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Noah - I'm thinking Vickie may not have forwarded this one to you regarding Item 2 on today's RMAC agenda as I do not see it attached to the item (19-0237).

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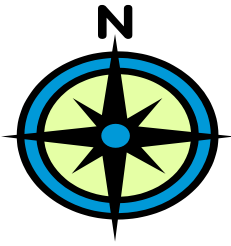
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Note for the record that Lori Parlin, Sue Taylor and Parks & Rec Commissioner Kris Payne actively participated in the illegitimate RMAC meeting held at the Coloma Grange Hall February 5, 2018 as well as other serial meetings held at Camp Lotus and the American River Conservancy. Serial meetings are strictly prohibited by the Brown Act. Furthermore, none of those individuals even reside anywhere near the S. Fork American River. These issues were discussed with Vickie Sanders at the 1/14/19 RMAC meeting.



Compass2Truth

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January 5, 2019

TO: EDC Board of Supervisors
Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

CC: CAO Don Ashton
Vickie Sanders, Parks & Rec.
Barry Smith, MGD Superintendent

RE: 1/8/19 BOS Agenda Consent Item #11 – Objection of Reappointment of Nate Rangel to RMAC

On behalf of **Compass2Truth** constituents, we object to the reappointment of Nate Rangel to RMAC and respectfully request that you deny his reappointment for the following reasons:

- In a 5/9/17 memo Deputy CAO Laura Schwartz states: *“The most significant change that we propose is to dissolve the RMAC. This committee has done some very good and dedicated work since its inception in 1984, but has evolved into more of a community-focused, rather than River-focused organization. Because of the lack of substantive issues that require deliberation and the wide-ranging interests of the RMAC, we recommend that this committee be dissolved and that the County encourage interested participants to form an ad-hoc committee. This committee could be supported by the County in same manner as the Rubicon Oversight Committee that has successfully conducted ad-hoc meetings for over 10 years... **Over the past several months, the majority of RMAC members have stepped down from the Committee resulting in not enough members to reach to quorum. Several meetings have been cancelled at the request of RMAC due to a lack of a quorum or no issues to discuss...** The Chief Administrative Office recommends that the Board consider filling the vacancies, noting that RMAC may be dissolved by the end of the year.”* RMAC was never dissolved, and in fact they have continued to operate surreptitiously and outside of the law.
- Mr. Rangel has overbearingly acted as chair of RMAC for the past several years, and in that capacity he has frequently violated the Brown Act. Audio recordings corroborate that Rangel has spearheaded the orchestrated interruptions, shouting, and discrimination against residents during extremely chaotic meetings especially when county representatives have failed to be present to ensure proper decorum and adherence to the law.
- During one such meeting Larry Weitzman remarked that they were “ultra vires” (acting outside of the law) and described their chaotic behavior as “mob rule” in a subsequent Mountain Democrat column: *At a very recent River Management Advisory Committee meeting in the Marshall Gold Discovery Park Museum to discuss the updated County River Management Plan, the rafters want to tell the county how to run the river concessions. Isn't that the tail wagging the dog? **There was no county representative present at a very one-sided meeting that bordered on mob rule. While an official county advisory committee, their actions may have been beyond the law and their authority. It's called an “ultra vires act.”***

- It is a matter of public record that Rangel has finagled serial meetings which the Brown Act strictly prohibits. Several of those meetings have been held in the Marshall Gold Discovery Museum, Grange Hall, Coloma Resort, Camp Lotus and American River Conservancy.
- Rangel has regularly colluded with Noah Rucker to falsify RMAC data and meeting minutes. Vickie Sanders, CAO Don Ashton and the entire Board of Supervisors have been apprised of their fraudulent acts but they have failed to take remedial action. When a government official has knowledge of wrong doing and fails to take action, then they become complicit and liable. Additionally the individual may be held personally liable, and we all know the burden such lawsuits place upon taxpayers, a topic that frequently comes up at the Taxpayers Association. Wade versus American River Conservancy and the County of EDC is a prime example.
- Additionally CA State Parks pulled out of RMAC in early 2018 yet the 11/5/18 RMAC minutes falsely reflect that Eric Carter and Bill Deitchman remain as State Parks representatives to RMAC thus demonstrating the inconsistencies in public transparency and accountability:

Minutes

River Management Advisory Committee (RMAC)

Adam Anderson, Business Representative
 Robert Smay, Landowner/Resident Representative
 Bill Deitchman, Calif Dept of Parks & Recreation Representative
 William Crenshaw, Chair, Non-commercial boater
 Representative
 Victoria Sacksteder, Vice Chair, Member-at-Large
 Nate Rangel, Outfitter Representative
 Vacant, Member-at-Large
 Eric Carter, Alternate, Calif Dept of Parks & Recreation
 Representative

Staff:

Vickie Sanders, Parks Manager
 Noah R. Triplett, River Recreation Supervisor

Monday, November 5, 2018

7:00 PM

Building C Hearing Room
 2850 Fairlane Court

- During another RMAC meeting I asked a question and Rangel responded, “*Counsel has advised we don’t have to answer your questions.*” Mike Ciccozzi knows full well that depriving residents First Amendment rights to dialog and/or participate in governmental affairs is strictly prohibited by law. The Brown Act clearly delineates the content of RMAC minutes that have been consistently ram-rodged through the approval process without input from the public: “*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 purpose of discussion is to permit a member of the public to raise an issue or problem with the body or to permit body to provide info to the public, provide direction to its staff, or schedule the matter for a future meeting. Members of the public have broad constitutional rights to comment on any subject relating to the business of the governmental body.*”
- Furthermore County Counsel cannot lawfully represent Rangel or any other members of the public who theoretically serve as “volunteers” on RMAC. The reality is that RMAC representatives are delegates of the Board of Supervisors, and as such they are bound by their Principle Agent Oaths of Office to support and defend the national Constitution.

