

Public Comment #15  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 4, 2025 11:54 AM  
**To:** BOS-Clerk of the Board; Kim Dawson; Lori Parlin; George Turnboo; Rafael Martinez  
**Cc:** David A Livingston; Tiffany Schmid; BOS-District V; BOS-District IV; BOS-District I; BOS-District III; BOS-District II  
**Subject:** 3/4/25 BOS Agenda Item #15 Public Comments - CLAC Annual Report  
**Attachments:** EDC wasting money on ultra vires RMAC 8-23-17 LTN.doc; 1-24-25 DOT Staff CLAC Communications Mt Murphy Bridge P007602-012425.doc; 2-13-25 Mt Murphy Bridge Grant Funds P007644-021425.doc; 10-5-18 RMAC ultra vires.doc; 2-13-18 RMP Resolution Item 29.docx

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Please ensure the entirety of my below public comments, including attachments, are entered into the 3/4/25 BOS Agenda Item #15 – CLAC Annual Report.

To set the record straight, CLAC members are ***NOT volunteers*** as Lori Parlin falsely asserted today. All appointees by the BOS to EDC committees, commissions, and boards are bound by their Principal Agent Oaths of Office which requires them to abide by the Brown Act. It should be noted that Kris Payne and Sue Taylor are not appointees, yet they actively participated in the re-writing of the River Management Plan during **serial meetings** which the Brown Act strictly prohibits.

Note as well that despite repeated communications, DOT failed to respond to the clarifications to PRA #P007602-012425 and PRA #P007644-021425.

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It is glaringly apparent that the Coloma Lotus Advisory Committee, formerly called RMAC, are taking unethical advice from County Counsel to violate PRA laws, the Brown Act, and their oaths of office. Several years ago, Larry Weitzman accompanied me to a couple of their meetings held in the Marshall Gold Discovery Park Museum. His subsequent article appeared in the Mtn. Democrat nailed their conduct:

*“My time watching Looney Tunes was better spent, it was so unproductive. 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. What I am pointing out is the fact that each of these meetings cost the taxpayer a lot of money.”*

Larry Weitzman described their **unlawful conduct** in another one of his columns as “**mob rule.**” 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 local residents. During another serial meeting Lori 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 is a fact that **Lori Parlin, Sue Taylor, and Kris Payne** colluded with county staff and actively participated in their **serial**

**meetings**. None of them live anywhere near the river, or for that matter, even within the Coloma Lotus region. As such, Lori acted against the public good by violating the public trust.

With regard to DOT and the Mt. Murphy Bridge issues, you are aware of the reticence on behalf of the county to lawfully respond to PRAs. For example, PRAs submitted January 24<sup>th</sup> and on February 13<sup>th</sup> failed to address the January 12th DUI incident that shut down the bridge for two weeks, nor have they yet provided an accounting of the grant funds spent thus far on the bridge replacement. However, late yesterday afternoon I did finally receive documentation revealing that it cost taxpayers over \$40,000 just to inspect and repair the bridge damage caused by the January DUI incident.

Bottom line, CLAC lacks transparency and accountability. It should have been disbanded years ago. More importantly, it is evident that EDC is in dire need of its own **Department of Government Efficiency** to weed out such fraudulent and wasteful spending.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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October 5, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors Dist. #1, 2, 3, 4 & 5  
CAO Don Ashton  
Vickie Sanders, EDC Parks & Recreation Mgr.  
Barry Smith, MGD Superintendent

RMAC has continued to operate outside of the law for over 20 years. It is a matter of public record that RMAC representatives have a sordid history of harassment, threats, and censoring to discourage resident's participation in public meetings. In 2001 the meetings had become so out of control that it necessitated law enforcement be present to ensure the safety of all participants and lawful compliance with the River Management Plan (RMP), the Brown Act, and Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. It is thus the RMP became known as "River Mafia Politics."

