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Please include the attached materials for public discussion of Consent Item #34 - EDC State of Emergency.

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Thank you.

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## Melody Lane

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**From:** Bob Day [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 05, 2015 3:24 PM  
**To:** Bob Day  
**Subject:** FW: [CLNews] Residents Awakened by Illegal Fireworks Display at Coloma Resort - Forward from Bob Day

**Importance:** High

Dear Neighbors,

Please see the following posting to CL News from Melody Lane.

I am withholding immediate judgment pending my complete reading of the Sheriff's Report on the matter. However, I am requesting a meeting with Supervisor Ranalli to discuss the Special Use permit for Coloma Resort and to question whether it should be withdrawn. We drove by Coloma Resort last night (July 4<sup>th</sup>) about 9PM and it was packed – wall to wall. In my opinion, it would have been impossible to safely evacuate the area given the number of persons present.

We have been in traffic jams which are a direct result of the traffic in and out of the Coloma Resort. Amy, my wife, was in part of the traffic jam outlined below in Melody's CL News Posting.

As you may recall from my email earlier, fireworks were set off last year. Now, it appears they were set off again this year. This illegal activity must stop. It is my understanding that setting off unauthorized fireworks is subject to a \$50,000 fine and up to one year in jail.

We have much at stake in our respective properties and no one wants their property destroyed by careless and illegal behavior.

Please let me know via email or phone, or in person if you share my concerns and if you would like to be a part of the meeting with Supervisor Ranalli.

Please feel free to forward this email to others who may be concerned as well.

Best Regards,

Bob Day

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**From:** [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Melody Lane  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 05, 2015 11:56 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [CLNews] Residents Awakened by Illegal Fireworks Display at Coloma Resort

At 12:15 AM residents were awakened by a spectacular treetop display of illegal fireworks set off by campers at the Coloma Resort. Deputy Genai responded at 1 AM but reported he was not able to speak with a campground manager. Illegal fireworks is a very serious crime. If you have any information please contact EDSO and refer to Case File 15-5698.

Firecrackers were heard in the same vicinity on Thursday evening as well. All night partying under the bridge and the risk of yet another arson fire have become regular events. Last year neighbors reported viewing fireworks in the Ropes area of the Coloma Resort which the owners blamed on another campground across the river.

To compound the matter, at approximately 1 PM yesterday I was stuck in a huge traffic jam at the Mt. Murphy Road Bridge. Cars—not motorhomes—were lined up bumper to bumper on Hwy 49, across the bridge, and backed up on the opposite side of the bridge to Carvers Road. People were getting out of their cars to see what the hang-up was. MGDG ranger Eric Carter appeared to be giving citations to cars parked along Mt. Murphy Road across from the Coloma Resort.

Meanwhile a group of 25-30 teenage boys carrying inner tubes but no life preservers were making their way down the middle of Carvers and Mt. Murphy Roads towards the beach, refusing to allow traffic to pass while heckling drivers trying to get past the logjam. Ranger Eric appeared to be frustrated by the chaos and lack of control over a potentially dangerous situation. Just imagine the scene had it been necessary to implement an emergency evacuation...

To make matters worse, another very intrusive and obnoxious karaoke event at the Coloma Resort yesterday evening disturbed residents within the Quiet Zone throughout the Coloma valley. Neighbors reported audibly discerning every word over a mile away. This morning I spoke with campers who were smoking cigarettes amidst dozens of booze bottles stacked on their picnic tables. They decided to party on the river instead of participating in the karaoke last night.

Obnoxiously loud and out of control parties have become the norm during tourist season which opens the door to other business establishments that likewise abuse EDC laws, codes and ordinances—not to mention specific violations of the River Management Plan (RMP). This adversely affects quality of life and property values of local residents.

All outdoor amplified events in EDC require a fee for a temporary special use permit (TSUP) issued by the Sheriff's Office. Public Record Act requests have revealed that the campgrounds and other private parties have NOT obtained the necessary permits via EDSO.

