

Appendix B

Comments Received on the Notice of Preparation

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New Placerville Courthouse

Notice of Preparation and Initial Study

Ms. Laura Sainz

Judicial Council of California

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Dear Ms. Sainz:

We appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on the Notice of Preparation and Initial Study (NOP/IS) for the New Placerville Courthouse proposed to be located at 300 Forni Road in Placerville. Caltrans has the following comments on the NOP/IS:

Traffic Impact Analysis

- A comprehensive traffic impact analysis should be prepared which analyzes near-term (year of expected occupancy) and cumulative impacts at existing and future points of access on US 50: Placerville/Forni Interchange (Fairgrounds Overcrossing 25-67) and the Ray Lawyer Interchange (Ray Lawyer Overcrossing 25-0117), respectively.
- Due to the close spacing between the Placerville/Forni Interchange and the future Ray Lawyer Drive Interchange (less than 1 mile), and existing close-spaced intersections at the ramp termini, a simulation analysis is the most appropriate tool to analyze these conditions, as it will provide more realistic results.
- The analysis should state which improvements are assumed to be in place.
- Caltrans should review and comment on the scope of work for the preparation of the traffic impact analysis. Please contact our office with this information.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Rupinder Jawanda, El Dorado County Intergovernmental Review Coordinator, at (530) 740-4989 or Rupinder_Jawanda@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Fredericks".

Eric Fredericks, Chief

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COMMENTS TO NOTICE OF PREPARATION FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, NEW PLACERVILLE COURTHOUSE PROJECT, SCH NO. 2012042051, EL DORADO COUNTY

Pursuant to the State Clearinghouse's 23 April 2012 request, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has reviewed the Notice of Preparation for the *Draft Environmental Impact Report* for the New Placerville Courthouse Project, located in El Dorado County.

Our agency is delegated with the responsibility of protecting the quality of surface and groundwaters of the state; therefore our comments will address concerns surrounding those issues.

Construction Storm Water General Permit

Dischargers whose project disturb one or more acres of soil or where projects disturb less than one acre but are part of a larger common plan of development that in total disturbs one or more acres, are required to obtain coverage under the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activities (Construction General Permit), Construction General Permit Order No. 2009-009-DWQ. Construction activity subject to this permit includes clearing, grading, grubbing, disturbances to the ground, such as stockpiling, or excavation, but does not include regular maintenance activities performed to restore the original line, grade, or capacity of the facility. The Construction General Permit requires the development and implementation of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).

For more information on the Construction General Permit, visit the State Water Resources Control Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/constpermits.shtml.

Phase I and II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permits¹

The Phase I and II MS4 permits require the Permittees reduce pollutants and runoff flows from new development and redevelopment using Best Management Practices (BMPs) to the maximum extent practicable (MEP). MS4 Permittees have their own development standards, also known as Low Impact Development (LID)/post-construction standards that include a hydromodification component. The MS4 permits also require specific design concepts for LID/post-construction BMPs in the early stages of a project during the entitlement and CEQA process and the development plan review process.

For more information on which Phase I MS4 Permit this project applies to, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/storm_water/municipal_permits/.

Industrial Storm Water General Permit

Storm water discharges associated with industrial sites must comply with the regulations contained in the Industrial Storm Water General Permit Order No. 97-03-DWQ.

For more information on the Industrial Storm Water General Permit, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/storm_water/industrial_general_permits/index.shtml.

Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit

If the project will involve the discharge of dredged or fill material in navigable waters or wetlands, a permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act may be needed from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE). If a Section 404 permit is required by the USACOE, the Central Valley Water Board will review the permit application to ensure that discharge will not violate water quality standards. If the project requires surface water drainage realignment, the applicant is advised to contact the Department of Fish and Game for information on Streambed Alteration Permit requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the Clean Water Act Section 404 permits, please contact the Regulatory Division of the Sacramento District of USACOE at (916) 557-5250.

Clean Water Act Section 401 Permit – Water Quality Certification

If an USACOE permit, or any other federal permit, is required for this project due to the disturbance of waters of the United States (such as streams and wetlands), then a Water Quality Certification must be obtained from the Central Valley Water Board prior to initiation of project activities. There are no waivers for 401 Water Quality Certifications.

¹ Municipal Permits = The Phase I Municipal Separate Storm Water System (MS4) Permit covers medium sized Municipalities (serving between 100,000 and 250,000 people) and large sized municipalities (serving over 250,000 people). The Phase II MS4 provides coverage for small municipalities, including non-traditional Small MS4s, which include military bases, public campuses, prisons and hospitals.

