim**” will be with us for two more years. The only voice of concern for you and the county may be the “Snowbird from Tahoe”.

*“The only foundation of a free Constitution is pure Virtue, and if this cannot be inspired into our People, in great measure, than they have it now. They may change their Rulers, and forms of Government, but they will not obtain a lasting Liberty.”*

*John Adams*

*When the Smoke Clears, it is all really about Big Business and Grabbing More Control of YOU!!!*

We have a very serious problem being set in motion by the county, and the state. The issue is the amendments being proposed to the current vegetation ordinance for El Dorado County. If you own property or a home in this county **BEWARE.** It is up for discussion in front of the “**Gang of Five**” and being given little notice of their pending action that will affect all of us in the pocket book, your property and your freedom of choice., **Not to worry, it is only business as usual in this county. (REALLY???)**

This new vegetation ordinance could possibly put neighbor against neighbor. Failure to comply could cause a **LARGE** with drawl from your checkbook. It allows county code enforcement officers to enter your property, even if you ask them to leave.

So let us look at neighbor against neighbor because of the “**GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY**”. The ordinance will require you to maintain a 100 foot clearance zone from your house, no vegetation allowed next to your house and trees removed or trimmed up 6 ft. What happens to the landscaping and any tree you planted, if any to remember a loved one? Or what if this 100 feet encroaches onto your neighbor’s property or county Right of Way? Neither owner does not want you to clear as required. The county will step in and force compliance.

This is more county **saying do what I say, but not how it abides by its own rules.** Why because the county, the

state, the federal government agencies like the U.S. Forest Service and private conservancies like the American River Conservancy at this point apparently do not have to comply.

You can clear your property up to the R/W line however you cannot do any clearing beyond it to comply on county owned properties. Will the county respect its “**good neighbor policy**” and remove it for you? I seriously doubt it. They are not even doing it now but in rare cases. This R/W area is a fire starting prone area under their control from which casually thrown cigarettes and sparks from cars etc. may start a fire.

What happens if you have a heritage oak tree on your land area in question. They are protected by county ordinance.

Just because you comply with the new vegetation ordinance, does not mean you will have or get insurance. Insurance companies are leaving the state as fast as they can pack the truck. So where does that leave us? Just like everyone else.

Not much of a choice except extremely high insurance caused by lack of control by the state insurance commissioner to control prices and insurance companies. Not to mention the insurance bought by your mortgage company when you cannot afford insurance on your own, a grounds for foreclosure.

Or the **FAIR PLAN**, which in my opinion is anything but **FAIR**. Does the state insurance commissioner control this insurance? The state has helped to create this problem. In my opinion, it is all about money and control over us.

If the state can be involved in the insurance business then we as property owners should form our own self-insurance program.

Here is a website about the Fair Plan that you should be aware of:

[www.eenews.net/articles/californias-insurer-of-last-resort-is-a-ticking-time-bomb/](http://www.eenews.net/articles/californias-insurer-of-last-resort-is-a-ticking-time-bomb/)

~~Now, the other shoe could drop and the county will come in and clean your property and send you the bill with a bucket full of charges as allowed by the ordinance, if approved with new Amendments.~~

*“When virtue is banished, ambition invades the mind of those who are disposed to receive it and avarice possess the whole community.”*

*Thomas Jefferson*

*Our liberty depends on our education, our laws, and habits if it is founded on morals and religion, whose authority reigns in the heart, and on the influence all these produce on public opinion before that opinion governs rulers.”*

*Fisher Ames*

*None of them knows where the  
money went, so just give them some  
more to lose, maybe take???*

I AGREE THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE TO HELP OUR HOMELESS. This Proposition 1 is NOT, IT in my opinion. There are too many unknown possibilities that I never heard answered by "No Clue Newsom". Questions like who pays all the bills, water, electricity, property taxes, food, house cleaning etc.???

What we did do in hard times is take money away from seniors and others who are struggling just before they become homeless. What we did do is make a lot of developers very rich, possibly his friends. What we did do is put a deep pocket on state spending and bankrolled the \$73 billion state deficit because there will be no oversight on how, when and where this money will be spent and by whom. The current budget shortfall is a good example. Will it be spent to house illegal aliens? This should be challenged in court for validity and at least a recount of the vote.

