

September 21, 2000

Honorable Governor Gray Davis
Governor of California
Office of the Governor
Sacramento, CA. 95814

RE: AB 1066, Error on the Side of Caution

Dear Governor Davis:

Stand Up For California is writing to you today with serious concerns over AB 1066 by Assembly Member Tony Cardenas of Los Angeles.

This legislation was brought forward by an Assembly Member from a district five hundred miles south of El Dorado County in an effort to resolve a local issue for the Shingle Springs Miwoks. Assembly Member Cardenas never consulted the County of El Dorado nor State Senator Tim Leslie or Assembly Member Rico Oller. Assembly Member Cardenas didn't even call to discuss the issue with Grassy Run Homeowner President Penny LeDoux, for input into this legislation.

The Shingle Springs Miwoks access issue has varying levels of complexities, actions of the tribe, the investors, the County of El Dorado, the legal authority of the Department of Interior, regard for the neighboring homeowners and regional neighbors or even the 9th circuit court as it tries to resolve this issue, was never consulted.

The Cabazon Band of Mission Indians has demonstrated greater regard for the citizens in the community of Grassy Run than Assembly Member Cardenas. Sally Palmer, Advocate for the Cabazon Tribe contacted Stand Up For California, and also Grassy Run Homeowner President Penny LeDoux to discuss their support or opposition to this legislation.

Governor Davis, Stand Up For California asks that you veto this legislation. This issue needs great consideration by all sides involved if the tribe and the neighbors are to have a successful long-term relationship. By now, I am sure you see there are many surprises in "Indian Country". Something you agree to today you may not favor tomorrow. It is always better to error on the side of caution.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Schmit
Co Director