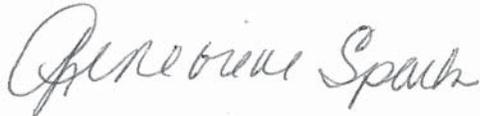
Waste Discharge Requirements

If USACOE determines that only non-jurisdictional waters of the State (i.e., "non-federal" waters of the State) are present in the proposed project area, the proposed project will require a Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit to be issued by Central Valley Water Board. Under the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, discharges to all waters of the State, including all wetlands and other waters of the State including, but not limited to, isolated wetlands, are subject to State regulation.

For more information on the Water Quality Certification and WDR processes, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/help/business_help/permit2.shtml.

If you have questions regarding these comments, please contact me at (916) 464-4745 or gsparks@waterboards.ca.gov.



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Dear Ms. Sainz:

We appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on the Notice of Preparation and Initial Study (NOP/IS) for the New Placerville Courthouse proposed to be located at 300 Forni Road, south of US Highway (US) 50 in Placerville. Caltrans has the following comments on the NOP/IS:

- A comprehensive TIS should be prepared which analyzes near-term (year of expected occupancy) and cumulative impacts at existing and future points of access on US 50, including the Placerville/Forni Interchange (Fairgrounds Overcrossing 25-67) and the Ray Lawyer Interchange (Ray Lawyer Overcrossing 25-0117).
- Close spacing between the Placerville/Forni Interchange and the future Ray Lawyer Drive Interchange (less than 1 mile), and existing close-spaced intersections at the ramp termini should be analyzed through a simulation analysis, as it will provide more realistic results.
- The proposed Courthouse project site is located within an area which has already been the subject of focused transportation planning and traffic analyses. Plans have been developed to modify the freeway interchanges (“Western Placerville Interchanges Project”) and US 50 in the immediate vicinity. However, due to financial challenges, the projects are not fully funded. Therefore, it is imperative that the Traffic Impact Study (TIS) consider and be consistent with these completed planning activities and traffic analyses; consider the timing of impacts relative to realistic assumptions of funding for the proposed improvements; mitigate impacts which will occur prior to completion of the improvements; and, coordinate closely with the County of El Dorado, City of Placerville, and Caltrans staff.

Currently, the Western Placerville Interchanges Project (a phased project) includes the following planned improvements:

- Phase 1A/1B – Westbound US 50 onramp from Ray Lawyer Drive, an auxiliary

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lane to the westbound Placerville Drive offramp, and local road and bike/ped improvements on Fair Lane

- Phase 2A – Westbound US 50 offramp to Ray Lawyer Drive
 - Phase 2B – Forni Road Improvements
 - Phase 2C – Ray Lawyer Drive Improvements
 - Remainder of Project – Replacement and widening of the Forni Road/Placerville Drive/US 50 Overcrossing, Operational improvements at the Forni Road/Placerville Drive/US 50 interchange
- The Missouri Flat interchange is in close proximity to the proposed Courthouse project and should be considered in the TIS. Only realistic assumptions about future interchange modifications should be considered for baseline conditions. For example, although the project study report and other plans indicate a single point urban interchange as the preferred alternative for the interchange, this project is not currently programmed/funded and is not included in the County General Plan or the El Dorado County Transportation Commission's Regional Transportation Plan.
 - We request to review and comment on the scope of work for the preparation of the TIS before the study begins. Please contact our office with this information.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Rupinder Jawanda, El Dorado County Intergovernmental Review Coordinator, at (530) 740-4989 or Rupinder_Jawanda@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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From: [Sainz, Laura](#)
To: [Ray Weiss](#)
Subject: FW: El Dorado County Courthouse EIR comments
Date: Monday, May 21, 2012 2:17:50 PM

FYI.

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Subject: El Dorado County Courthouse EIR comments

Dear Ms. Saintz,

The site selected for the new El Dorado County Courthouse is directly adjacent to the El Dorado Trail, which is a partially completed non motorized transportation route that will reach from Camino to Sacramento County. We request that the following considerations be taken when investigating the issues in the EIR.