Thanks to "No Clue Newsom" and the "tottering demented old fool" in Washington, illegal aliens have more rights than people who were born, raised and paid their dues to this country.

While you are day dreaming about your country and your freedom, what little is left is being taken away from you. Please help yourself, your family and your state and country in November and DUMP incumbents and hopefully find someone that cares about you and this country. The midnight hour on

election night is closing and the time now is 11:56 p.m.  
before the poles close.

**HOLD THEM ALL ACCOUNTABLE. VOTE OUT  
ALL INCUMBENTS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

*Bad men cannot make good citizens. It is when a people forget God that tyrants forge their chains. A vitiated state of morals, a corrupted public conscience, is incompatible with freedom. No free government, or the blessing of liberty, can be preserved to any people but by a firm adherence to justice, moderation, temperance, frugality, and virtue; and by a frequent recurrence to fundamental principles.”*

*Patrick Henry*

*“If ye love wealth better than liberty, tranquillity of servitude better than animating contest of freedom, go home from us in peace. We ask not your counsels or your arms. Crouch down and lick the hands that feed you. May your chains set lightly upon you, and posterity forget that you were our countrymen.”*

*Samuel Adams*

## *The Old Cattle Trails and Wagon Roads Would Be Better!!!!*

When you drive down the cattle and old wagon roads of “The Penal Colony”, aka El Dorado County that exist today, you have the “**Legendary Black Hole**”, aka the Department of Transportation and “**Past and Present Gangs of Five**” to thank for the repair work being done to your car possibly. (REALLY???) You are lucky if it is not a trip to the hospital. Our roads are becoming a definite liability to you, your family and the rest of us.

It has been a joint effort (REALLY???) of both entities for years to bring about what exists today. When I refer to the **DOT**, let me be clear. I am referring to the “expensive overhead of management and **NOT** the transportation worker on the road doing the “grunt work”. The ones that are put into unsafe situations like the two gentlemen that were filling a pothole with cold asphalt in Missouri flat Road, in the dark during rain and snow mix about a year ago. In my opinion, these two men were put in a very hazardous situation and should not have been there in the first place with no lookout for protection.

No, I am addressing my comments to the high-priced spread, (REALLY???). We have a cadre of engineers at the “**Black Hole**”, however the department chooses to outsource jobs to outside engineering firms, **WHY???** This is just an added expense. They currently have a contract with Dewberry Engineering to supply on call support. Why??? (No relation)

The “**Black Hole**” with apparently no direction or oversight by the “**Gang of Five**” has torn up more road than they have fixed this last year. Missouri Flat Road is a disaster waiting to fall apart for lack of enthusiasm to fix remains “a Cl.....-.....”.  
(Really???)

It has taken 8 months of work (???) and the lights that were needed so badly by the “**Sheriff of Nottingham**” are just now maybe becoming operational, but at what final cost to us? I do not know where the drainpipe line and dropped inlets were put into the plans, because I have a copy of them. Maybe there has been a change order. The original plans were not this extensive. Another question, has this job even been inspected on a daily routine effort by county staff, night and day?

Another question, when they do the overlay in the Summer of 25, just kidding, we can only hope they will fix the sub-base that has been impacted by work and a long-wet winter??? Do not hold your breath or put the house up to cover a bet any time soon.

So why, is there all this expense just to put in two traffic signals at about \$2-4 million each? Are they trying to tell us that the Diamond Springs Bypass Phase B is another twenty years away after completing Phase A for about \$18 million. And purchase of R/W for Phase B for another \$4-6 million possibly

However, the spectator bleachers for the **Memorial Missouri Flat Speedway** are due for construction this



spring. This should give spectators a wonderful vantage seat to watch people do acceleration testing on their vehicles. This will be the the bicycle and pedestrian over cross at the bike path near WalMart. If I remember correctly this should have started four years ago, and completed because I believe they had the funding. So why the delay?????

Just for giggles, time for a couple of cold ones. How about the pedestrian crosswalks in Diamond Springs and El Dorado (????) (REALLY???) Why and Why Now??? They have put in curbing to delineate the crosswalks with all the bells and whistles including inlaid red brick. WHY the inlaid red brick, more unneeded cost? That is not the real problem because the curbing could, if unlucky, force you to break California Law requiring 3 feet of clearance on bicyclists when you pass a bicyclist. This curbing does not allow you to do this safely to pass as required by the law without forcing the bicyclist into the non-existent 3-foot shoulder. The new construction forces you to drive on what was the shoulder.

