

# Biomass Energy Facilities Associated with National Forest Management

National Forest System lands outside of Wilderness and Inventoried Roadless Areas

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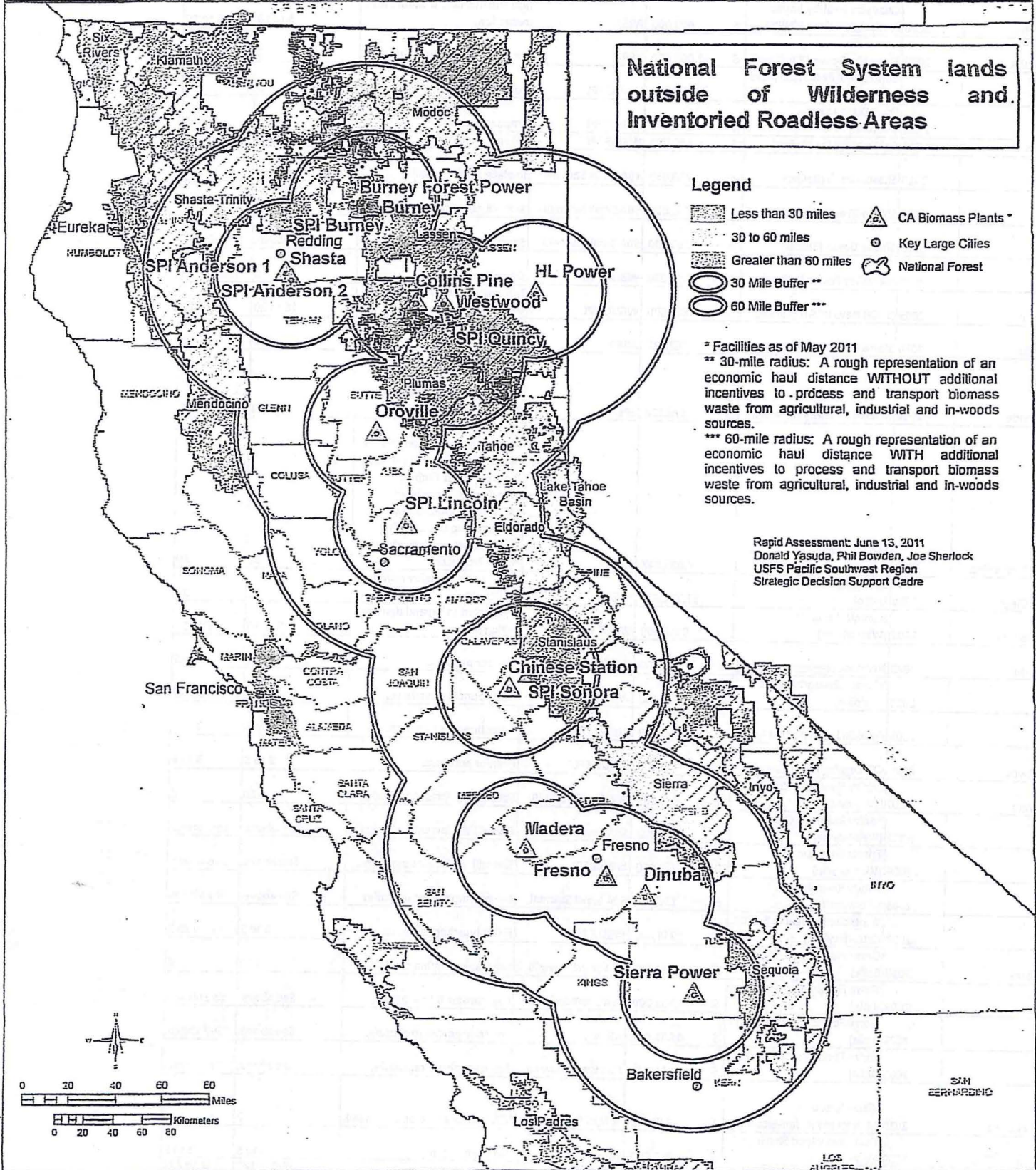
- Less than 30 miles
- 30 to 60 miles
- Greater than 60 miles
- CA Biomass Plants
- Key Large Cities
- National Forest
- 30 Mile Buffer \*\*
- 60 Mile Buffer \*\*\*

\* Facilities as of May 2011

\*\* 30-mile radius: A rough representation of an economic haul distance WITHOUT additional incentives to process and transport biomass waste from agricultural, industrial and in-woods sources.

\*\*\* 60-mile radius: A rough representation of an economic haul distance WITH additional incentives to process and transport biomass waste from agricultural, industrial and in-woods sources.