Many of these events and parties are known to get wildly out of control, an element that the Coloma Lotus valley can ill-afford. Although EDSO encourages citizens to report such incidents, typically code and law enforcement is reticent to respond due to lack of staffing and "higher priorities." There are only 2 deputies on duty to cover over 350 square miles on the Georgetown Divide (including Coloma.)

It is significant that during our regular monthly meetings with Supervisor Norma Santiago we were informed CA State Parks is considering the eventual acquisition of the Coloma Resort. Equally significant, the MGDG has no authority to enforce the law on private property. The lack of law enforcement opens the door to abuse by competing establishments and "house party fund raisers" who circumvent the policies, codes & ordinances. They rely on EDSO to turn a blind eye and deaf ear to reports of violations.

Several residents besides me have been libeled, slandered, threatened and bullied for reporting safety/code violations to law enforcement. Law, order and public safety are community concerns, NOT individual vendettas. Rather coincidentally the last 5 Mt. Murphy arson fires have started either on my property or within ¼ mile of my home. My golden retriever died as a result of the 2007 Mt. Murphy arson fire ignited by 3<sup>rd</sup> generation firefighter Ben Cunha, yet this tragic fire was minimized by the media. Growing concerns about trespassing, crime and vandalism are frequently brought up during BOS meetings.

Public safety was a heated subject expressed by several residents during the recent RMAC Workshop held at Grange Hall as well as the Fire Safe council. We certainly don't want another Sand Hill or King Fire to ravish what once was a historic, tranquil river valley.

The Chamber of Commerce, Marshall Gold Discovery Historic State Park and BOS all need to carefully examine the adverse impacts of large crowds and events that threaten the quality of life and safety of all citizens residing adjacent to Parks and other public lands. The necessary infrastructure must be established to ensure public safety, and that includes improving the deplorable condition of Mt. Murphy Road to ensure proper egress.

Contrary to libelous rumors, petitions on file with the county contain several pages of signatures of neighbors as well as Park staff supporting the revocation of specific campground SUPs. EDC needs public servants who are willing to do the right thing, especially when it involves public safety. No one is above the law. If the campgrounds refuse to comply, then they need to be cited and their SUPs revoked. This requires the cooperation and coordination of EDSO, Planning and MGDSHP staff.

Serving the community,

*Melody Lane*  
*Founder - Compass2Truth*

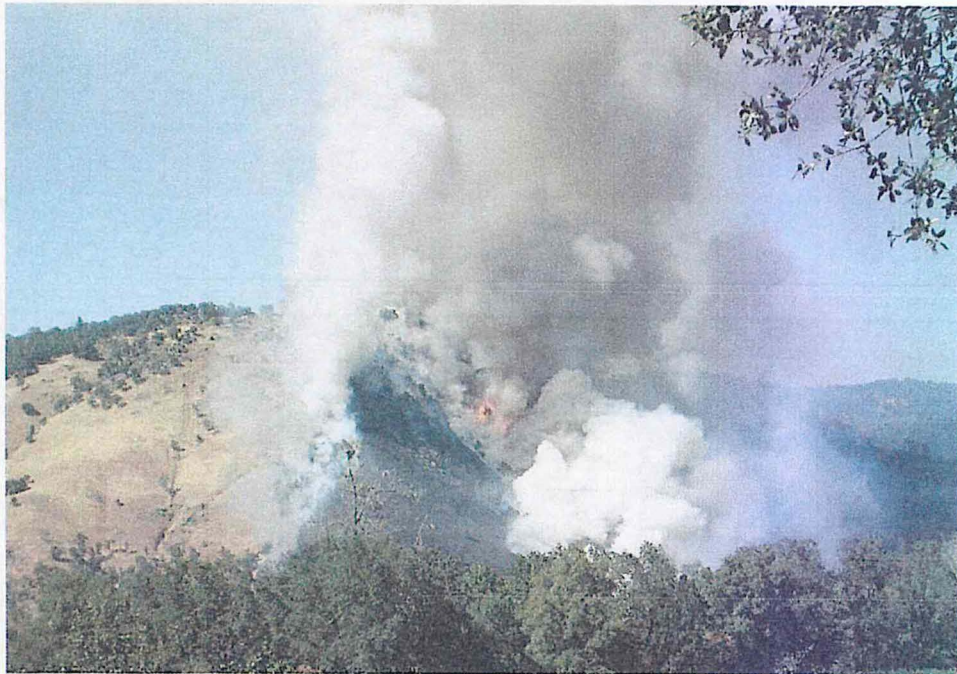
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The only item on my wish list is New Year's resolutions. I'm hoping to fill a glass with your best stuff. Cheers.

