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Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 2:11 PM
To: Kim Dawson; Lori Parlin; George Turnboo
Cc: David A Livingston; Tiffany Schmid; BOS-District V; BOS-District IV; BOS-District I; BOS-District III; BOS-District II
Subject: 2/4/25 BOS Open Forum Public Comments - BOS Brown Act violations/DOT-CLAC fraud
Attachments: 5-17-19 RMAC-CLAC Item 33.doc; EDC wasting money on ultra vires RMAC 8-23-17 LTN.doc

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Please ensure my below public comments, including the attached documents, are submitted into the 2/4/25 BOS Open Forum public record.

The public is entitled to honest services. Please note that the County has failed to respond to my PRA requesting pertinent staff correspondence regarding the Mt. Murphy Bridge which was previously agendized on the 1/14/25 BOS Agenda Item #11. (See below GovQA Portal correspondence.)

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Compass2Truth was founded in 2009 with the assistance of consultants from Californians Aware whose legal expertise is the Brown Act, the preamble of which states, *"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."*

During the last two BOS meetings I addressed the government deception and Brown Act violations pertaining to the January 14th agendized item regarding the Coloma Lotus Advisory Committee and DOT's update on the Mt. Murphy Bridge. Those of us waiting on Zoom were denied our right to address this agendized item because staff had requested that it be "continued off calendar."

Despite my Public Record Act request for specific staff correspondence pertaining to this agendized item, particularly from DOT and Parks & Recreation, the only emails I received from Kim Dawson were from Nate Rangel. **Mr. Rangel is NOT staff**, and it is a matter of public record that he has deceptively violated the Brown Act on multiple occasions with the full knowledge and cooperation of county staff. **Lori Parlin and Rafael Martinez still have not responded to my (below) PRA request for related information as required by law.**

I want to reiterate that the **CLAC, formerly RMAC does NOT and never has represented the greater Coloma Lotus region.** It is a special interest group. Years ago Larry Weitzman accompanied me to an RMAC meeting held at the Marshall Gold Discovery Park museum. He subsequently wrote a Mtn. Democrat article how RMAC brazenly operated "ultra vires", or outside of the law. (See attached article.)

Lori Parlin has been aiding and abetting CLAC's unlawful actions. For example, in 2019 she announced at Coloma Grange Hall *"...not enough RMAC members showed up for a quorum to have a Brown Act meeting."* Then she asked, *"Does everybody know what a quorum is? No quorum means everybody can speak freely since it is now a **community meeting**."* Her bait-and-switch was deliberately set up so the River Mafia Mob could conduct themselves *outside the restrictions of the Brown Act without any transparency or accountability.*

During another serial RMAC meeting Lori publicly announced that she wants to empower the Mob, *"I will support you with the help of county counsel. You can do anything. ANYTHING!"*

The public is entitled to honest services. Anything other than that is unacceptable is considered fraud. That means Thursday's CLAC meeting is another deceptively organized meeting arranged by Lori Parlin and DOT to control what they determine "is good for the public to know and what is not good for them to know."

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From: melody.lane@reagan.com <melody.lane@reagan.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2025 10:52 AM
To: 'El Dorado County Public Records Center' <eldoradocountyca@mycusthelp.net>; Kim Dawson <Kim.Dawson@edcgov.us>; 'Lori Parlin' <lori.parlin@edcgov.us>; 'George Turnboo' <George.Turnboo@edcgov.us>; raphael.martinez@edcgov.us
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Subject: RE: Public Records Request :: P007602-012425

This PRA is incomplete. The records emailed to me by COB Kim Dawson contained correspondence from CLAC Chairman Nate Rangel. Mr. Rangel is NOT staff and has no authority whatsoever to request this item be "continued off calendar" after it had already been publicly posted to the BOS Agenda.

Consequently, residents waiting on Zoom were denied their right to address Agenda Item #11 pertaining to the Mt. Murphy Bridge. Additionally, Supervisor Parlin's *unethical* diversion tactic was in violation of the Brown Act.

To reiterate, my PRA specifically identified the **departments/staff** from whom I requested correspondence:

1. All staff correspondence, including but not limited to that of the Department of Transportation, Parks and Recreation, Supervisor Parlin, Supervisor Turnboo, and appointees to the Coloma Lotus Advisory Committee, pertaining specifically to Agenda Item #11 of the January 14, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting, and specifically identifying the rationale and the person(s) responsible for requesting that this agenda item be "continued off calendar". If no such documents exist, then please so state immediately.

