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Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 5:02 PM
To: Kim Dawson; BOS-Clerk of the Board; David A Livingston; George Turnboo; Lori Parlin
Cc: Sue Hennike; BOS-District V; BOS-District IV; BOS-District I; BOS-District III; BOS-District II
Subject: 7/29/25 BOS Open Forum - Public Comments - Public Safety/Mt. Murphy Road and PRA#8105-071725

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Please ensure my below public comments are included under today's BOS Open Forum.

Additionally, I'd like to remind Chairman Turnboo that he is a servant of the people. Your unprofessional attitude demonstrated after I remarked about your 2.5 hour lunch with former CAO Don Ashton and Lori Parlin is unbecoming of a public official who professes to be a pastor of a church.

I am still awaiting Counsel to forward me the MRG, LLP contract with Don Ashton. This PRA matter is not closed until the county fulfills its obligation to provide the requested documents—along with the identity and title of the attorney who sent me the anonymous email.

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This past weekend I had the opportunity to hike Mt. Murphy Road and take photos of the potholes and deteriorating condition of the defective double chip seal applied last July by American Pavement Systems. The BOS, including Mr. Livingston and CAO, should have received those photos contained in an email addressed to DOT Director Rafael Martinez.

In the course of my hike, I passed a vacant lot where I heard voices and someone violently vomiting, so I ventured further into property to see if they needed help. Nearby I spotted what appeared to be a trash heap and homeless encampment with a parked truck. Rather than get myself into a dangerous situation, I snapped some photos and continued my hike to the top of the road where I encountered my neighbor. We discussed the homeless situation and the dangers of frequent wildfires, such as the Murphy Fire that took place in the Marshall Gold Discovery Park at 2 AM on 7/18/25. Park officials ascertained that the fire was started by a homeless encampment. (photos below)

When I headed downhill, a different truck loaded with firewood exited the vacant lot just as I walked by. The toothless driver of the truck attempted to engage me in conversation, but I politely declined and quickly made my way home so I could report the conditions to EDSO. The good news is Deputy Hubert returned my phone call, so he and his partner inspected the property as part of the EDSO Homeless Outreach. He was also provided with photos of the recent Murphy Fire.

On another topic, on 7/17 I submitted a PRA requesting signed copies of any/all contracts or consulting service agreements that exist between former CAO Don Ashton and El Dorado County from January 1, 2023 to the present date of my PRA.

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7/17/25:

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

1. Signed copies of any/all contracts or consulting service agreements that exist between former CAO Don Ashton and El Dorado County from January 1, 2023 to the present date of this PRA.

To avoid unnecessary delays or costs of duplication, electronic copies are acceptable and may be emailed directly to melody.lane@reagan.com in pdf format.

7/24/25:

Good morning, Melody,

No responsive documents exist. Please note that Mr. Ashton is an 'affiliated consultant' for MRG, LLC, with which the County has a contract for other work. However, Mr. Ashton has not performed any work for the County through MRG, LLC to date. Please let me know if you would like to receive a copy of the contract between the County and MRG, LLC.

We are aware that Mr. Ashton has consulted with El Dorado Hills Community Services District which is a separate entity from the County of El Dorado. In the event you would like to contact them, we have provided their contact information below.

www.edhcsd.org

El Dorado Hills Community Services District

1021 Harvard Way, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

(916) 933-6624

The County considers this matter closed.

Thank you.

7/24/25:

Thank you for your response.

Yes, please do send me a digital copy of the MRG, LLC contract with the County by emailing it directly to melody.lane@reagan.com.

However, an explanation is in order as to why the original content of this PRA thread submitted on 7/17/25 is missing, and why does the County consider the PRA "matter closed"? Typically, that is a pretty good indicator that the County has something to hide. In fact, about two weeks ago I spotted Don Ashton at a local eatery with Supervisors George Turnbo and Lori Parlin. It didn't appear they were discussing the weather for 2.5 hours.

Compliance with FOIA laws and Good Governance equates to total government transparency with the public.

Lastly, I would also appreciate it if the sender of this response would appropriately identify themselves by **name and title**.

7/28/25:

Good morning, Melody,

Please refer to the attachments "B - 7544 Phase 1 MRG Agreement 23-0688.pdf" and "Executed Agreement for Services 7049" attached to this request.

Your original Word document can also be found under the "attachments" files of this request. The following text from the Word document:

1. Signed copies of any/all contracts or consulting service agreements that exist between former CAO Don Ashton and El Dorado County from January 1, 2023 to the present date of this PRA. appears to be the request being made and is what we responded to. If that is not the case, if you are also requesting additional information, please let us know.

We will follow up regarding sending the contracts to your email directly as well.

Thank you,
Heather Andersen
Administrative Technician

7/28/25:

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To 'El Dorado County Public Records Center'

Cc 'David A Livingston'; Tiffany Schmid; bosfive@edcgov.us; bosfour@edcgov.us; bosone@edcgov.us; bosthree@edcgov.us; bosttwo@edcgov.us

There was no attachment to this email. As previously requested, please email the document directly to melody.lane@reagan.com.

Also, please explain why the entire conversation thread is not viewable below as in past PRAs.

Melody Lane
Founder – Compass2Truth

"We are all born ignorant, but one must work hard to remain ignorant." ~ Benjamin Franklin ~