

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

As Foreman of the 2004-2005 El Dorado Civil Grand Jury it is my distinct honor to recognize individuals and organizations that are providing exceptional service to our community. This is by no means a complete list of those providing outstanding assistance to the community, but ones that came to our attention due to our mission as a grand jury. This list is not in any particular order.

To the General Counsel of the El Dorado Irrigation District, **Tom Cumpston**, for providing exceptional and thorough documentation and analysis. He was always responsive to our needs.

To Sheriff **Jeff Neves** and his staff, especially to Correctional Lieutenant **Pam Lane** and Lieutenant **Randy Peshon** for assisting the grand jury with the requirements of touring the correctional facilities in the county. They were gracious hosts who took the time to ensure all questions were answered.

To Commander **Ken Casler** and Chief **Kelly Keenan**, their respective staff and the inmates of Growlersberg Conservation Camp who provide fire prevention and fire suppression service throughout El Dorado and surrounding counties. These services save El Dorado County alone over \$200,000 annually.

To the employees of the county's Information Technologies Department who gave their service and assistance to the grand jury in an immediate manner.

To Auditor-Controller **Joe Harn** for availing his services and especially to Analyst **Hillary Coyne** for her service to the grand jury. She always worked to resolve our issues correctly, reimbursed the members of the panel for expenses incurred and expedited our requests.

To **Sharon Burch Colombini**, Coordinator of Mental Health Day Treatment Center, creates a welcoming atmosphere for visitors and patrons of the facility. Both Sharon and her staff demonstrate a desire to do their best assisting those who seek help. We applaud their efforts and encourage them to continue their good work.

To County Counsel **Lou Green** and his chief assistant, **Ed Knapp**, who always responded promptly to our inquiries. Upon each visit to their offices they spoke to us in a professional yet personable manner. Their guidance and reassurance made our responsibility that much easier to complete.

To District Attorney **Gary Lacy** and his chief assistant, **Sean O'Brien**, for their assistance and representation on issues raised during several investigations. Their guidance and support proved invaluable.

To Chief Administrative Officer **Laura Gill** who gave continuing support and prompt service to the grand jury. She made herself available each time we asked.