Side point, this state law, in my opinion, is a “**stupid law**” for this county and other foothill communities because the roads do not have a 3-foot shoulder so to pass safely you cross the yellow line and if unlucky win a ticket.

Back to the Diamond Springs walkway at Jiffy Market at Racquet Ball Way and Pleasant Valley Road. This section of road was a hazard before the crosswalk, and it has only gotten worse, in my opinion. Drivers could hit the new curb

and lose control injuring someone else or cause a wreck and more. **The curve, sight distance and the speed of traffic now are a bad combination of circumstances, in my opinion.** The crosswalk only makes conditions worse. (There are always more important things to spend money on like pay raises for management to allow access to the “Golden Hand Shake Fraternity” or a helicopter, ammunition, new computers, more new vehicles etc.) A signal has been needed there years ago, however NOW it is extremely important to us. Absent again is the space to allow you to pass a bicyclist with the 3 feet of clearance.

### *Now Is The Time To Take Back Our Homes*

In my opinion, we must as a county, on our own, provide home insurance to the homeowners and land owners of El Dorado County. The time is fast approaching when you will not be able to afford this needed insurance.

**HERE is my thought.** According to the county assessor there are 135,000 taxable parcels. This includes home and land owners. Everyone has something to lose in a wildfire. We approach the County of El Dorado to have this idea put on a ballot before the voters. Next put the measure, if passed, as an extra charge on the property tax bill. This money is then **KEPT KEPT OUT OF THE HANDS** of the County of El Dorado and deposited into an account operated by a commission of one person from each of the five districts and **NOT** appointed by the Supervisor for that district. Your commitment is to keep your property fire safe and pay your taxes. I am sure \$1000-3000 would be easier to pay than what you are being forced to pay now.

$$135,000 \times 1000 = \$135,000,000$$

$$135,000 \times 3000 = \$405,000,000$$

This fund will continue to grow as long as we keep our property and  
Our forests and wild lands safe with your HELP

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The opinions in this newsletter are my own. I hope you will  
read and think about each topic stated previously. **We** as a  
county are in serious trouble in the near future unless all of us  
work together to fix them, in my opinion.

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*“The life of a nation is only secure while the  
nation is honest, truthful and virtuous.”*

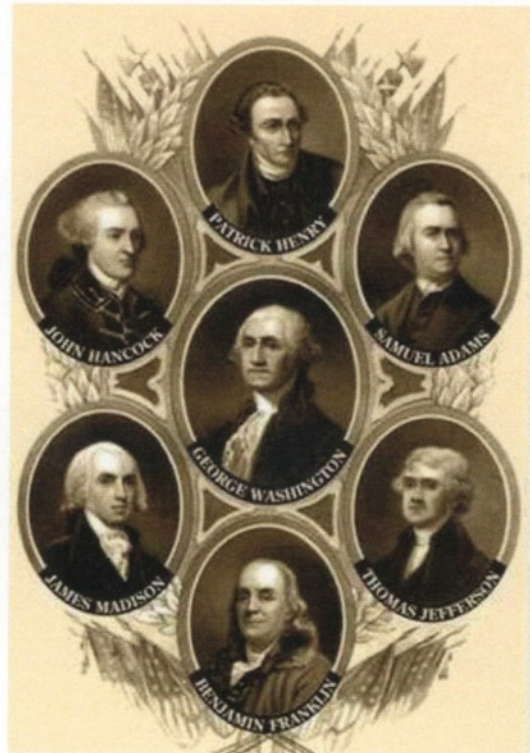
*Frederick Douglas*

*“If we and our posterity reject religious  
instruction and authority, violate the rules of  
eternal justice, trifle with the injunctions of  
morality, and recklessly destroy the political  
constitution which holds us together, no man can  
tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us,  
that shall bury all our glory in profound  
obscurity.”*

*Daniel Webster*

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Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the  
man that getteth understanding. - Pro. 3:13



## WE THE PEOPLE



*"Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their  
Just powers from the consent of the governed"*

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