Please review all staff records, particularly DOT, for all the pertinent correspondence and submit them via email to melody.lane@reagan.com. Do not hesitate to contact me immediately if you have any questions.

Melody Lane

Founder – Compass2Truth

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From: El Dorado County Public Records Center <eldoradocountyca@mycusthelp.net>

Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 9:17 AM

To: melody.lane@reagan.com

Subject: Public Records Request :: P007602-012425

--- Please respond above this line ---

RE: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST of January 24, 2025, Reference # P007602-012425

Dear Melody,

The County of El Dorado, CA received a public information request from you on January 24, 2025. Your request mentioned:

1. All staff correspondence, including but not limited to that of the Department of Transportation, Parks and Recreation, Supervisor Parlin, Supervisor Turnboo, and appointees to the Coloma Lotus Advisory Committee, pertaining specifically to Agenda Item #11 of the January 14, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting, and specifically identifying the rationale and the person(s) responsible for requesting that this agendized item be “continued off calendar” If no such documents exist, then please so state immediately.

The County has reviewed its files and has located records responsive to your request. Your request indicated a preference to receive the records in electronic form. These records can be accessed by visiting the [Public Record Center](#).

If you have any questions, or wish to discuss this further, please contact me.

Sincerely,

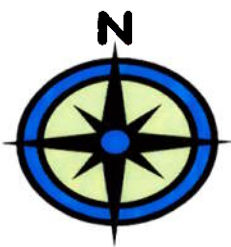
Kim Dawson

Board of Supervisors

Melody Lane

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~ 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. ~



Compass2Truth

Citizens for Constitutional Liberty

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May 17, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors Districts #1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
CAO Don Ashton
Parks and Recreation Manager Vickie Sanders
Barry Smith, MGD Superintendent
Jason DeWall, Gold Fields District Superintendent

RE: 5/21/19 BOS Agenda Item #33 – RMAC/CLAC Resolution #078-2019

For decades the River Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) has operated outside of the law, including but not limited to violations of the Brown Act, falsification of data, and threats against residents to prevent them from participating in public meetings. RMAC merely serves to organize faction, to give it an artificial and powerful force to put in place a small but enterprising minority of special interest rafting groups within the community. Most of their materials and data have been prepared for them by American River Conservancy.

It is important to distinguish that RMAC members are NOT volunteers; they are appointees by the Board of Supervisors, and as such they are bound by their Principle Agent Oaths of Office. These individuals do NOT represent the greater majority of river residents or the Coloma Lotus community. It is a fact they have proven to be extremely hostile and overbearing, meanwhile routinely operating outside of the law with the full knowledge and blessing of past and present Board of Supervisors who've sanctioned their fraudulent and unlawful actions. The public administration of their self-serving plan mirrors the ill-concerted and incongruous projects of Parks and Recreation, rather than a policy which supports and defends Constitutional principles for all El Dorado County residents.

Lori Parlin and Larry Weitzman have accompanied me to audio recorded meetings with the CAO and County Counsel concerning Brown Act violations and non-compliance with CPRAs, the details of which are outlined in the attached notarized affidavit addressed to Parks and Recreation Manager Vickie Sanders. Ms. Sanders has taken no action whatsoever to remedy the situation, and in so doing she is complicit in aiding & abetting RMAC's unlawful actions. CAO Don Ashton, Michael Ranalli, and Planning Commissioner Gary Miller have also received similar notifications of their legal responsibilities which is the first essential of due process of law. It is well established that an un rebutted affidavit stands as fact and truth before the court.

Any enterprise undertaken by any public official that tends to weaken public confidence and undermines the sense of security for individual rights is against public policy. When public officers take oaths, yet are ignorant of the constitutional positions to which they are bound by their oaths, and then fail to abide by them in the

performance of their official duties, this suggests that they may have had no intention of ever honoring their oaths, and their signatures upon the oath documents constitute fraud. ***Fraud vitiates any action.***

Lori Parlin, Sue Taylor, and Parks and Recreation Commissioner Kris Payne have colluded with county staff and actively participated in serial RMAC meetings in order to hone the wording of Resolution 078-2019. None of them live anywhere near the river, or for that matter, anywhere near the Coloma Lotus community. Essentially this Resolution empowers the River Mafia Mob and American River Conservancy to represent the Coloma Lotus community.

