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## 4/24/18 BOS Item #34 - Villa Florentina Finalization

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Sun, Apr 22, 2018 at 8:12 PM

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Supervisor Ranalli,

Please ensure the entirety of this correspondence is timely posted to Legistar and addressed during the BOS Item #34 – Villa Florentina Finalization.

This particular item is relevant to the Quiet Zone of the River Management Plan as well as EDC Vacation Home Rentals. Therefore, in the interest of government transparency and accountability, the public also has the right to know the following:

1. The September 2017 RMAC minutes reflect *“Anderson announced that he will be closing down his business **Villa Florentina** due to the pressure from the neighbors and trouble complying with the County noise ordinance. He therefore would be **resigning from RMAC** at the end of the year since he would then no longer be a business owner in the Coloma-Lotus area.”*

Nate Rangel has admitted finagling Anderson onto RMAC, yet Rangel made a point to announce Anderson’s resignation from RMAC during an October 2017 Parks & Rec Commission meeting. As of April 9, 2018 the RMAC agenda reflects Adam Anderson **still remains as the Chairman AND Business Representative to RMAC**. Why has Anderson not been removed from RMAC?

2. When Anderson approached me in a threatening manner during Feb. 2018 RMAC @ Grange Hall I turned around and questioned why he hadn’t resigned as Business Representative from RMAC as stated in the September 2017 minutes. Anderson replied to me with a sneer, **“Oh, that was just a legal manipulation.”** Why has EDC permitted Adam Anderson to violate his Principle Agent Oath of Office, perpetually use RMAC as a bully pulpit, and continually operate ‘ultra vires’ (outside the law)?

3. The Andersons used the EDC Chamber of Commerce PAC and the media to gain sympathy and support for their cause. Staff writer for the Sac Bus Journal, Mark Anderson, is a relative who colluded with Adam Anderson & Roger Trout to gain sympathy & support for Villa Florentina's financial plight. During the last Planning Commission hearing Anderson falsely targeted me for excessive calls to law enforcement for reporting SUP violations as required by the RMP. Laurel Brent-Bumb also gave false testimony in support of Villa Florentina staying in business at that hearing (i.e. she **lied**). Then during the April 10<sup>th</sup> Villa Florentina hearing you specifically called upon a member of the Chamber of Commerce to approach the dais and provide testimony. How much has the Chamber of Commerce PAC and/or the Mtn. Democrat contributed to your political campaign to keep Anderson's 'golden goose' financially afloat?

4. Anderson has fraudulently conspired behind closed doors with the BOS, RMAC representatives, and other county representatives to circumvent the RMP, Code & Law Enforcement, and Trout's non-existent 3-strikes policy. Why has EDC failed to respond to complaints and impose fines upon the Andersons for perpetual abuse of their SUP as required by the RMP and other laws, ordinances, regulations and statutes?

5. Deteriorating home values and quality of life all residents within the Quiet Zone of the American River are affected by excessively loud events, bully tactics, and lack of code or law enforcement. It was for that reason I requested law enforcement attend RMAC meetings shortly after moving to Coloma in 1998. As you know, this issue is also relevant to the Vacation Home Rentals. How much longer do you intend to kick this can down the road?

6. Ms. Smay is not the only neighbor adversely affected by the Anderson's excessively loud events. Her father, Rob Smay, is resident representative to RMAC. When I brought up Rob's lack of representation during the illicit February RMAC meeting held at Grange Hall, he demonstrated open hostility. The same issues were again brought up during the 4/9/18 RMAC meeting when Vickie Sanders and RMAC representatives infringed on my 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights. In the 20 years I've lived in Coloma, river residents have never been properly represented by RMAC. An explanation is in order why you permitted Robin Smay to speak for 8 minutes during the 4/10/18 Villa Florentina hearing, yet in violation of your Oaths of Office, you discriminated against others when you had **no lawful authority whatsoever** to do so. (*Refer to attached Brown Act Rights of the Public*)

In order for constituents to be properly informed, please provide your written response ASAP to the above six items.