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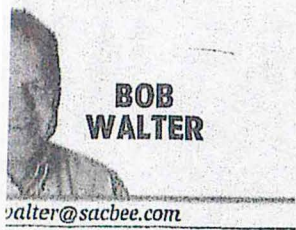
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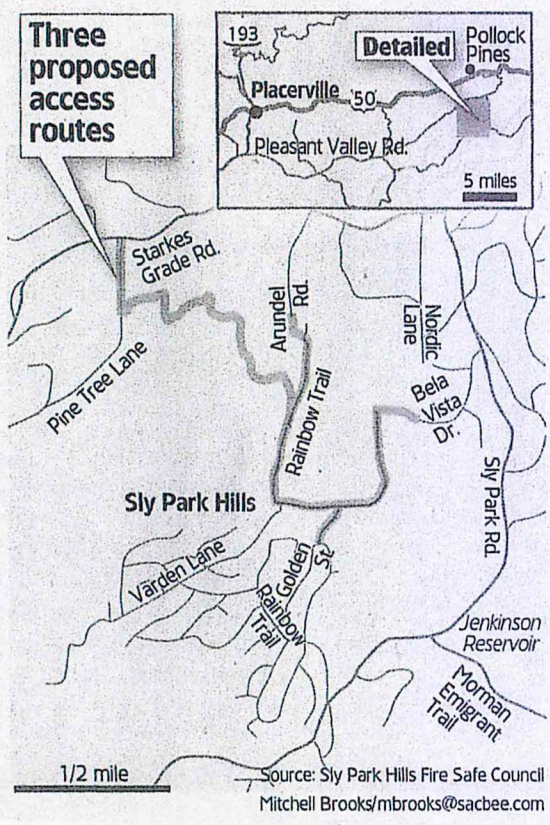


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## The dream is into museum

place: The curator of the museum in the foothills, Chapman, is known across the area as the "Pipe Man." She would make Joel's other, Anita Farcinade, a pipe man. She sounds the part when she Puff N Stuff Pipe Museum, opened Sunday in Diamond Springs. She calls it the only (smoking)



# Patience urged on fire exit route

## Sly Park Hills residents push for evacuation options

By Cathy Locke  
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Residents of a rural El Dorado County subdivision say they want county officials to give the same priority to preventing catastrophe in a fire-prone area as they have given to recovery efforts for victims of the Angora fire.

But homeowners in nearby neighborhoods fear efforts by Sly Park Hills residents to develop emergency access roads would open the area to new development, which could bring more traffic and other

problems.

Officials say the Sly Park Hills residents are on the right track but need to be patient.

For years, many of the approximately 1,000 residents of Sly Park Hills, a subdivision of modest homes on forested lots, weren't aware that Rainbow Trail was the only route in and out of their neighborhood. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, when most of the houses were built, wildfires and evacuation routes weren't grabbing headlines.

Since a 2005 fire safety study, conducted under the auspices of the Dorado County Fire Safe Council identified fire risks, including limited evacuation routes in the Sly Park Road corridor, residents have been working to better protect their property. They've gone door-to-door handing out educational materials and alerting neighbors to need to clear brush and provide a fensible space around their homes.

But members of the Sly Park Hills Area Fire Safe Council say they

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stymied in solving their biggest problem, the need for additional routes in and out of their neighborhood.

Tom Schulz, council co-chairman, complained that county officials, after alerting residents to a risk, have failed to respond to the neighborhood's sense of urgency. The Angora fire near north Lake Tahoe in June and recent fires in Southern California heightened that urgency.

Speaking during the open formation of the Board of Supervisors' Nov. 27 meeting, Schulz said, "We want to prevent a situation that is catastrophic."