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Forest Service Biomass Infrastructure Investments, By County, 2004 - 2010							
County	Year	Recipient	Amt. of Grant	Source of Funding	Project Description	Job Retention Estimate	Job Creation Estimate
Amador	2009	Buena Vista Biomass Power (Ione)	\$ 2,452,550	ARRA	Biomass power plant restart	30	30
Butte	2010	J.W. Bamford, Inc. (Oroville)	\$ 300,000	WBUG FPL	Chipper purchase.	3 to 5	3 to 5
Calaveras	2010	Calaveras Healthy Impact Product Solutions (CHIPS)	\$ 490,000	ARRA	Job and business creation, fuels reduction.	5 to 10	5 to 10
Humboldt	2009	Blue Lake Power (Blue Lake)	\$ 2,006,550	ARRA	Biomass power plant restart	15	15 to 20
	2009	Continental Resources (Blue Lk./Redding)	\$250,000	WBUG FPL	Post/pole equipment.	0	0
	2009	Scott Dunn Logging (Fortuna)	\$ 250,000	WBUG FPL	Chipper purchase.	3 to 5	3 to 5
Lassen	2010	Del Logging, Inc (Beiber)	\$ 350,000	WBUG FPL	Chipper purchase.	3 to 5	3 to 5
	2010	Shasta Green (Beiber)	\$ 388,059	SBA Small Sawmill	Replace small sawmill.	120 (per company)	0
	2009	Shasta Green (Beiber)	\$ 250,000	SBA Small Sawmill	Sawmill equipment upgrades.	See above.	See above.
	2008	Shasta Green (Beiber)	\$ 150,000	SBA Small Sawmill	Sawmill equipment upgrades.	See above.	See above.
	2006	Big Valley Power (Beiber)	\$ 250,000	WBUG FPL	Sawmill equipment.	0	0
Modoc	2005	N. Cal Neva RC&D (Alturas)	\$ 250,000	WBUG FPL	Raw material subsidy for Big Valley Power.	15 to 20	15 to 20
Plumas	2010	Sierra Institute (Taylorsville)	\$ 562,828	ARRA	Feasibility studies and biomass removal.	0	0
Riverside	2004	Riverside County (Riverside)	\$ 1,878,818	SPEA	Bark beetle business start-up support (Priority Pallets and fuels removal equipment.)	40	40
San Bernardino	2004	San Bernardino County (San Bernardino)	\$ 4,085,847	SPEA	Bark beetle business start-up support (equipment purchases for West Coast Timber, Woodguard, Arrowhead Enterprises, Viramontes Express, Blue Lbr. Co., Pico Rivera Pallet and Arrowhead Forest Products.)	30	30
San Diego	2004	San Diego County (San Diego)	\$1,750,000	SPEA	Bark beetle mortality removal assistance.	10	10
Santa Cruz	2005	Summit Views LLC (Watsonville)	\$148,000	WBUG FPL	Equipment to expand densified firelog plant.	5 to 10	5 to 10
Shasta	2010	Headrick Logging (Anderson)	\$ 350,000	WBUG FPL	Chipper purchase.	3 to 5	3 to 5
	2010	Warner Enterprises, Inc. (Redding)	\$ 350,000	WBUG FPL	Feller buncher purchase.	3 to 5	3 to 5
	2009	Franklin Logging (Bella Vista)	\$ 250,000	WBUG FPL	Feller buncher purchase.	3 to 5	3 to 5
Siskiyou	2009	CLT Logging Inc. (Grenada)	\$ 250,000	WBUG FPL	Grinder purchase.	3 to 5	3 to 5
Trinity	2010	Trinity River Lbr. Co. (Weaverville)	\$ 388,059	SBA Small Sawmill	Sawmill equipment upgrades.	120	0
	2009	Trinity River Lbr. Co. (Weaverville)	\$ 250,000	SBA Small Sawmill	Sawmill equipment upgrades.	See above.	See above.
	2009	Trinity River Lbr. Co. (Weaverville)	\$ 250,000	WBUG FPL	Sawmill equipment upgrades.	See above.	See above.
	2008	Trinity River Lbr. Co. (Weaverville)	\$ 150,000	SBA Small Sawmill	Sawmill equipment upgrades.	See above.	See above.
	2008	Watershed Research & Trng. Cntr. (Hayfork)	\$ 245,000	WBUG FPL	Feller buncher purchase.	3 to 5	3 to 5
Tulare	2010	Sierra Forest Products (Terra Bella)	\$ 1,796,467	SBA Small Sawmill	Log transportation subsidy.	220	0
	2009	Sierra Forest Products (Terra Bella)	\$ 1,700,000	SBA Small Sawmill	Log transportation subsidy.	See above.	See above.
	2009	Sierra Forest Products (Terra Bella)	\$ 4,061,422	ARRA	Log transportation subsidy.	See above.	See above.
	2008	Sierra Forest Products (Terra Bella)	\$ 850,000	SBA Small Sawmill	Log transportation subsidy.	See above.	See above.
Tuolumne	2010	Sierra Resource Management (Jamestown)	\$ 329,000	WBUG FPL	CTL carrier and processor head.	7	7
	2009	California Wood Shavings (Jamestown)	\$ 250,000	WBUG FPL	Whole log shaver.	3 to 5	3 to 5
TOTAL			\$ 27,282,600			639 to 667	184 to 222

M. Lane # 32 BOS 1/12/14

## Melody Lane

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**From:** clnews@googlegroups.com on behalf of Deborah & Scott Kruse  
<deborahskruse@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 10, 2016 6:29 PM  
**To:** Coloma-Lotus News  
**Subject:** [CLNews] EDC BOS Meeting Tuesday 1-12-2015 @2pm Fire Prevention & restoration Projects

There will be a Tuesday, January 12, 2016, Board of Supervisors meeting to provide information and updates on various EDC fire prevention and restoration projects. These presentations are scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m.

Specifically, Mark Egbert, District Manager of the El Dorado County and Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation Districts will provide a presentation on both the King Fire and Sand Fire Restoration and Reforestation Programs.

Mr. Egbert's presentation will be followed by informational updates to be provided by Laurence Crabtree, Eldorado National Forest Supervisor, and Division Chief Mike Webb and Captain Clint Hamilton of the CAL FIRE Amador-El Dorado Unit on the South Fork American River Cohesive Strategy Project; the Fire Adapted 50 Plan; and the King Fire Restoration Project.

Supervisor Ranalli welcomes the attendance by all who have an interest in these fire prevention and restoration projects.