*Melody Lane*

**Founder – Compass2Truth**

The Founders used Exodus 18:20-21 as a guide to establish our Republic, "And you shall teach them ordinances and laws, and shall show them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do. Moreover you shall provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them..."

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**Subject:** Fake News: County puts kibosh on Villa Florentina events

Richard,

No wonder the Mtn. Demo is losing all credibility...Here's yet another 'fake news' column: <https://www.mtdemocrat.com/news/county-puts-kibosh-on-villa-florentina-events/> How much did the Chamber of Commerce PAC contribute to influence Mackenzie Meyers to pen this biased piece of trash?

Mackenzie mentioned absolutely nothing about how 'King Ranalli' permitted Robin Smay to speak for eight (8) minutes because he "wasn't paying attention." Shiva Frentzen had to wake Ranalli up and remind him of the 3-minute UNCONSTITUTIONAL time limit imposed upon everyone else—that is if the Clerk to the Board even remembered to turn on the timer for the other speakers. Ranalli again demonstrated blatant discrimination and his inability to abide by his Constitutional Oaths of Office when he abruptly cut me off mid-sentence.

Note particularly the highlights in the attached documents concerning Adam Anderson's "legal manipulation" of RMAC and Villa Florentina. The night before I addressed the same issues during the RMAC meeting which was again conducted '**ultra vires**' as Larry Weitzman accurately conveyed in the 8/23/17 Mtn. Demo column. EDC has been going round and round this same political mountain for decades. Everyone knows the BOS are getting bad legal counsel from Mike Ciccozzi. Good governance? I don't think so...As Sheriff D'Agostini said, "***You need a new Board (of Supervisors.) All of them. Hold***

*their feet to the fire. Mine too. I work for you.*” Roger Trout and Gary Miller need a kick out the door too.

The public deserves to know the TRUTH. If you have any interest in saving ‘California’s oldest newspaper’, then take a close look at all the FACTS entered into the public record for this agenda item:

<https://eldorado.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3469329&GUID=0FF1F5AE-8DA2-46E5-AC88-F04E5D33AB34>





*Melody Lane*

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TRUTH – it’s the new hate speech: ***“During times of universal deceit, telling the truth becomes a revolutionary act.” ~ George Orwell ~***

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**4 attachments**

-  **4-10-18 Villa Florentina Hearing 22.docx**  
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-  **EDC wasting money on ultra vires RMAC 8-23-17 LTN.doc**  
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-  **2-13-18 RMP Resolution Item 29.docx**  
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-  **Brown Act Rights of the Public.docx**  
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Let me begin by stating I don't like being lied to, or lied about.

Adam Anderson, the business representative to RMAC, has consistently demonstrated his arrogant disregard for the law and residents living within the Quiet Zone of the S. Fork American River. Scores of us have addressed the subject and submitted factual evidence into the public record only to be subjected to his retaliatory bully tactics. A few of the most egregious evidence include the following:

- Feb 2017 Planning Commission meeting Adam's Power Point presentation falsely portrayed my home as "competing noise source" on Mt Murphy
- Until just recently the Andersons lived on Rising Hill Ct. in Placerville, NOT at Villa Florentina as required by their SUP
- In violation of the RMP, Adam used & abused his position as RMAC bus rep for his financial gain at expense of neighbors who've lived in Coloma for decades
- Arrogantly proposed to buy us out if we didn't like his excessively loud events
- Used CofC PAC and the media to gain sympathy and support for his cause
- Staff writer Mark Anderson for the Sac Bus Journal is a relative who colluded with Adam & Roger Trout to gain sympathy & support for their financial plight
- The September 2017 RMAC minutes reflect Anderson announced that he will be closing down his business **Villa Florentina** due to the pressure from the neighbors and trouble complying with the County noise ordinance. He therefore would be resigning from RMAC at the end of the year since he would then no longer be a business owner in the Coloma-Lotus area.
- When Anderson approached me in a threatening manner during Feb. 2018 RMAC @ Grange Hall I turned around and questioned why he hadn't resigned as Business Representative from RMAC as stated in the 9/17 minutes. Anderson replied to me with a sneer, "***Oh, that was just a legal manipulation.***"
- During the last Planning Commission hearing Anderson falsely targeted me for excessive calls to law enforcement for SUP violations as required by the RMP
- Anderson has fraudulently conspired behind closed doors w/ BOS, Planning Commissioners, RMAC representatives, and Roger Trout to circumvent the RMP, Code & Law Enforcement, 3-strikes policy