- Rangel admitted to bringing his good friend, Adam Anderson, onto RMAC as the business representative. Conflicts of interest abound. Anderson’s connection is the ownership of the Villa Florentino in Coloma which was under scrutiny for violations of its special use permit and the River Management Plan. Rangel announced Anderson’s resignation from RMAC to the BOS. However Anderson’s remark that he would remain as the RMAC business representative due to a “legal manipulation” was captured on audio which I publicly reported to the BOS. The question remains why there was no response from any of the Supervisors?
- Permitting Nate Rangel to remain as a representative to RMAC is to buy into their mob rule. Each of their illegitimate RMAC meetings ends up costing taxpayers in one form or another as Larry Weitzman pointed out in one of his Mountain Democrat columns: *“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... 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.”*

Good governance means transparency and accountability to all EDC residents, not just to special interest groups like RMAC. Accordingly the Board of Supervisors has a fiduciary responsibility to properly oversee and put a stop to Nate Rangel, illicit RMAC activities and River Mafia Mob bully tactics.

Sincerely,

Melody Lane

Founder – *Compass2Truth*

9/11/17 RMAC meeting:

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Rangel asked about the transition of the Institutional Groups as proposed in the updated River Management Plan.

Member Dietchamn asked about the use of private land by Institutional Groups and thanked people for attending the meeting.

Member Anderson said that chances are 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.

October 19, 2017 Parks & Rec Commission audio corrupted. Nate Rangel announced Adam Anderson resigning from RMAC. John Hidahl was only other person in audience.

October 23, 2017 I sent email to BOS & Parks & Rec commissioners that audio was corrupted. John Hidahl was unresponsive to email inquiry.

January 18, 2018 Parks & Rec Commission – Corrupted RMAC audio again brought to attention of Planning Commission & BOS and fact that this happens on a regular basis, not to mention falsified data being submitted by county staff to BOS & PC. Vicki Sanders reminded Commissioners to read their email. BOS & county staff unresponsive to issues pertaining to transparency & accountability.

Same issues brought up at Taxpayers Association meeting 2/5/18.

Adam Anderson still on RMAC as of 2/5/18 – Villa Florentina SUP hearing scheduled 2/8/18.

Note as well that on October 19, 2017 the Parks & Rec Commission audio corrupted. Nate Rangel also announced Adam Anderson resigning from RMAC. **John Hidahl was only other person in audience, therefore he was witness to the facts and apparent collusion with EDC staff to maintain the corrupt status quo of the RMAC.**

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Subject: Please distribute and publicly post to 1/14/19 RMAC agenda via Legistar

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The Board of Supervisors and other county staff are aware of Nate Rangel's and Adam Anderson's penchant for lying and operating outside of the law concerning their involvement in RMAC. It is a matter of public record that Anderson has admitted to his "legal manipulations" arranged by county counsel. Such unethical and unlawful participation in River Mafia Politics (RMP) and deviation from EDC core values have been frequent topics of conversation during Taxpayers Association meetings as well as **Compass2Truth** powwows with county staff. **Over the past six years Lori Parlin has actively participated in many of those meetings which I've audio recorded.**

When any public official denies a citizen the right to address their grievances, then they are in violation of their Constitutional Oaths of Office. Subsequently when that public official has knowledge of wrong doing but fails to take remedial action, then they become complicit and liable. As you were made aware, RMAC representatives are NOT mere volunteers. They are bound by the same laws as the BOS. Rangel and Anderson continue to violate their Principle Agent Oaths of Office with the full knowledge and blessing of the BOS, CAO, county counsel, and Parks & Recreation staff. Such unlawful actions taken by the BOS concerning RMAC or the River Management Plan become ***null and void***.

Furthermore the BOS are aware that State Parks pulled out of RMAC nearly a year ago after the CAO memorandum announced RMAC was to be disbanded by the end of 2017. (See attached substantiating memos.) However RMAC has unlawfully continued to conduct serial meetings which the Brown Act strictly prohibits. P&R Commissioner Kris Payne, Sue Taylor and Lori Parlin have actively participated in several of those meetings held in the Marshall Gold Discovery Park and Camp Lotus when in fact they don't live anywhere near the S. Fork American River.

Supervisor Parlin got off on the wrong foot during Tuesday's BOS meeting when she publically colluded with Nate Rangel during the 10 minute break.



Nate Rangel candidly admitted during Open Forum that he had “no idea” about his reappointment to RMAC until Lori contacted him and requested he be present for the BOS. Despite factual evidence that I submitted into the public record, Rangel lied and then impugned my character while at the podium. That is the modus operandi of the River Mafia Mob. Supervisor Parlin then proceeded to recommend the BOS approve his reappointment to RMAC during Agenda Item #11 which I had requested be pulled from Consent for public DISCUSSION and DIALOG pursuant to the Brown Act Rights of the Public. I was not included in that discussion or dialog which is in violation of my First Amendment rights.

Apparently nobody bothered to read the FACTUAL documents I entered into the public record, least of all **Don Ashton, Supervisor Hidahl and Supervisor Parlin** who appear to have a problem comprehending the attached materials. RMAC should have been disbanded over a year ago, yet the county aids and abets their perpetual unlawful meetings which opens EDC wide open to liability.

Perhaps a course in remedial reading comprehension is in order for the BOS along with Mandatory Ethics Training for Public Officials required under AB1234. It would go a long way in thwarting the out of control government corruption that I addressed during Open Forum.

Melody Lane

Founder – Compass2Truth

"We, the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow men who pervert the Constitution." ~ Abraham Lincoln ~

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