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**From:** Tim Kulton <tkulton@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 18, 2015 1:24 PM  
**To:** Fire- Melody Lane  
**Subject:** Fwd: Fire Safe Council active members....

had to fix your email address... sent this out to all active members:

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**From:** Tim Kulton <tkulton@gmail.com>

**Date:** Wed, Nov 18, 2015 at 11:53 AM

**Subject:** Fire Safe Council active members....

**To:** [darrell.arnold@rocket.com](mailto:darrell.arnold@rocket.com), [amriver99@gmail.com](mailto:amriver99@gmail.com), [LizdawnBoyd@gmail.com](mailto:LizdawnBoyd@gmail.com), [pbeagles@cwo.com](mailto:pbeagles@cwo.com), Alice Butler <[alicevirginiabutler@gmail.com](mailto:alicevirginiabutler@gmail.com)>, [wldlnd@aol.com](mailto:wldlnd@aol.com), [dpcolefamily@gmail.com](mailto:dpcolefamily@gmail.com), Fire- Bob Day <[bob@maddogmesa.com](mailto:bob@maddogmesa.com)>, [john.deck@deckdomain.com](mailto:john.deck@deckdomain.com), Roger Dwyer <[edcfsc@att.net](mailto:edcfsc@att.net)>, JW Goodspeed <[jwgoodspeed@gmail.com](mailto:jwgoodspeed@gmail.com)>, [vhallas@wildblue.net](mailto:vhallas@wildblue.net), [babbakite@hotmail.com](mailto:babbakite@hotmail.com), Deborah S Kruse <[deborahskruse@gmail.com](mailto:deborahskruse@gmail.com)>, Tim Kulton <tkulton@gmail.com>, [melody.lane@geagan.com](mailto:melody.lane@geagan.com), "Timothy W. Longo" <[timvickie@timlongo.com](mailto:timvickie@timlongo.com)>, [kmulvany@gmail.com](mailto:kmulvany@gmail.com), Lawrence Mancuso <[mtmurphylarry@gmail.com](mailto:mtmurphylarry@gmail.com)>, [janmurphy1@gmail.com](mailto:janmurphy1@gmail.com), [bpeters48@wildblue.net](mailto:bpeters48@wildblue.net), [lore.pool@ferguson.com](mailto:lore.pool@ferguson.com), [mindystock@att.net](mailto:mindystock@att.net), [edhwillis@comcast.net](mailto:edhwillis@comcast.net), [ddarisiida@gmail.com](mailto:ddarisiida@gmail.com)

At the Wednesday 11/18/2015, 7pm- 8:30pm Meeting - BIG News

- 1) CL Fire Safe Council now formed - meet the Officers
  - 2) Countywide Community Wildfire Prevention Plan Status Update
  - 3) El Nino - Status Update and Flood Preparedness Practical Tips
  - 4) Are Burn Permits OK'd Yet?
  - 5) Lessons Learned from the Butte and King Fires
  - 6) How to apply for Free Chipper Service- <http://www.edcfiresafe.org/programs-grants-2/chipper-program/>  
When you apply, indicate your neighborhood area in Coloma-Lotus so that work might be coordinated by neighborhood.
  - 7) Upcoming CL Fire Safe Council Plans
- See you at the Gold Trail Grange

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It's about learning to dance in the rain.

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**From:** Tim Kulton <tkulton@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 19, 2015 2:22 PM  
**To:** Fire- Melody Lane  
**Cc:** Deborah S Kruse  
**Subject:** Responding to your request...  
**Attachments:** County Council Response CPRA dated 12-02-15 Melody Lane.pdf

Date: Dec. 19, 2015

Dear Ms. Lane:

We are writing in response to your several recent contacts both in person and through email and thank you for your interest in the Coloma-Lotus Fire Safe Council.

The Coloma-Lotus Fire Safe Council (CLFSC) is a newly formed associate of the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council (EDCFSC). The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council is a private non-profit, public benefit corporation formed as a tax exempt entity. The word "County" in the title refers to a geographic area and does not imply that the EDCFSC is a part of El Dorado County Government.

As the EDCFSC is a private corporation it is not subject to the Brown Act and is not subject to public records laws or the freedom of information act. Even though the council is not required by law to comply with these regulations, the council and its leadership strive to maintain transparency and to the extent possible follow the intent of these laws. The meetings and agendas are published in advance and meeting notes or minutes are posted for public access. The public is encouraged to attend the meetings and there is a public comment period at each meeting where members of the public community can make their views known to all.

It seemed to me that your questions in front of the Argonaut would be more appropriate at one of our public meetings, or our web site where everyone could hear/see the questions as well as the answers. In fact, as open and transparent public meetings is one of your stated objectives, we agree and invite you to attend and participate.

Our Council was formed from verbal requests at our meetings this year and in the March 2015 Agenda. Item 7 of the meeting held on Tue. March 31st was:

1. How to get Involved/Areas of Need:
  - Survey – What is important to you?

- Secretary, Treasurer, Chief of Communications, Field Event Coordinator, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

Just for the record, the volunteer board officers were elected at our public meeting in October by a majority of those present. The Officers are: Deborah Kruse – Chairperson & Secretary, Tim Kulton – Co-Chairperson and Treasurer and Bill Deitchman – Project Manager. All of the board members are volunteers and are sacrificing their time to assist the community. The council’s sole objective is to help our residents and community to become more fire safe. We are focused on wildfire planning and vegetation fuel mitigation. Issues with law enforcement, the recreation vendors and with county staff are beyond our charter, scope and control. Additionally, to date, the Coloma-Lotus Fire Safe Council has not applied for nor has it received any funding, public or private. Voluntary contributions are requested and appreciated.

We encourage you to attend our meetings and become a productive part of our process.

Sincerely,

Deborah Kruse

Tim Kulton

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December 11, 2015

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Compass 2 Truth  
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Coloma, CA. 95613

Re: CPRA dated December 02, 2015, pertaining to the Coloma/Lotus Fire Safe Council.

Dear Ms. Lane:

In response to your CPRA dated December 2, 2015, regarding the Coloma/Lotus Fire Safe Council, the County has the following response:

1. The County has no records "substantiating the application of the Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Council, the date it was formed, the names of the officers and the method/policies by which they were selected." The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council and the various local sub-councils are not County agencies. The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council is a non-profit public benefit corporation formed as a tax exempt organization. The County did not govern their initial formation, does not govern the formation of local sub-councils, and does not select their officers, set their policies or keep their records. They do not submit the names of their officers to the County. Therefore, for documents about the formation of the local councils, and for information about the names of officers and the council's selection policies, I suggest you contact the Fire Safe Council directly. Their website is [edcfiresafe.org](http://edcfiresafe.org). Their address is El Dorado County Fire Safe Council, P.O. Box 1011, Diamond Springs, CA 95619, and their phone number is 647-1700.