Anderson is incapable of being a good neighbor, and has publicly stated his inability to comply with the law. Tolerance will only open the door for other businesses to abuse their SUPs & the quality of life of Coloma residents. It is your duty to lawfully ensure the rights of all residents to live in peace and safety are properly enforced.



<http://www.laketahoenews.net/2017/08/opinion-edc-wasting-money-river-committee/>

<http://www.mtdemocrat.com/opinion/the-balancing-act-disbanding-river-management-advisory-committee/>

## Opinion: EDC wasting money on river committee

PUBLISHED: AUGUST 23, 2017 BY: ADMIN, IN: VOICES, COMMENTS OFF ON OPINION: EDC WASTING MONEY ON RIVER COMMITTEE

### By Larry Weitzman

In case you are wondering, RMAC is the acronym for the River Management Advisory Committee, a committee set up in the early 1980s by the Board of Supervisors to help advise them on river and nearby land use issues. It is composed of more than five members who have a vested interest in the river: an outfitter, a commercial rafter, a resident land owner, two members of State Parks, a business representative, a private boater, and two members at large.

Meetings are attended by a few people. At the one I attended on Aug. 14 about 10 interested people were there, mostly from the rafting community.

Adam Anderson is the chair and business representative. His connection is ownership of the Villa Florentino, which is under scrutiny regarding its special use permit because of complaints. A hearing is scheduled shortly in front of the Planning Commission. Anderson lives somewhere in Placerville, away from the river. I can't tell you the names of the four other members in attendance. Also in attendance were our very competent Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Laura Schwartz and Vickie Sanders of Parks and Recreation.

The committee meets about 11 times a year, which creates a huge problem for taxpayers. But first I must describe the meeting I attended which lasted nearly two and a half hours. My time watching Looney Tunes was better spent, it was so unproductive (maybe it was a live action Looney Tunes). Not only did not one panel member understand their charge, they didn't even understand their own agenda which consisted of three items. The first one was the approval of the prior meeting's erroneous minutes and the approval of the agenda for that night.

I also attended the prior meeting at the Marshall Gold Discovery Park Museum, which seemed to operate ultra vires. They were mostly concerned about the county's recommendation that RMAC be disbanded.

After listening to Schwartz's description of the nonfunctioning RMAC, many times not fielding a quorum, not understanding their duty or "job," not understanding their purpose, and certainly not understanding the Brown Act or how to conduct a meeting, it didn't take a rocket scientist to see the writing on the wall.

After two and a half hours, the meeting was done and nothing was accomplished but to set another meeting and perhaps another special meeting before the regularly scheduled meeting. The only thing I learned from the RMAC meeting was government dysfunction at its worst. But there is more.

Attending this meeting were two very highly paid EDC employees. In fact, their total annual cost to EDC including salary and all benefits as reported by Transparent California exceeds \$400,000. That's an hourly cost of more than \$200 an hour combined. I am not begrudging the fact that they are paid a lot of money. I am sure they work hard; I know Schwartz does. What I am pointing out is the fact that each of these meetings cost the taxpayer a lot of money.

