

EDC, auditor prevail in 'frivolous' lawsuit

"Frivolous" is how El Dorado County Auditor Joe Harn described a lawsuit filed by a political consultant.



Joe Harn

A Sacramento County judge essentially agreed when he ordered Dan Dellinger to pay Harn's attorney fees (\$14,392.42) as well as the county's (\$30,681.53). Dellinger had filed the lawsuit in May 2015.

Harn and Dellinger have been squabbling for years. The latest incident stems from Dellinger believing he had a right to money from the Pioneer Fire District. The district hired Dellinger as a consultant. This was all part of **grand jury investigation**.

However, at no time has the district asked the auditor to pay Dellinger any more money. Dellinger was seeking \$12,000.

Harn told *Lake Tahoe News* the lawsuit was "political retribution."

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*