When law enforcement ceased to attend meetings, the RMAC "Mob" resorted to their bully tactics and unlawful conduct with the full knowledge and consent of the Board of Supervisors, counsel, EDC and State Parks personnel. Minutes have continued to be deliberately falsified and/or censored which strongly indicates predetermined outcomes.

In May of 2017 the CAO issued a memorandum indicating that RMAC would be dissolved by the end of 2017. Despite fraudulent claims that RMAC lacked a quorum or had no business to conduct, serial RMAC meetings, which the Brown Act strictly prohibits, are ***still regularly held at Camp Lotus, American River Conservancy and the Marshall Gold Discovery Park.***

It is significant that in the 20 years I've lived in Coloma there never has been an authentic Resident Representative to RMAC. *The current rep, Robert Smay, does NOT represent the interests of river residents.* He has demonstrated a hostile attitude and solely serves to support Friends of the River and the rafting industry.

Furthermore, EDC and CA State Parks have routinely failed to lawfully respond to Public Record Act requests for information relevant to RMAC, strongly suggesting they have something to hide. When public officers take 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 and relevant RMP documents constitute fraud. ***Fraud vitiates any action to implement the RMAC Resolution.***

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Attachments: 5/9/17 CAO memo  
8/3/15 V. Sanders agenda



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P.O. Box 598  
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February 13, 2025

To: District #4 Supervisor Lori Parlin  
BOS Chairman George Turnboo  
DOT Director Rafael Martinez  
Clerk of the Board Kim Dawson  
CAO Tiffany Schmid  
Chief Counsel David Livingston

## CA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST P007644-021425

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

1. Documents identifying all government grants associated with the Mt. Murphy Bridge Replacement CIP since the date of its inception. Each grant must indicate the total amount of the grant funds, as well as the time frame that the funds are to be utilized on the CIP before they expire.
2. Documents identifying all government grant funds that have been spent thus far on the Mt. Murphy Bridge Replacement CIP for each of the aforementioned grants.
3. Staff correspondence and documents identifying the person responsible for the January 2025 accident that closed down the Mt. Murphy Bridge for two weeks, and the agency responsible for the repairs to the bridge.

To avoid unnecessary delays or costs of duplication, electronic copies are acceptable and may be emailed directly to [melody.lane@reagan.com](mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com) in pdf format. Access is always free. Fees for "inspection" or "processing" are prohibited. (§ 6253)

**The agency must justify the withholding of any record** by demonstrating that the record is exempt or that the public interest in confidentiality outweighs the public interest in disclosure. (§6255) **If you determine that some but not all of the information is exempt from disclosure and that you intend to withhold it, I ask that you provide a signed notification citing the specific legal authorities on whom you rely.**

It is further requested that your determination be made within **10 days, or sooner**, as stipulated within the California Public Records Act, Government Code 6253(c). **\*Note these time periods may not be used solely to delay access to the records. (§ 6253(d))**

Please do not hesitate to contact me immediately if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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January 24, 2025

To: District #4 Supervisor Lori Parlin  
BOS Chairman George Turnboo  
DOT Director Rafael Martinez  
Clerk of the Board Kim Dawson  
CAO Tiffany Schmid  
Chief Counsel David Livingston

## CA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST #P007602-012425

Several local residents waited patiently on Zoom but we were denied the exercise of our First Amendment rights to address questions regarding the 1/14/25 BOS Agenda Item #11 pertaining to the Mt. Murphy Bridge. This agenda item was publicly posted to the County Calendar on 1/8/25:

### **10:00 A.M. - TIME ALLOCATION (Items will not be heard prior to the time stated)**

- 11. 24-1398** Clerk of the Board recommending the Board receive and file an annual report from the Coloma Lotus Advisory Committee, and provide direction to the Committee or staff if necessary.

**FUNDING: N/A**

However, staff did not request this item be "continued off calendar" until late Friday, 1/10/25. Once the item has been posted to the Calendar, the public maintains their "broad constitutional rights" to address the agenda item during the allocated time. Therefore, pursuant to my rights under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.), I ask to obtain **via email**:

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**.

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<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.*