You can be sure, with prep time, travel time, post mortem time after the meeting and actual meeting time, this meeting cost you and me at least \$1,000 or more for each one of these county dysfunctions. And they do this 11 times a year and have done so for years. You can do the math, but this RMAC thing is no free ride.

And now there is an outcry that the CAO staff, and Parks and Rec staff has recommended that RMAC be disbanded. Why did it take this long? To add some gasoline to the fire, RMAC has been nothing more than to protect the interests of the commercial rafting industry, the concessionaires along the river and other related enterprises. Have they solved any problems? No. The noise, crime, vandalism, and pollution are as big as ever. Have they ever told the board that it's many times out of control? Of course not. But they do tell the board what a boon they are to the county. Yeah, sure. So is Walmart, Big O Tires and every other business in the county, especially the hotels and motels. We get a special 10 percent tax off that tourist industry.

Let's determine what the "industry" really costs the county, sheriff, emergency response, environmental management, code enforcement, and SUP violations. We need to know the whole nine yards and then the causation needs to pay their way. Not the taxpayers. Disbanding RMAC is a great start. That alone will save the county over \$10,000 a year, more money that can be used for potholes and senior legal. Now let's get an accounting of and for everything.

*Larry Weitzman is a resident of Rescue.*

## 2-13-18 #29 RMP – RMAC Resolution

The idea of a “high Crime” which is referred to in our Constitution refer to those crimes committed by people in authority and especially those who are charged with securing the public trust. Hitler's propaganda chief, Joseph Goebbels, said “If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it.”

Truth is the mortal enemy of the lie, and the list of the River Mafia lies and bully tactics lines up like something right out of the movie *The Godfather*. For example:

As discussed during yesterday’s Taxpayers meeting, EDC code and law enforcement is abysmally lacking. County staff routinely falsifies records, declares negative EIRs, and resorts to bureaucratic **legal manipulations**. The outcomes of public meetings are predetermined before anyone enters the room. RMAC is no exception because serial meetings are routinely held at Camp Lotus, American River Conservancy and the MGDGP.

Good governance is an oxymoron and transparency can only be described as a brick wall. Roger Trout’s 3-strikes policy does not exist, therefore it cannot be enforced. He has consistently failed to lawfully respond to CPRAs concerning the RMP and specific business establishments within the Quiet Zone of the American River, thus demonstrating that mockery of the law is worse than no law at all. Retaliation by the mob is their modus operandi.

Last Monday night’s chaotic RMAC meeting was held at the Coloma Grange Hall. When I entered the building RMAC business rep Adam Anderson immediately approached me in manner that can only be described as menacing. I ignored him until the point he invaded my personal space making it impossible to avoid him. Finally I turned around and questioned why he hadn’t resigned as he stated and made part of the minutes of the 9/11/17 RMAC meeting. Adam replied to me with a sneer, **“Oh that was just a legal manipulation.”**

At the very beginning of the meeting it was announced that this RMP resolution would be approved at today’s BOS, thus substantiating that the outcome was already predetermined. Planning Commissioner Kris Payne, Sue Taylor and Lori Parlin were present, and although none of them live anywhere near the Coloma-Lotus river community it is significant that Kris Payne monopolized the meeting and that Sue Taylor contributed to the resolution revisions. The chaotic first hour and a half had nothing to do with the agenda item discussion. Kris Payne demonstrated apparent conflict of interests, violations of his Principle Agent Oath of Office and it certainly does not bode well that yesterday afternoon it was announced that the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission, scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 2018 has been CANCELLED.

There’s no question about the political motivation behind these surreptitious activities taking place that are clearly **outside of the law**. In reality it is the implementation of Agenda 21.

# CALIFORNIA BROWN ACT

## PREAMBLE:

"The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people do not yield their sovereignty to the bodies that serve them. The people insist on remaining informed to retain control over the legislative bodies they have created."

