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County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

September 18, 2009

Re: Board Hearing Date September 22, 2009, El; Encinal Appeal of Planning
of Planning Commission Approval of Scheller Appeal, (08LUP-00000-00024)

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Dear Honorable Supervisors,

I was born and raised in the Los Alamos Valley and have known the King family my entire life. In the mid – 60's my family lived on Eduardo de Kochs *Rancho San Lorenzo* which is adjacent to the east boundary of the King family's *El Encinal Ranch*. We lived there for a period of 4 – 5 years. When I got married in 1974, my wife and I again moved to *Rancho San Lorenzo* for a period of two years.

Both ranches share as a common boundary the *barranca* in question alongside their access roads. I clearly remember the old barn in its exact same location. It was, in my memory, more of an enclosed barn before the storms of 1983 destroyed it and it was rebuilt as a pole barn structure. It is built on the old existing barn slab in precisely the same spot as before.

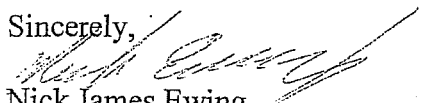
In 1983 the Scheller family bought the old *Orena Adobe* and 100 acres to the west of *El Encinal Ranch*. In December of 1986, Consuelo Rickard King Wells sold the Scheller family 1737 acres of her family ranch along with a 75' easement which included a 20' roadway, a water well, waterlines, power and gas lines. This created a lot split of two parcels. The remaining 100 acres was kept in the King family. The easement is along the east boundary of the 100 acres and is shared with the King family.

The problems associated with the barn are of a personal nature. Since the death of Ed Scheller in 2007 the Scheller heirs have decided to sell their lands in order to pay inheritance taxes. The barn pre-dated all of this. The barn meets County requirements.

As for the *barranca* alongside the easement, it held all flood waters beautifully through the big flood of 1969, 1978-9, 1983 and 1998.

This is a matter that should be settled by the two families in private or in court and not by the County.

Sincerely,


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