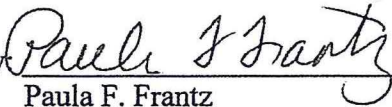
Members of the Board of Supervisors sometimes attend Fire Safe Council meetings in their district, as they attend other public meetings. To try to help you in your research into timing of formation of the Coloma Lotus Council, I have attached minutes from all of the Board of Supervisors meetings where attendance at Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Council meetings was mentioned. In addition, the Fire Safe Council made a presentation to the Board on December 08, 2015, and information about the Fire Safe Council is available on the County's website as part of the agenda for that date. However, I did not see any specific reference to Coloma Lotus in the materials for that day.

2. The County has no “copies of contracts/agreements with the Coloma Fire Safe Council” or contracts with “tree trimming/chipping agencies” in the Coloma-Lotus area. We located one contract with a tree service, to perform services on County owned property in Placerville which did not seem responsive to your request but I’ve attached it for your review.
3. I have attached copies of “all correspondence between Supervisor Ranalli, Tim Kulton, Deborah Kruse and all officers and active participants pertaining to the implementation of the Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Council.”

I hope this is of assistance.

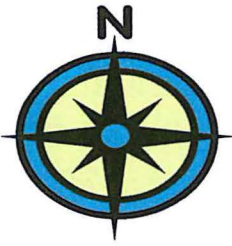
Sincerely,

ROBYN TRUITT DRIVON  
County Counsel

By   
Paula F. Frantz  
Sr. Deputy County Counsel

cc: Board of Supervisors:  
Brian K. Veerkamp, Chair, District III  
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# Compass2Truth

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December 24, 2015

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**RE: CA Public Record Act Requests – Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Council**

Dear Ms. Drivon,

Thank you for your letter dated December 17, 2015. However you were in error about a duplicate submittal of the December 2, 2015 CPRA regarding the Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Council. Note that particular CPRA was submitted to the Clerk of the Board on December 15, 2015 as an attachment referred to in item #4 of my Open Forum presentation. **(See Exhibit A)**

A separate CPRA dated 12/15/15 regarding outside legal contracts was submitted into the public record as document #5. A response from Counsel is due by December 31, 2015.

**Compass2Truth** specifically requested the *names of the CL FSC officers and how/by whom they were elected*. Despite phone calls, emails and public inquiries made on multiple occasions Supervisor Ranalli, staff and County Counsel have refused to respond to requests for public information regarding the Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Council (CL FSC). We allege a pattern of violations of **Government Code § 6200-6203**:

6200. Every officer having the custody of any record, map, or book, or of any paper or proceeding of any court, filed or deposited in any public office, or placed in his or her hands for any purpose, is punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code for two, three, or four years if, as to the whole or any part of the record, map, book, paper, or proceeding, the officer willfully does or permits any other person to do any of the following:

- (a) Steal, remove, or secrete.
- (b) Destroy, mutilate, or deface.
- (c) Alter or falsify.

6201. Every person not an officer referred to in Section 6200, who is guilty of any of the acts specified in that section, is punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code, or in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both that fine and imprisonment.

6203. (a) Every officer authorized by law to make or give any

certificate or other writing is guilty of a misdemeanor if he or she makes and delivers as true any certificate or writing containing statements which he or she knows to be false.

(b) Notwithstanding any other limitation of time described in Section 802 of the Penal Code, or any other provision of law, prosecution for a violation of this offense shall be commenced within four years after discovery of the commission of the offense, or within four years after the completion of the offense, whichever is later.

(c) The penalty provided by this section is not an exclusive remedy, and does not affect any other relief or remedy provided by law.

Tim Kulton also refused to reveal this public information to an "active member" of the FSC as evidenced by his email correspondence. It is significant that Mr. Kulton, Supervisor Ranalli, as well as CA State Parks Ranger & RMAC representative Bill Deitchman have all been advised not to speak with me which constitutes a violation of my Civil Rights. **(See Exhibit B)**

It is evident Mr. Kulton's 12/19/15 response was drafted by County Counsel on behalf of "a private non-profit, public benefit corporation formed as a tax exempt entity". The CL FSC is a non-government organization (NGO) represented by EDC staff at taxpayer's expense which is in violation of **Government Code Title 18 §241 and §242**.

Additionally please note the following American BAR Association Code of Ethics violations:

***Maintaining The Integrity Of The Profession***  
**Rule 8.4 Misconduct**

It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to:

- (a) violate or attempt to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct, knowingly assist or induce another to do so, or do so through the acts of another;
- (b) commit a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects;
- (c) **engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation;**
- (d) engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice;
- (e) state or imply an ability to influence improperly a government agency or official or to achieve results by means that violate the Rules of Professional Conduct or **other law**; or
- (f) knowingly assist a judge or judicial officer in conduct that is a violation of applicable rules of judicial conduct or **other law**.

We are doubtful that Counsel submitted "all correspondence between Supervisor Ranalli, Tim Kulton, Deborah Kruse, and all officers and active participants" as requested in the 12/2/15 CPRA. Accordingly I wish to bring to your recollection the purpose of our 11/12/14 meeting. Note these particular transcript excerpts:

**CONCERNING RESOLUTION #113-95 VERSUS AB1234, WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE FROM COUNSEL AS PER THE FOLLOWING:**

**Melody:** This is The Guide to the Public Records Act.

**Lawyer-Witness#1:** OK. I think you sent me that.

**Melody:** Yes I did. But it says right on here “Not by local.” And the Sheriff has been reminded of that, and I think you were present at a TEA Party Patriots meeting in El Dorado Hills when I brought up this whole thing about the Sheriff... you know...wanting to charge \$10. It’s called Unjust Enrichment. And he says that’s how he... you know...he publicly said this...that’s how he raises funds for his department. It’s against the law. Bad thing to say. And when he was challenged I said, “Oh, so you have to pay for justice?” He closed the meeting out and he stormed out of the room. And that’s a pretty serious charge there.

