El Dorado County Farm Trails – 2024 County Supervisor Candidate Questions

<u>Instructions to Candidates:</u>   ***Please provide your written responses before the end of the Sunday before the scheduled Zoom call for your District.*** Your responses will be posted on our website and on YouTube for voters to review. The forum moderators will select one of your responses and ask for additional detail during the forum. Thanks in advance for your participation!

- With the County's on-going struggle to fund its budget, how would you propose to either reduce the County's expenditures and/or increase the County's revenues? What services could be reduced or cut, to reduce expenditures? Where and how might revenues be increased?

- What is your position on the proposed Costco development in EDH and why? What benefits & drawbacks do you see this project having on EDC?

- In the last couple of years, the Planning and Building Dept has come under scrutiny to the point of there even being a Grand Jury investigation. What are your thoughts on the results of this investigation, the current BOS' response to this, and what would you do to improve the shortcomings of this department?

- Would you support the building of the proposed Alder Creek Dam? What are the benefits or determents of this project as you see it?

- Wildfires are an ongoing concern for the citizens of EDC. CalFire has implemented what some might consider very restrictive and even intrusive regulations. The County is also looking at codifying its own set of fire prevention regulations. Do you feel this is appropriate, or not, and why?

- Do you support the concept of a 'constitutional' sherrif? Why or why not?

- Recently, the Ranch Marketing Ordinance has been under scrutiny because of the accessory uses allowed to ranchers and farmers "by right" such as non-agriculture events. In some circumstances land owners were taking advantage of the fact that specific use definitions were not defined. Do you feel that the matter is covered appropriately now or do you feel it needs to be explored more?