On May 9, 2017 a memo was distributed by the Chief Administrative Office announcing that RMAC would be dissolved by end of 2017 by stating, *"...over the past several months, the majority of RMAC members 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 truth is the RMAC members did NOT step down. They continued to conduct serial RMAC meetings which are strictly prohibited by the Brown Act at Camp Lotus and the Marshall Gold Discovery Park.

On March 18, 2019 Lori Parlin announced during an RMAC meeting held at Coloma Grange Hall that RMAC was ***"officially disbanded in early 2018."***

However on Saturday March 16th at 8:55 AM Lori Parlin's appointee to the Parks & Rec Commission, Julia McIver, had distributed on CLNews a message which states in part, *"Noah and Nate have posted here, and it's worth reiterating a heads up. While it's billed as an RMAC meeting so all the RMAC members could legally attend, the meeting promises to be more comprehensive of Lotus Coloma Valley concerns...While the future of RMAC needs to be determined, CLNews has seen recent posts on other issues, including residents losing our homeowners and fire insurance, the Lotus Fire Station, the art project at the intersection of Lotus and 49, the mobility plan, etc."*

But then on March 18, 2019 at 10:12 AM Noah Triplett distributed the following message via the CLNews: ***"Tonight's RMAC meeting is a public meeting. It is a Brown Act posted meeting. If you have not done so already I would recommend signing up for notifications from the County through the govdelivery system."*** CLNews is run by American River Conservancy and their affiliates in the River Mafia Mob, ultra-liberals who have a penchant for censoring conservatives. It is also vitally important to recognize that CLNews and RMAC do NOT represent the greater Coloma Lotus community.

After Howard Penn announced his sponsorship of the COMMUNITY meeting, then Lori took the floor and announced that ***"...not enough RMAC members showed up for a quorum to have a Brown Act meeting."*** Then she asked, *"Does everybody know what a quorum is? No quorum means everybody can speak freely since it is now a **community** meeting."* There wasn't any county staff or even an audio recorder in the room. It was apparent by Lori's handouts before the meeting started that her bait-and-switch was deliberately set up so the River Mafia Mob could conduct themselves *outside the restrictions of the Brown Act without any transparency or accountability.*

During another serial RMAC meeting held April 8, 2019 at Coloma Grange Hall Lori Parlin retracted her previous statement about RMAC having been officially disbanded when she announced, ***"RMAC WILL BE dissolved when the BOS approves the RMAC resolution."*** Lori then publicly stated that she wants to empower the Mob, ***"I will support you with the help of county counsel. You can do anything. ANYTHING!"*** Furthermore it was disturbing when she added, *"You can try it and change it a few months later if you want to."*

It is significant that the CLNews Steering Committee is comprised of American River Conservancy members Mike Bean, Howard Penn, Greg Jorgensen, and Karen Mulvaney to name just a few. Lori is familiar with their sordid history of bully tactics, libel, slander, threats, assaults, antisemitism, harassment, and lies as a means of intimidation and preventing certain members of our community from expressing concerns and exercising their 1st Amendment Rights. They were also responsible for composing the extremely biased “community” survey Lori distributed *only to certain individuals*. It is significant that the majority of the replies came from *outside* of El Dorado County. Lori’s advocacy of CLNews and the River Mafia Mob calls into question her personal and political motives.

It was during the May 6, 2019 CL Fire Safe meeting held at Coloma Grange Hall when Lori Parlin announced to a packed room that RMAC *will become CLAC* (Coloma Lotus Advisory Committee) as soon as the BOS adopts the Resolution they had all been working on over the past year. It was during that meeting that 80% of the room walked out early in disgust when Chief Lloyd Ogan was the guest speaker.

The Board of supervisors is hereby reminded that you are required to abide by your oaths of office and core values, in particular ***Integrity: Doing what is right legally and morally at all times regardless of whether or not someone is watching.*** Be assured, we are watching. It is apparent Lori Parlin has a conflict of interest by working on behalf of the rafters and American River Conservancy rather than representing the greater majority of our community, in particular those represented by ***Compass2Truth.***

CLAC embodies the same problems that RMAC always had, only under a different name. We therefore request that you REMOVE this item from the 5/21/19 BOS agenda and reconsider the negative legal repercussions of adopting Resolution #078-2019 which would only empower American River Conservancy and the River Mafia Mob thus enabling them to continue their illicit business as usual.

Sincerely,

Melody Lane

Founder – ***Compass2Truth***

<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.