**Robyn:** Well, let’s just put a star by that one and I’ll...I’ll take a look at that.

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**Melody:** And that’s part of something I want to cover on here too. And if you look under number 3, Obstacles, number 113-95 versus AB1234. Uh, this has to do with the Sheriff’s Department. The Resolution 113-95...in our meetings which Lori has been at practically all of those that we’ve been having with Norma Santiago...this Resolution which is supposed to be on the El Dorado County government website is not on there. And uh...that’s because AB1234 was passed in 2005 which rendered 113-95 obsolete. That had to do with the different fees you can charge, and this is where you get into the ethics training. The whole thing about AB1234 you can’t charge any more than the direct costs of duplication...

**Robyn:** Uh Melody...Melody...I ah have to just interrupt a...I disagree. And the county as a whole disagrees. I looked...I looked into that for you when you sent the letter about the Sheriff’s resolution. The Sheriff’s resolution has never been rescinded. This is still in effect. When I...when I asked for it from the Clerk’s Office they got it right away. Um, but the Public Records Act still says that you can charge either the direct costs of duplication or a statutory fee. And...

**Melody:** Not according to what I’ve got.

**Robyn:** Well...the...the...the Public Records Act in the government code says that you...you can...you...you...it is...(long pause)....

**Paula:** And that might just to put a star because...

**Melody:** This is an issue. And just so you know in one of our meetings I think it was in um...it was either in Apr...May or June...when we met with Norma...and Norma confirmed that 113-95 is not on the government website. County Counsel Ed Knapp had gone over this whole deal. I had conversations with Ed Knapp and he agreed. And Norma agreed and said in their conversations with Counsel that 113-95 was rescinded. I was correct...and I’ve got the audio.

**Paula:** Could you put a star on that one?

**Melody:** Yeah, put a star on that one because that’s one we’re going to need to follow...

**Lawyer-Witness#1:** 113-95 would that be a county resolution...or is that...that’s a county resolution, correct?

**Paula:** It’s a county resolution.

**Melody:** It’s a county resolution.

**Lawyer-Witness#1:** 1234 would be superior to that.

**Robyn:** Yeah...if...if...if it...if it...

**Lawyer-Witness#1:** State law is superior to county law if there's a conflict.

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**CONCERNING APPROPRIATE RESPONSES TO CPRAS WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR REPLY REGARDING INDEXING, IT-BACKUP AND RECORD RETRIEVAL:**

**Paula:** Well...let me just say...what I started to say was um, I haven't been involved as you know with this up until now but I do um...help all of my departments...but I do represent with all the various Public Record Act requests that they get and that's where...that was the basis for what I said was a lot of it is...that...I used to say all of the time that when I first got here that the Keystone Kops don't conspire...They're too stupid to. And...and...(laughter). Our record system is stupid. Let me just start by that. We don't have a well-set forth...um...By the way...are you...are you taping me?

**Melody:** I am.

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**Lawyer-Witness#1:** Well you could say the record system is...difficult.

**Paula:** OK. Exactly. The record system is antiquated and not necessarily very um...thoroughly integrated because as I said they've been in different... um...different places and there are just various buildings. So it is not as easy as you might think when you said to me...just to the county...there's no such thing as just a county centralized record system. CDA which was...several other departments... kept their own records...their um...(long pause)...their own...er...

**Lawyer-Witness#1:** They're all over the place...

**Paula:** ...and they're kept separately.

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**Melody:** Now is the County email system and everything else...all of their electronic records backed up every night?

**Paula:** You know I would not be the right person to ask about all of that. You know I'm not the IT person and people will tell you I'm not that IT savvy. I don't even have a cell phone. I never tape record anybody. Um, I don't...I...I...I tend to be still where I pick my (?)...but my understanding is yes it is backed up um, every night but I...I couldn't guarantee that because I don't work in IT and I've never been down there to see how they do it.

**Melody:** But my understanding is, especially when you are dealing with government entities, everything has to be backed up. I mean look at...

**Lawyer-Witness#1:** Unless you're the IRS.

**Melody:** Yeah. I was going to say...yeah. Look at the IRS. I was going to say that whole missing records were found.

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**Melody:** This is one CPRA that I received in the mail where I asked for correspondence and I got maps.

**Paula:** And my understanding was that the response to that...was...was that...

**Melody:** But I still haven't got correspondence. (laughter)

**Paula:** But that's a different issue. Because...because...let's just talk about a different issue. The only one I've done which was October 20<sup>th</sup>.

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**REGARDING THE INDIVIDUAL/GOVERNMENT ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOW UP, TRACKING AND TIMELY RESPONSES TO CPRAS:**

**Melody:** OK. Is...is there going to be a point person or personnel now that Ross is gone that's going to be coordinating logging and tracking?

**Paula:** Yes. Our...our...um...(long pause)...our business manager...our...I don't know exactly what her title is...um but she has agreed that she will take on the...the duty...the...our administrative duties...

**Lawyer-Witness#1:** Our...our meaning the County Counsel.

**Melody:** Yeah. How's that going to work?

**Paula:** She...she will be...um...you know...taking...taking the documents and scanning...um...putting them in the...um...putting them...you know...they came in and they went out and...and who I direct them out to...and when...when...

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**Robyn:** Can I just...and I think that's kind of a...a...an example...of...what were' trying to do...with this meeting...is a process and with any luck we've got fine-tuned is...you know the spirit of the Public Records Act is...to help...when you ask for some...thing...that may or may not exist but it also may not be the best source of...

**Paula:** ...the information...

**Robyn:** ...or most utilitarian. And so if we can just have...you know...Molly is going to be a Nazi about the spreadsheet in term of timing. But Paula and whoever it is as staff can help you in that translation. I think that's what...