To help fund the estimated \$100,000 to \$300,000 cost of emergency access roads, the Sly Park Hills Area Fire Safe Council seeks a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and it would like the county's endorsement.

County officials applaud Sly Park Hills' fire prevention efforts, including brush-clearing work that filled 22 30-yard green-waste bins.

But county Supervisor Helen Baumann said in an interview that the emergency access routes favored by the group are complicated by easement and right-of-way issues, and fears of property

locked gates, Bukema said, and only public safety agencies would have keys. They would serve not only as evacuation routes but also as firebreaks, he said.

Baumann said the county's Office of Emergency Services has determined that Starkes Grade Road is not an appropriate evacuation route. She noted that it narrows to about one lane on the southwest end near Newtown Road.

Yorty, of the county Fire Safe Council, said she referred the Sly

Park Hills residents to a grant writer to help them apply for funds through FEMA.

But if they receive the grant, she said, the question remains: "Is this in fact a good use of public funds to put in a Class A, 25-foot road on undeveloped property that would bring more people?"

Sly Park Hills' situation is not unique, nor is it the most dangerous, Yorty said, adding that numerous areas of the county were allowed to develop decades ago without the access that has been

required under fire safe codes adopted in the mid-1990s.

She agrees that improved access is critical.

"I believe the reason they had such successful evacuation in the Angora (fire) is that there is a built infrastructure," Yorty said, "and some areas just don't have that."

But she and Baumann say a comprehensive plan for the Sly Park Road corridor would look at Forest Service and logging roads that might better serve the area as evacuation routes.

Schulz said he and other members of the local fire safe council are frustrated because they recognize their neighborhood is at risk and they want to move quickly to reduce that risk.

County officials want to proceed in an "organized and bureaucratic manner," he said, and that takes time that his neighborhood can't afford.

"We understand we're trying to push and get in front of the line," Schulz said.

He said the county could help neighborhoods like his by waiv-

ing permit fees for re-tion, as it has waived building permit fees of the Angora fire.

Yorty said she does Sly Park Hills resident ing the access issue a the grant. She advises councils to take the in ing them that the squ gets attention.

"They've taken w heart," Yorty said.

Call The Bee's Cathy (916) 608-7451.

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### Vicki Yorty

coordinator of the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

owners to the north that their streets would become gateways to new development.

"I don't want to dampen anyone's enthusiasm," said Vicki Yorty, coordinator for the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council, but Sly Park Hills is only one piece of the Sly Park Road corridor, and access routes for the neighborhood need to be studied as part of a more comprehensive plan. "We could have to get 10,000 to 12,000 people off Sly Park Road," she said.

Schulz, in an interview, stressed that his neighborhood is just west of the El Dorado Irrigation District's Jenkinson Lake and the Sly Park Recreation area, which can draw 3,000 visitors during a summer weekend.

He said the irrigation district has indicated it might allow an emergency access through its property near the Sly Park Environmental Education Center, southeast of Sly Park Hills.

But Schulz said the council is particularly interested in access routes to the north, closer to Highway 50.

Marvin Bukema, owner of a largely undeveloped 90-acre parcel, has offered to allow roads to be built through his land. One is proposed to connect with Starkes Grade Road via Arundel Road, while the other would provide additional access to Sly Park Road via Bela Vista Drive to the northeast.

Likewise, Tom DeVille, of the Bela Vista Estates Homeowners Association, said he and his neighbors were surprised to learn via the Sly Park Hills Area Fire Safe Council's Web site that their street was targeted for use as an emergency route.

DeVille maintains that Bukema intends to develop his property and that the emergency roads are a ploy to gain access for a new subdivision. He cited Bukema's application for a grading permit.

Bukema denies that the emergency routes are part of a development scheme, saying Sly Park Hills residents approached him, and the grading permit application is for the proposed emergency roads.

"If there is truly a dire need, then you have to act fast," he said.

If neither the Arundel nor Bela Vista routes prove feasible, he has proposed an alternative that would connect with Starkes Grade Road west of Arundel. The emergency routes would be gravel roads accessed only via