

May 9, 2007

The Cedars
Donner Summit Area Association
North Fork American River Alliance
The Royal Gorge Discussion Group
Serene Lakes Property Owners Association
Sierra Club
Sierra Watch
South Yuba River Citizens League

Re: DRAFT Proposed facilitated discussions regarding Royal Gorge development

Dear Friends:

Mountain Area Preservation Foundation (MAPF) and Royal Gorge have discussed the need to engage in productive discussions with community stakeholder groups concerning Royal Gorge development plans. MAPF has offered to convene a series of mediated discussions with interested stakeholder groups. These discussions would be led by a professional facilitator.

These proposed stakeholder group discussions would be timed to roughly coincide with the process Placer County will conduct in reviewing the Royal Gorge development, including the CEQA process. Two members from each of the groups listed above would participate in the facilitated discussions to represent the interests of their respective organizations. The proposed series of discussions would be as follows:

July-August 2007: Royal Gorge has presented a Concept Plan, but there are many unanswered questions and more detail is needed. Since the meetings in March, Royal Gorge has been working to fill in more details and prepare a Project Description and EIAQ. Prior to and during this initial discussion, Royal Gorge would share its additional work as well as graphics that visually define in greater detail development concepts envisioned. This would be an opportunity to gain more clarity as well as identify specific areas where more information needs to be developed and shared with the community. Also at this meeting, Royal Gorge expects to know more about the schedule. A project application has yet to be filed, but the County process is expected to take at least 18 months.

September-October 2007: This discussion would be timed to occur before Placer County commences an Environmental Impact Report process. The discussion would focus on issues of concern that need to be addressed in the EIR. At this point, Royal Gorge would expect to have Phase 1 drawings and renderings to share.

August-September 2008: This discussion would be timed to occur following completion of the Draft EIR, when there will be information from the DEIR and a good

understanding of proposed County mitigation measures. At this point, the dialogue would focus on issues of concern and mitigation measures to address concerns.

The goal of the facilitated dialogue described above would be for the parties to reach consensus on as many issues as possible that are of importance to stakeholder groups.

Community Presentation: Beyond the facilitated discussions described above, Royal Gorge would like to coordinate with stakeholder groups to schedule a community presentation in a late summer/early fall timeframe. The purpose of this presentation would be to share additional information that is being developed now concerning the development plans, especially greater detail concerning Ski Camp. This is information that is being worked on now and was not available for the March meetings. Professional architects and consultants who have been retained by Royal Gorge to assist with the development plans would present information at this meeting. All members of the public would be invited.

By engaging in a dialogue that complements the Placer County review process, the desire is to reach a consensus that will protect and enhance Donner Summit and the greater Sierra in perpetuity. We hope that your organization will be able to participate in these facilitated discussions. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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