The courtesy of your response to these unresolved CPRA issues is expected prior to your departure from EDC employment in January.

Respectfully,

Melody Lane  
Founder – Compass2Truth

CC: Sr. Deputy Counsel Paula Franz  
Board of Supervisors District 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5  
HR Director Pamela Knorr  
CSP Counsel Rory Allen

Attachments:

Exhibit A – 12/15/15 Open Forum transcript  
Exhibit B – 12/19/15 Kim Kulton email

## Melody Lane

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**From:** Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2016 8:25 PM  
**To:** 'Joe Harn'; Robyn Drivon  
**Cc:** 'Paula Frantz'; michael.ciccozzi@edcgov.us; Vern R Pierson  
**Subject:** RE: Legal  
**Attachments:** 12-24-15 CL FSC Response to Drivon.doc

Thanks for your email, albeit tardy response to the CPRA.

For clarification the intent of the CPRA was to garner the YTD total of both legal consultants AND legal services.

County Counsel is supposed to be on top of this as per our 11/12/14 meeting with Robyn Drivon and Paula Franz. Per Robyn, *"Molly is going to be a Nazi about the spreadsheet in term of timing (responsive to CPRAs.) But Paula and whoever it is as staff can help you in that translation."*

Don't forget to include in your comprehensive reply the percentage of the county budget/General Fund annually allocated to Law & Justice. Vern Pierson should be able to help provide an answer to that question.

As a reminder Robyn's written response to the attached 12/24/15 inquiry is expected prior to departure from EDC employment.

Regards,

*Melody Lane*  
**Founder – Compass2Truth**

*When law and morality contradict each other the citizen has the cruel alternative of either losing his sense of morality or losing his respect for the law. ~ Frederick Bastiat ~*

**From:** Joe Harn [<mailto:joe.harn@edcgov.us>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2016 5:08 PM  
**To:** Melody Lane  
**Cc:** Paula Frantz  
**Subject:** Fwd: Legal

Melody,

I just became cognizant of your PRA dated 12-15-15. Here is a partial response.

This is a list of attorneys that the County paid during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. The list may be incomplete. Some of the attorneys provide consulting services rather than legal services.

A number of the law firms have had a relationship with the County for years.

Joe Harn  
Auditor-Controller  
El Dorado County

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From: **Keely Giovannoni** <[keely.giovannoni@edcgov.us](mailto:keely.giovannoni@edcgov.us)>

Date: Mon, Aug 31, 2015 at 4:23 PM

Subject: Re: Legal

To: Joe Harn <[joe.harn@edcgov.us](mailto:joe.harn@edcgov.us)>

DEPT	VENDOR	AMOUNT PAID 14/15
02	FOSTER EMPLOYMENT LAW	147.50
02	RENTICE LONG & EPPERSON	15,627.03
03	CALFEE & KONWINSKI	3,127.50
04	WRIGHT LAW OFFICE	6,127.80
07	ANDREW CAULFIELD	20,083.94
07	BRADY & VINDING	24,188.07
07	CHARD D JONES A PRO CORP	137.50
07	HANSON BRIDGETT	3,940.89
08	ANWYL, SCOFFIELD & STEPP	32,481.78
08	BRADLEY S THOMAS	3,887.80
08	ANDREW CAULFIELD	135,587.80
08	STEPHAN MASON	35,300.75
08	FOSTER EMPLOYMENT LAW	105,195.56
08	DOWNEY BRAND	4,050.00
08	VALENTINA REINER	92,659.50
08	PORTER SCOTT	100,733.94
08	JEBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE	149,268.70
08	JEBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE	8,079.50
08	MEYERS NAVE RIBACK SILVER	46,639.90
08	MURCH BASSOFF & ASSOC	10,350.00
08	SHAW VALENZA	29,645.00
08	NINE SLOAN HOLZMAN & SAKAI	16,133.62
08	ANGELO, KILDAY, & KILDUFF	9,536.81
30	MEYERS NAVE RIBACK SILVER	36,894.16
34	ABBOTT & KINDERMAN	43,013.96
34	RANDALL MORRISON	14,835.83
34	STEPHAN VALENTINE	600.00
40	WRIGHT LAW OFFICE	10,653.30
42	LAW OFFICE OF THOMAS BRUEN	5,743.56
42	THE GALLAGHER LAW GROUP	4,745.00
43	LEGALESE ATTY SVCS	2,355.00
53	LEGALESE ATTY SVCS	2,275.00
53	JEBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE	6,442.70
72	DOWNEY BRAND	3,003.50
79	AMERICAN EAGLE ATTY SVCS	11,451.00
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CONFLICT PANE	VARIOUS	223,221.15

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On Mon, Aug 31, 2015 at 4:21 PM, Keely Giovannoni <[keely.giovannoni@edcgov.us](mailto:keely.giovannoni@edcgov.us)> wrote:

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## Melody Lane

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**From:** Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 02, 2015 9:14 AM  
**To:** michael.ranalli@edcgov.us; Brenda Bailey; Paula Frantz; Robyn Drivon  
**Cc:** Paula Frantz; edc.cob@edcgov.us; larry.combs@edcgov.us; Sheriff DAgostini; bosfive@edcgov.us; bosfour@edcgov.us; bosone@edcgov.us; bosthree@edcgov.us; bostwo@edcgov.us  
**Subject:** RE: CL Fire Safe Meeting - Argonaut conversation - CPRA  
**Attachments:** Coloma- Lotus Fire Safe Council meeting (7.36 KB); RE: [CLNews] CL Fire Safe Meeting, Gold Trail Grange, Wednesday 11/18/20... (8.13 KB); CL FSC 12-2-15.pdf; Counsel Agenda 11-12-14.docx

Since I and other active residents were unable to attend the November 18<sup>th</sup> Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Council meeting, a request was made of Tim Kulton to provide the names of the CL FSC officers and how/by whom they were elected (11/20/15 email attached).