1. Include opportunities to improve access and connectivity to the El Dorado Trail through this project. Increased auto traffic in the immediate vicinity of the trailhead on Forni Road will make it more difficult for bicyclists and pedestrians to access the trail safely. Any roadway configuration changes must include accommodations to improve crossing and travel safety for bicyclists and pedestrians (these could include signalized crossings, enhanced marking, or even grade separated crossings). Improved considerations for bicyclists and pedestrians should span at least past Ray Lawyer Dr.
2. The El Dorado Trail is on a railbanked corridor and is subject to rail reactivation under the jurisdiction of the federal Surface Transportation Board. No construction or development in the corridor should be considered that could jeopardize the railbanked status of the corridor.
3. There should be a direct access trail to the El Dorado Trail constructed that encourages staff and visitors to bike or walk to the courthouse on the El Dorado Trail instead of driving.
4. Mitigation measures proposed during construction should include planting a vegetative screen (to screen the building from the rural nature of the trail in the future), dust control, and construction access controls.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the number below.

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From: [Sainz, Laura](#)
To: [Ray Weiss](#)
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To: Sainz, Laura
Subject: Placerville Courthouse

To: Ms. Laura Sainz
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Hello Ms. Sainz~ I am a lifelong resident of El Dorado County and have heard the news that the possibility of a new courthouse being built off of Forni Road vs. remodeling the current one has been presented. Having lived here my whole life I can say I think that would be a horrible mistake. I think Main Street, Placerville would turn into a ghost-town! One of my closest friends is a Deputy for the District Attorney in Placerville, and is in the courthouse almost daily, said she that even though the courthouse needs many repairs, that moving the location would servilely hurt that part of our community.

I often get frustrated when people say we need a 'new building' to replace another, when that building could possible be remodeled. I myself of course cannot say whether or not the

problems with the courthouse can be fixed, but I certainly hope the state puts all their effects into fixing the courthouse before they run off and build a new one!

Thank you for your time!

Cierra Baumunk

Placerville Resident, 30 years

From: [Sainz, Laura](#)
To: [Ray Weiss](#)
Subject: FW: Placerville Court House on Main Street
Date: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 9:13:50 AM

Last one?

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From: Hebenhc [mailto:hebenhc@aol.com]
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Subject: Placerville Court House on Main Street

Attn: Ms. Laura [Sainz](#),

If the judicial facilities are moved to a newly built court house it will devastate the local economy of Main Street in [Placerville](#)! Where will the funds come from for a new court house?

Will the County go out for bids for the new location? Or is this a done deal? Let us not rush to judgement!

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May 22, 2012

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Re: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Report

Dear Ms. Sainz,

Under the California Trial Court Facilities Standards, 2006 a courthouse must comply with the following principles:

- Dignity of the law, importance of the activities within the courthouse, and stability of the judicial system;
- Individual expression that is responsive to local context, geography, climate, culture, and history and shall improve and enrich the sites and communities in which they are located;
- Best in architectural planning, design, and contemporary thought, have adequate spaces, adaptable to changes in judicial practice;
- Economical to build, operate and maintain;
- Provide a healthy, safe, and accessible environment for all occupants.

The existing 1913 Placerville courthouse meets the above criteria, and has a dignity that is impossible to duplicate in a modern building. It is an impressive structure and a well known landmark as seen from Scenic Highway 50. The historic Placerville courthouse has well and faithfully performed the above duties for 100 years. In the early days Placerville was known as Hangtown in recognition that justice would be served even in the absence of a formal judicial system.

The historic courthouse is an integral and central part of the economic, social and cultural life of the city, and its abandonment would cause irreparable damage to the city. If the courthouse moved to a new location, the public defender's office, the district attorney's office, the CASA office and numerous attorneys and other services adjunct to the judicial system would soon follow, leaving downtown Placerville a ghost town. The city would be hard pressed to maintain its historical gold rush mining town ambience without its courthouse. The significant negative economic impacts and the introduction of blight created by more empty building on Main Street and its effect on the community would be an unmitigatable impact.

I did not see anywhere in the documentation indication that the existing historic courthouse has been adequately inspected and evaluated for preservation and adaptation for ADA compliance.

There are references to asbestos and other health and safety issues, yet the court is still in use on a daily basis. If there are truly health issues why hasn't the courthouse been closed before people are harmed? The courthouse must be properly evaluated by a preservationist professional and include the cost to preserve/retrofit the existing historic courthouse for adequate cost comparison.

There are a number of complex issues related to the multiple locations of the courts in El Dorado County, including the needed preservation of our historic downtown courthouse. In light of the state's current budget cuts I feel the right thing to do is to step back, take another look at this courthouse and reconsider preservation as a viable alternative.

