

Letters to the editor

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County staff did great

EDITOR:

As a resident of the South Fork community I have experienced a willingness to work with folks, and witnessed some efficient and effective management of county staff. This while they have been in financial straights for some

time now.

Last year the county DOT did a great job with its repairs to Gold Hill Road. This year an equal job was performed on Bassi Road. No outside contractors with seven guys holding rakes watching one work, because it's in the budget. Every DOT crew person had a task, and was hustling at all times.

I work with a volunteer citizens group for the county and see a good similar community involvement from plenty of others all willing to work as a team.

Working with AQMD staff on our new local river shuttle, they were more than helpful with the process. I'm sure they took pains to help us along. I happily met with the folks from El Dorado Transit who were obviously working the team format for their county endeavors.

Recently I acquired a building permit for a client with as much if not more efficiency than in the past. From intake to the cashier I had the same positive attitude from all staff involved.

Locally our Gold Trail school superintendent working with Project Go has gotten our first summer at-risk youth on the river for a special day. This was after school was out for the summer.

I have met and had dialogues with county finance staff, and they all seem earnest and smarter than me. More importantly willing to have dialogue. Our citizens committee asked for the ear of our district supervisor, Ron Briggs, as part of

our river community endeavors, and was well served.

Lastly, whereas I don't agree with a few of the county educators, the vast majority of county educators are all doing their best to help all of our children obtain more than an adequate education.

If I was giving out job performance ratings based on actual observations, the county's staff would get a high ranking across the board.

On behalf of the folks you all serve.

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