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Dear Nevada County Board of Supervisors,

I had intended to call in and state this when Item 13 happened on the agenda. Early on I was told by another resident of Hirschdale that for some reason item 13 happened at the beginning of the meeting (ahead of Announcements and all other agenda items). Please know that at the August 31st meeting, many people will be pushing quite hard for the safety of everyone and the need for a high water mark to be surveyed. Law enforcement working from "common sense" to enforce the law on behalf of private landowners is in fact illegal and quite dangerous. Happy to talk to any of you about this matter.

I appreciate all of you taking the time to review my comment.

Sincerely,

Rachel Beckman

My name is Rachel Beckman and I live in Hirschdale. As a resident of Hirschdale, I ask that with the new bridge and the new access via the stairs, and plans for parking, that a survey is done to establish a high water mark along the Truckee River. It has felt unsafe to access the river even when staying close to the bridge and along the river's edge. Many of us have elected not to go. We watch many people drive in and out of Hirschdale hoping to kayak, swim, or fish, but leaving discouraged because there is no signage indicating if it is permissible. Often we will advise people on how to legally access the river, but sometimes they still leave uncertain. In June a Nevada County Sheriff Deputy visited my house to tell me my husband had been trespassing on private property while guiding along the river (thankfully my kids weren't home). The Sheriff even went so far as to say he wasn't certain that the Truckee River was navigable and was looking into it. The Truckee River is in fact a federally navigable river which affords the public the right to access it. Safety issues arise as law enforcement is called to cite someone for trespassing when no high water mark has been established. With the new stair access, It is imperative that a survey be done in order for people to access the river and not worry about repercussions from law enforcement and property owners. The survey would then make way for much needed signage, with regulations, information about parking, and the high water mark. Is this in the CEQA Report? Is there a CEQA Report? Supervisor Bullock, thank you for coming to Hirschdale recently and for meeting with our community. As you are aware many of us don't see eye to eye on community matters, but know the well-being and safety of our community could

be addressed by having the high water mark surveyed. Especially ahead of the August 31st meeting it would bring us all certainty to know a plan to survey the river is attached to a plan to build stairs and parking.