On November 22<sup>nd</sup> while exiting the Coloma Post Office I repeated my request when Mr. Kulton waved from the Argonaut porch. I was shocked when he refused to "reveal" the identity of the CL FSC officers and became very contentious and accusatory to the point I had to walk away from him.

Mr. Kulton claims he has only lived in EDC for about two years. I have met with him only once about a year ago and I have never had occasion to speak with Deborah Kruse. There is no reasonable explanation for Mr. Kulton's bizarre and unreasonable behavior, his refusal to provide public information, or his discrimination against Mt. Murphy residents affected by these frequent public safety concerns. My guess is the "River Mafia" has influenced Mr. Kulton's hostile attitude toward me and *Compass2Truth*, especially since the incidents posted on the CLNews stemming from the July 4<sup>th</sup> illegal fireworks at the Coloma Resort (CF# 15-5798 & 15-5893).

It is apparent EDC is facilitating the grant-funded Fire Safe Councils and providing legal counsel to Mr. Kulton at taxpayer's expense. Consequently the lack of transparency or accountability of the C-L Fire Safe Council has become an especially hot topic expressed during several recent public meetings.

As a "volunteer" Tim Kulton lacks the authority to speak on behalf of the community or withhold public information affecting public safety concerns. Therefore I regret that it has become necessary to formalize yet another CPRA. (attached)

Counsel is reminded of the purpose of our November 12, 2014 meeting (agenda attached), and that determination must be made within **10 days** as stipulated within the California Public Records Act, **Government Code 6253(c)**.

Thanks in advance for your anticipated timely response.

*Melody Lane*  
*Founder - Compass2Truth*

~ By identifying the people's sovereign will not with its latest but its oldest expression, the Framers succeeded in identifying the people's authority with the Constitution, not with the statutory law made by their representatives. ~

**From:** Tim Kulton [mailto:tkulton@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 01, 2015 9:32 PM  
**To:** Fire- Melody Lane  
**Cc:** Deborah S Kruse  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: CL Fire Safe Meeting - Argonaut conversation

Melody,

Tim and I received your email below.

As the CL FSC is formed, we as volunteers want to keep focused on wildfire safety related activities. This means non-required communications will be minimized, and replies to individual requests for information will be avoided.

Meeting notes and other CL FSC information will be prepared and distributed to the community before our next meeting. We are currently piecing together our web site that is attached to the county FSC site. This site can answer questions that people have and will ask about our org.

happy holidays, Deborah Kruse  
and Tim Kulton

> On Wed, Nov 25, 2015 at 4:26 PM, Melody Lane <[melody.lane@reagan.com](mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com)> wrote:

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>> Tim, you do not know me. We've only had one face-to-face conversation at the Coloma Club about a year ago. It is troubling that I've still not received the courtesy of a reply to my inquiry below about the FSC officers, or how/by whom they were elected.

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>> In light of our brief conversation Sunday afternoon in front of the Argonaut, you confirmed the reasons I--and several neighbors--are deeply concerned about the Coloma-Lotus FSC and the "people" who appear to be controlling it. They are not elected, transparent or accountable.

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>> Even more disturbing was your reticence to "reveal" public information. Your attitude appears to be based upon false rumors of unidentified "people" who told you not to talk to me, fear I'm going to "hassle" them, or object to the purpose of the FSC. That's a bunch of baloney.

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>> Just so there are no misunderstandings: I am the person who is being harassed, libeled, slandered, hacked, cased, intimidated, intruded upon and routinely violated. Four other women have been run out of Coloma by

the “people” you referred to, aka the River Mafia. I serve a holy God, therefore I have no fear of Mafia thugs...

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>> Your contentious comments left no doubt about the identity of “people” you refused to name. They are the same individuals who are under EDSO investigation stemming from my July 5th CLNews posting about the Coloma Resort annual illegal fireworks and frequent traffic jams at the Mt. Murphy Bridge.

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>> They are the same “people” who’ve formed a committee to slander and censor me from CLNews just like they did 10 years ago. They are LIARS.

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>> Bubba Kite confirmed their involvement just minutes prior to the September FSC meeting. That evening Mike Ranalli abruptly cut off dialog regarding the necessity of road turnouts every 400 feet because of the sensitivity of a complex issue that has been deliberately avoided for decades. Ranalli agreed to coordinate a meeting 4 months ago to address these concerns but it has again been swept under the bureaucratic rug, just like Briggs. Why do you think his was the first recall notice served?

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>> BTW, that is further reason for me to decline your invitation to meet privately with you and Steve Willis. Private meetings are like dead end streets. Everyone knows I don’t meet privately with anyone—BOS, Sheriff, County Counsel, Park staff--unless accompanied by at least one other witness. Ya’ll simply can’t be trusted to be transparent or accountable.

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>> All 5 Mt. Murphy arson fires have started either directly on my property or within ¼ mile from my home. The 2007 Mt. Murphy arson site where ARC cut off my fire access was ignited by arsonist Ben Cunha. That fire claimed the life of my beloved golden retriever. Cunha was under \$10M bail just like the King Fire arsonist. The photos and letters I submitted to 12 government agencies generated correspondence and phone calls from the CA Fire Marshal, Governor Schwarzenegger, attorneys and legislators with whom I worked while employed at the Capitol. The root issues still remain unaddressed, shrouded in litigation, or bureaucratically avoided.

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>> The real question that needs to be publicly addressed is: Why is EDC, the MGD and media avoiding the public safety and risk management issues associated with all these C-L fires?

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>> Inquiring minds would like to know why all the secrecy about the CL FSC officers?

