

# Letter: EDC budget approval a bad idea

**Publisher's note: *This letter was given to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors last week.***

**Board of Supervisors,**



Joe Harn

Please consider this communication my formal warning that the Budget that your Board directed be finalized on September 23rd by a 3 to 2 vote will lead to a severe drop in the financial position of the County. The General Fund Contingency Appropriation based on your Board's actions during the Budget Hearings has dropped to just below \$3.9 Million. At the end of the Budget Hearings one year ago, our General Fund Contingency Appropriation sat at \$10.2 million. \$3.9 million is the lowest Contingency number in 10 years. This is a dramatic drop. This will result in a much lower general fund carry-forward at June 30, 2015, and will result in the necessity of draconian spending cuts next summer.

Further, because of the King Fire, if there was ever a year when we needed a large contingency, this is it. Further, the Forced Salaries Savings budget balancing gimmick will also lead to a much lower general fund carry-forward at June 30, 2015.

I must conclude that the spending plan adopted by your Board

on September 23rd is irresponsible.

**Joe Harn, El Dorado County auditor-controller**