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Date: July 18, 2007
To: Chair, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
Fm: Chair, El Dorado County Fish and Game Commission
Subject: Formation of County F&G Commissioners Association

Please forward this letter to the chair of your county's Fish and Game Commission or other appropriate personnel if your county has not established such a Commission.

Dear Fellow County Fish & Game Commissioner:

This is an invitation to participate in forming a statewide association of County Fish & Game Commissioners. There are three reasons that we should form such an association:

- 1) We will all benefit from sharing the collective experiences and knowledge we acquire and bring to our respective commissions. This association will facilitate that sharing process. Newsletters, e-bulletins and other activities will help us all be better commissioners. We can share ideas and learn from each other.
- 2) We all have information, opinions and ideas regarding fish & game issues, legislation and governance. This organization will function as a point of collection, discussion and decision about various proposals, legislation and management at the State level. It will also eventually grow into an effective voice for expressing our collective local government voice as advocate to state officials and the legislature.
- 3) The California State Association of County Fish & Game Commissioners will provide a way for local governments to have a proactive role our collective future. Currently, the governor, the legislature, the State Fish & Game Commission and the Department of Fish & Game are making decisions, developing budgets and passing laws all without hearing from the vast majority of County governments or Fish & Game Commissions.

Are you interested?

We have set up a temporary website at: <http://www.countycommissionersassociation.net>. There you will find a draft copy of the proposed By Laws. Also you will find a short form which we would ask you to fill out and E-mail back to us if you are interested in receiving further information would be willing and interested in serving on a steering committee to finalize the By Laws complete the other tasks necessary to make the Co. Fish and Game Commissioner's Association a reality.

Thank you for considering this,

Karl Weiland, Chair
El Dorado Co. Fish and Game Commission