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>> Melody Lane

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>> From: Melody Lane [mailto:[melody.lane@reagan.com](mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com)]  
>> Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 5:28 PM  
>> To: '[deborahskruse@gmail.com](mailto:deborahskruse@gmail.com)'; Tim Kulton  
>> Subject: RE: [CLNews] CL Fire Safe Meeting, Gold Trail Grange, Wednesday 11/18/2015 - 7pm  
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>> I was unable to make the FS meeting Wednesday. Who are the officers and how/by whom were they elected?  
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>> A brief update or synopsis of the meeting would be much appreciated.  
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>> Melody Lane  
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>> Conservatives Serving God in Truth & Liberty  
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>> From: [clnews@googlegroups.com](mailto:clnews@googlegroups.com) [mailto:[clnews@googlegroups.com](mailto:clnews@googlegroups.com)] On Behalf Of Deborah & Scott Kruse

>> Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2015 6:43 PM

>> To: Coloma-Lotus News

>> Subject: [CLNews] CL Fire Safe Meeting, Gold Trail Grange, Wednesday 11/18/2015 - 7pm

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>> At the Wednesday 11/18/2015, 7- 8:30pm Meeting - BIG News

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>> 1) CL Fire Safe Council now formed - meet the Officers

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>> 2) Countywide Community Wildfire Prevention Plan Status Update

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>> 3) El Nino - Status Update and Flood Preparedness Practical Tips

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>> 4) Are Burn Permits OK'd Yet?

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>> 5) Lessons Learned from the Butte and King Fires

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>> 6) How to apply for Free Chipper Service- <http://www.edcfiresafe.org/programs-grants-2/chipper-program/>

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>> When you apply, indicate your neighborhood area in Coloma-Lotus so that work might be coordinated by neighborhood.

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>> 7) Upcoming CL Fire Safe Council Plans

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>> See you at the Gold Trail Grange

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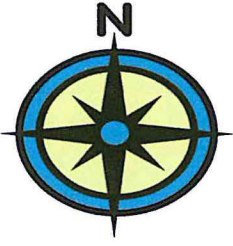
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P.O. Box 598  
Coloma, CA 95613  
[melody.lane@reagan.com](mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com)

December 2, 2015

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
EDC Clerk to the Board

## CA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST

Pursuant to my rights under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.), I ask to obtain the following:

- Documentation substantiating the application of the **Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Council**, the date it was formed, the names of each of the officers and the method/policies by which they were selected.
- Copies of all contracts/agreements with the Coloma Fire Safe Council, the County of El Dorado, and all tree trimming/chipping agencies.
- Copies of all **\*correspondence** between Supervisor Ranalli, Tim Kulton, Deborah Kruse, and all officers and active participants pertaining to the implementation of the Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Council.

(\*) Such writings and communications to include any handwriting, typing, printing, photocopying, transmitting by facsimile or electronic mail, any form of communication or representation including letters, words, pictures, sounds or symbols, or combination thereof, and any record thereby created, regardless of the manner in which the record has been stored.

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 legal authorities on whom you rely.

To avoid unnecessary costs of duplication, electronic copies are acceptable and may be emailed 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, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks for your anticipated cooperation.

Melody Lane  
**Founder – Compass2Truth**

**Wednesday November 12, 2014 @ 10:00 AM**

**Robyn Drivon/Paula Franz**

- I. CPRA - FOIA
  - A. CAO - Ross Branch
  - B. Process - Coordination, logging, tracking
  - C. Spreadsheet Discrepancies
  - D. EDSO
  
- II. Brown Act – Bagley Keene Act Violations
  - A. BOS Agendas
  - B. Censoring/minimizing info.
  - C. Technical Difficulties
  
- III. Obstacles - Bureaucratic Shenanigans
  - A. Communication breakdown
  - B. Resolution 113-95 v. AB1234
  - C. Fees - Paper v. electronic copies or CD
  - D. Code/Law Enforcement inconsistencies
  - E. Diverted responses/lack of response
  
- IV. Solutions – Follow up
  - A. 10/21 CPRA presentation – publish CPRAs to government website?
  - B. Transparency/Accountability
  - C. Right-to-know v. media blackout

## Melody Lane

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**From:** Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 10, 2015 11:52 AM  
**To:** 'Tim Kulton'; 'Fire- Steve Willis'; michael.ranalli@edcgov.us  
**Cc:** Sheriff DAgostini; Laura Lyons; Brenda Bailey; barry.smith@parks.ca.gov; Roger Trout; Robyn Drivon; Allen, Rory@Parks; michael.ciccozzi@edcgov.us; Paula Frantz; bosfive@edcgov.us; bosfour@edcgov.us; bosone@edcgov.us; bosthree@edcgov.us; bostwo@edcgov.us  
**Subject:** RE: Your concern...Fire Safe Council

Gentlemen,

I do not see the necessity to meet privately with you regarding issues of community concern, particularly the number of Mt. Murphy arson fires, annual Coloma Resort illegal fireworks, and the lack of sufficient egress at the Mt. Murphy Road bridge. These concerns should have been addressed transparently and publicly long ago by our public servants.

A separate meeting would be redundant since Supervisor Ranalli's office is *supposed* to be coordinating a request made *four months ago* for a joint meeting with Sheriff D'Agostini, Roger Trout and acting MGDSP Superintendent Barry Smith regarding residents public safety concerns. (Bob Day appears to have dropped out of the picture.)

Considering correspondence I just received this morning from County Counsel, it appears that request has again fallen through the cracks of government bureaucracy...just more of the same old problem we had while Ron Briggs was in office.

These public safety concerns are best addressed at a higher level where they belong. As Sheriff D'Agostini said, it's time to hold all their feet to the fire.

Regards,

*Melody Lane*

**Founder, Compass2Truth**

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**From:** Tim Kulton [<mailto:tkulton@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 09, 2015 12:52 PM  
**To:** Fire- Melody Lane  
**Cc:** Fire- Steve Willis  
**Subject:** Your concern..

Melody,

In the Sept. Fire Safe Council meeting you expressed concern over some issues. Steve Willis from the



county FSC and myself would be willing to sit down with you an hour before the upcoming meeting to briefly discuss what the goal and aim of the Coloma - Lotus Fire Safe Council should be. Please reply to both of us and let us know if you can meet on: Nov 18th 6pm at the Grange in Coloma.

Let us know.

Tim Kulton