Letter of Protest

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To: Joe Murchison, Superintendent

1575 Old Ranch Rd

Placerville, CA 95667

Re: Gold Trail School District

This letter is to protest mitigation fees in order to meet the requirements of Government Code 66020[[1]](#footnote-1), which requires fees to be paid and a letter of protest provided. This letter states the reason for the protest.

The student populations of the district indicate that space is available in the classrooms. Mitigation fees are based on mitigating impacts from population growth. The CBEDS for the district indicate declining student populations over time. Therefore, no impacts have been generated from population growth, so the fee is unjustified.

The justification report is critically flawed for the following reasons.

1) The 2014 California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS) report indicates 2013-2014 enrollment is 601. This is 60 students less than in 2000. This indicates space available for students in the classroom. Therefore, the fees are not justified.

2) All districts in the county have lost significant numbers of students (see Exhibit A). Almost all school districts in the county are experiencing decreasing student enrollments, which are at around 2003 levels.

3) The purpose for the fee is for building new facilities for new growth and maintenance. The district has a trend line of negative student population growth (see Exhibit B). Thus, there is no need for new building facilities since there are no new student populations.

Please be advised that payment is made for the fee in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the mitigation fee is paid under protest. All information contained here is true and to the best know of my knowledge accurate and correct. This document is signed under penalty of perjury.

Signed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Exhibit A

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1. 66020. (a) Any party may protest the imposition of any fees, dedications, reservations, or other exactions imposed on a

   development project, as defined in Section 66000, by a local agency by meeting both of the following requirements:

   (1) Tendering any required payment in full or providing satisfactory evidence of arrangements to pay the fee when due or

   ensure performance of the conditions necessary to meet the requirements of the imposition.

   (2) Serving written notice on the governing body of the entity, which notice shall contain all of the following information:

   (A) A statement that the required payment is tendered or will be tendered when due, or that any conditions which have been imposed are

   provided for or satisfied, under protest.

   (B) A statement informing the governing body of the factual elements of the dispute and the legal theory forming the basis for

   the protest. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)