A one-size-fits-all courthouse, the same as every other courthouse in the state, is not appropriate for our historic rural county. I believe that keeping our courthouse downtown and building a smaller new courthouse to add the necessary courtrooms and facilities instead of abandoning our historic courthouse is one option that may be in the best interest of the people of El Dorado County and has not been adequately evaluated.

After looking at the site for the proposed new courthouse I had to wonder about the selected location. First, it is a wonderful hill-top with splendid views of the canyon, perfect for condos or townhomes. The courthouse wouldn't even be visible until one drives up and around the hill, and gives the feeling that our community is ashamed of our judicial buildings. The terrain is also not flat; the forty foot slope differences are much greater than what it looks like on paper and will clearly increase the construction costs.

The ownership of the property proposed for the courthouse location also seems to be a mystery. In most documentation it states the County of El Dorado owns the 5.9 acres. At the scoping meeting I learned that property belonging to John Briggs was to be purchased. It seems like there is a conflict of interest when the father of a sitting supervisor and grandfather to a City of Placerville Planning Commissioner is advocating for a specific location for our courthouse – especially a site so ill-suited.

The adequacy of the courthouse location in Cameron Park was barely mentioned in the documentation. Why has this courthouse location not been adequately addressed?

I would also request that the OAC encourage more public participation of the local citizens who will be affected by the decisions being made in regards to our courthouse. The new courthouse will be paid for, in part, from court fees. Wouldn't it be appropriate that those who pay have some say?

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Sharlene McCaslin

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To: [Ray Weiss](#)
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To: Ms. Laura Sainz
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Dear Ms. Sainz,

This letter is to submit my comments about the new proposed Placerville courthouse (Project Location: 300 Forni Road, Placerville, CA 95667, located adjacent to the existing Placerville Jail Facility). I would request that the environmental impacts in these three areas be addressed.

Cumulative Impacts - My concerns are with adverse economic effects on Historic Downtown Placerville after the courthouse is moved to the new location. Specifically with the issue of creating a blighted Main Street due to businesses vacating downtown and relocating closer to the new site.

Cultural Resources - My concerns are with the future of the current Historic Courthouse. What will happen to this historic building. Will its preservation be guaranteed?

Recreation - The plans show the El Dorado Trail will be impacted by the new structure. Will the El Dorado Trail still have Class 1 connectivity, or will that segment of the trail be abandoned after the new courthouse is built? For safety reasons, it is imperative the El Dorado Trail remains separate from the roadways at that busy intersection.

Please submit my comments for the public record.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Newell

From: [Sainz, Laura](#)
To: [Ray Weiss](#)
Subject: FW: Comments on New Placerville Courthouse Notice of Preparation and Initial Study
Date: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 10:23:57 AM

FYI.

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From: Lindell Price [mailto:lindellprice@gmail.com]
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To: Sainz, Laura
Subject: Comments on New Placerville Courthouse Notice of Preparation and Initial Study

Ms. Sainz,

The Surrounding Land Uses and Setting section of the *NEW PLACERVILLE COURTHOUSE Notice of Preparation and Initial Study* fails to acknowledge the existence of the El Dorado Trail. The project site is bounded by the El Dorado Trail on to the northwest and west. The El Dorado Trail lies between Forni Road and the project site. The project will have a potentially significant impact on a recreational facility, the El Dorado Trail; see p. 2-3.

The El Dorado Trail wraps around the hill on which the project is proposed. Users of the trail enjoy quiet surroundings with views of natural vegetation and a wooded hillside; see p. 3-2, Issue 1. In addition to potentially disrupting the surroundings of the El Dorado Trail, the proposed project will have a significant impact on public access to the El Dorado Trail due to increased traffic and parking demand in the area; see p. 3-28, Issue 16.

The proposed project has the potentially significant impact of increasing use of the El Dorado Trail, with the potential of increased physical deterioration, and the potential of necessitating facility expansion such as trail widening, additional toilet facilities, or nighttime lighting to accommodate the additional trail use; see p. 3-27 Issue 15. a) and b).