## CHAPTER V.

### RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC

§54954.3 Public's right to testify at meetings. (c) The legislative body of a local agency shall not prohibit public criticism of the policies, procedures, programs, or services of the agency, or of the acts or omissions of the legislative body. Nothing in this subdivision shall confer any privilege or protection for expression beyond that otherwise provided by law. Care must be given to avoid violating the speech rights of speakers by suppressing opinions relevant to the business of the body.

As such, members of the public have broad constitutional rights to comment on any subject relating to the business of the governmental body. Any attempt to restrict the content of such speech must be narrowly tailored to effectuate a compelling state interest. Specifically, the courts found that policies that prohibited members of the public from criticizing school district employees were unconstitutional. (*Leventhal v. Vista Unified School Dist.* (1997) 973 F. Supp. 951; *Baca v. Moreno Valley Unified School Dist.* (1996) 936 F. Supp. 719.) These decisions found that prohibiting critical comments was a form of viewpoint discrimination and that such a prohibition promoted discussion artificially geared toward praising (and maintaining) the status quo, thereby foreclosing meaningful public dialog.

Where a member of the public raises an issue which has not yet come before the legislative body, the item may be briefly discussed but no action may be taken at that meeting. The purpose of the discussion is to permit a member of the public to raise an issue or problem with the legislative body or to permit the legislative body to provide information to the public, provide direction to its staff, or schedule the matter for a future meeting. (§ 54954.2(a).)





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Supervisor Ranalli,

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Although a tracking number P001515-010418 was assigned to the attached Villa Florentina CPRA, the county has failed to appropriately respond as per Government Code Section 6250 et seq. Since this matter involves District #4, your compliance as well as an explanation is in order.

*Melody Lane***Founder – Compass2Truth**

All authority belongs to the people...in questions of power, let no more be heard of confidence in man, but bind him down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution. ~ Thomas Jefferson ~



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To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, Dist. #1, 2, 3, 4 & 5  
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Roger Trout, Planning & Development Services

## CA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST

On August 24, 2017 the EDC Planning Commission held a public hearing to review the conditions and non-compliance of the Villa Florentina Special Use Permit, owned and operated by Adam Anderson, the Business Representative and 2017 chairman of the River Management Advisory Committee (RMAC). It was clearly established that Mr. Anderson did not reside onsite, or anywhere near the American River for that matter, thereby he failed to meet the requirements of his SUP and thus disqualifying him to serve as the Business Representative to RMAC. However the Planning Commission never publicly addressed the obvious consequences for lack of Anderson's compliance with his Villa Florentina SUP, or qualifications to serve on the River Management Advisory Committee as required by the River Management Plan (RMP).

Special Use Permits are a major component of the RMP, especially as they pertain to restrictions required of all business establishments located within the Quiet Zone of the S. Fork American River. Comments made by Roger Trout during the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Planning Commission hearing regarding the Villa Florentina SUP raised several red flags, particularly Mr. Trout's evident reluctance to respond to numerous requests for the written "3-strikes" SUP policy. A policy that doesn't exist cannot be enforced. Consequently Mr. Anderson still appears to be in business and serving as representative to RMAC as evident by the January 8, 2018 RMAC meeting agenda posted to Legistar.

Pursuant to my rights under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.), I ask to be emailed substantiating documentation that the County of El Dorado took action to revoke the Villa Florentina SUP, and remove Adam Anderson as Business Representative to RMAC. Additionally I request to be emailed substantiating records of all noise complaints filed in 2017 against Villa Florentina.

If you determine that some but not all of the information is exempt from disclosure and that you intend to withhold it, I ask that you provide a signed notification citing the specific legal authorities upon whom you rely. To avoid unnecessary costs of duplication, electronic copies are acceptable and may be emailed directly to [melody.lane@reagan.com](mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com). It is requested that your determination be made within **10 days** as stipulated within the California Public Records Act, **Government Code 6253(c)**. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me immediately.

Thank you for your compliance and timely response.

Sincerely,

Melody Lane  
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