It is important that everyone to be able to reach the Courthouse. Increased motor vehicle traffic will render the current minimal pedestrian, bicycle, and public transit circulation inadequate or unsafe. Mass transit service to the Courthouse needs to be included in site selection and design. A through pedestrian and bicycle circulation plan for the Courthouse and the surrounding impacted areas is needed for people traveling to and from the Courthouse. The El Dorado Trail provides wonderful recreational and exercise opportunities. However, the Courthouse needs to be designed and located to provide safe and secure year-round, all-weather, pre-dawn, and after dark multimodal access.

Sincerely,

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P.S. Figure 1 labels the location as Placer County; the proposed project is in El Dorado County.

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Subject: New Placerville Courthouse

The Courthouse is not just a building, but a destination. Include mitigation beyond excellent planning and design. Court Staff needs to get to and from work; the public needs to get to the Court in all seasons, in a.m. dark, p.m, dark and for night court.

Access routes need to be suitable for all these times. The additional auto traffic will degrade bicycle and pedestrian access via Forni Road from the town of El Dorado, at the same time that the courthouse creates a need for more bicycle and pedestrian access. The current access provided by via Forni Road and the El Dorado Trail will need to be improved.

A transit plan is needed, as well as planning for van pools, bicycle racks and bicycle lockers, for visitors and staff.

A pedestrian circulation plan is needed from and to:

- Placerville
- Fairgrounds, west entrance
- County offices
- City of Placerville, downtown
- Missouri Flat Road.

A bicycle circulation plan is needed from and to:

- Town of El Dorado, Forni Road
- Missouri Flat Road
- Green Valley Road
- Cold Springs Road
- City of Placerville, downtown.

Page 2-7 Please reference the County and City policies and guidelines that you considered, and ruled out.

Page 3-2, 1. Aesthetics

1 b) El Dorado Trail is a scenic resource

c,d) Scenic views are not visible except from the adjoining trail.

Page 3-10, 5-a) The trail is on a historic rail route.

Page 3-21, 10. Land Use and Land Use Planning

a) Physically divide an established community? This should be addressed. This is a place to discuss and consider county and/or city policies and guidelines as well as the site's character and surroundings. Increases in motor vehicle traffic will create barriers unless mitigated.

Pages 3-25 & 26 14. Public Services

iv) If parks are referred to recreation, then you must consider recreation, not just parks.

v) Other Public Facilities. Public transit is a public facility. The new Courthouse needs appropriate public transit service. Currently jurors are shuttled from a transit stop; direct service to the new Courthouse will be needed. Contact El Dorado Transit right away to begin planning for public transit.

15. Recreation

a) Parks and recreation are not the same. This is potentially significant impact upon recreation with the traffic increases th the El Dorado Trail crossing Forni Road. Please include the needs of equestrians who use the trail.

b) See a)

16. Transportation and Traffic

b) Consider LOS for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians. For Clarity cite the "county and/or city policies and guidelines considered, and rejected.

c) The facility will impact traffic and result in safety risk to pedestrians, bicyclists traveling to County office, the Court and trail users including equestrians.

d) I note that bicyclists and pedestrians are included where the example is "(e.g., farm equipment)".

18. c) The summary statement of "not expected to cause substantial adverse effects on human beings" is overly borad. Consider public health, increased auto versus pedestrian collisions, auto versus cyclist collisions, and cyclists versus pedestrian collisions. There can be health benefits from active transportation. (See [Health Co-Benefits and Transportation-Related Reductions in Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the Bay Area](#), Neil Maizlish, PhD, MPH, Epidemiologist, California Department of Public Health Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.)

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Ms. Sainz,

Thank you for last week's informative presentation.

I am extremely concerned about the economic impact on the City of Placerville of relocating the activities of our historic Main Street Courthouse. The plan to do so disregards the deleterious effects on our community. In a steadily declining economy, with employment opportunities continuing to vanish, the Main Street professional jobs that that will be sent elsewhere will not be replaced locally. Some local merchants, who already are barely hanging on, will be dealt a severe - perhaps fatal - blow by the loss of patronage of Courthouse professionals. The City simply CANNOT stand the loss of sales tax.

Addressing the above concern, last week you mentioned the possibility that the vacated Courthouse might in future become a community facility. My response is two-fold: (1) Presently that is only a vague suggestion, and (2) It is virtually impossible that a "community facility" would generate the merchant revenue presently enjoyed.

Additionally, for the State to embark on a multimillion dollar project when, practically speaking, we are bankrupt and when the residents do not support it is . . . what shall I say? . . . arrogant. It is my fervent wish that the project be abandoned until such time as we are on much firmer ground.

Kindest regards,

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