

Melody Lane - Founder, **Compass2Truth**  
7-18-13 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting – RMAC

I've been involved with RMAC and the Marshall Gold Discovery Park for most of the 15 years I've lived in Coloma. The purpose of **Compass2Truth** is to address the vital need for transparency & accountability.

**Madam Clerk:** In the interest of time, please enter a copy of this COMPAS News Release & Executive Summary into the public record and distribute them to each of the Commissioners to peruse at their leisure. You'll note that the mission & goals stated in this executive summary dovetail with the preamble of the Brown Act as it pertains to RMAC and Parks & Recreation.

In brief, Chapter 6 of the **River Management Plan (RMP)** delineates 11 different elements which involve local, state and federal agencies as well as unaccountable Non-Government Organizations (NGOs). To name just a few:

- Code & Law Enforcement
- Public Safety & EMS
- BLM
- Marshall Gold Discovery Historic State Park
- County Parks & Recreation
- American River Conservancy
- Camp Lotus & other river campgrounds
- DOT
- Planning & Dev.
- Rafting-Outfitters
- CEQA & Environmental Management
- **Last but not least is the gross lack of Resident Representation on RMAC as stipulated in the RMP.**

The Brown Act preamble says in part: *"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..."* Additionally citizens have broad Constitutional rights as stated in Section 54954.3(b) of the Brown Act.

As a reminder, Government employees are bound by their **oath of office** & **civic duty** to uphold the Constitution. When a public servant has knowledge of wrong doing and they fail to take corrective action they become an accessory to the act for which there are civil remedies and criminal sanctions.

During the June 13<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting it was brought to the Commissioners attention that Noah Rucker-Triplett regularly censored & deliberately falsified minutes despite repeated requests to correct information submitted to the BOS and into the RMAC Annual Report. In so doing he *"determined what is good for the public to know & what is not good for them to know."*

The below items were provided to Vickie Sanders at Tuesday evening's RMAC meeting to ensure Noah properly reflects my public comments in the minutes. They were also provided to the Planning Commissioners last month when they were put on notice:

1. 9/2012 email entitled "RMAC, Planning, Parks & EDSO – **note highlights**, particularly the deviation from Brown Act protocols in my absence and the censoring of important info the public has a right to know.
2. 11/2012 Annual RMAC Meeting request that my public comments be properly reflected in the minutes which Noah censored from the RMAC Annual Report.
3. **2010 Grand Jury Action Request for investigation into illicit RMAC operations & Supervisor Briggs' complicity in the matter currently being investigated by the FPPC & DOJ.**

I trust that Vickie Sanders will also ensure my public comments pertaining to ongoing meetings since 2011 with Sheriff D'Agostini about RMAC Code & Law Enforcement concerns are properly reflected in the RMAC minutes.

Do you have any questions or comments at this time?

**Madam Clerk:** Please enter these documents into the public record and ensure that each of the Commissioners has the opportunity to review them as well. Note that they include:

- 1-3 above
- Three relevant 2012 meeting agendas with CAO Terri Daly & Kim Kerr
- This 7/18/13 public comment transcript (4 min. 15 sec.)

CC: Sheriff D'Agostini & D.A. Vern Pierson



**From:** Melody Lane [mailto:melodylane@calis.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2012 5:21 PM

**To:** 'Roger Trout'; Kimberly Kerr; Gerri Silva

**Cc:** Terri Daly; Jim Wassner; greg.stanton@edcgov.us; Pierre Rivas; Sheriff DAgostini; Tim Becker; Jeremy McReynolds; bosfive@edcgov.us; bosone@edcgov.us; bosthree@edcgov.us; bostwo@edcgov.us; Ron Briggs

**Subject:** RMAC, PLANNING, PARKS & EDSO

**Importance:** High

**Roger:** I've still not received the courtesy of your written response to the attached correspondence stemming from our 8/9 meeting in your office. You indicated due dates of **8/31** and then **9/7** meanwhile assuring *no stonewalling*. What's the excuse this time?

**Kim:** Your reply to related DOT/Parks & Recreation issues was due **9/1**. During the 8/28 BOS CIP/TIM presentation you were reminded about specific \$ figures associated with the **4 bridge projects in the Coloma-Lotus region**. What's the delay?

**Gerri:** Greg Stanton has been unresponsive to similar requests for information associated with RMAC. Of particular concern is his refusal to provide the Chili Bar Master Plan presentation made by Alan Ehr Gott during the special 8/12/10 RMAC meeting held in the Marshall Gold Discovery Park Museum. That portion of the public meeting was deliberately censored from the audio provided by Environmental Mgt. Noah Rucker has been equally evasive in providing information even when requested in writing.

These issues were again the subject of our 9/4 meeting in Sheriff D'Agostini's office. They're also relevant to yesterday's BOS meeting when Lt. Tim Becker justified EDSO Boating expenditures for Search & Rescue equipment.

Of growing public concern are the obvious stonewalling tactics and lack of transparency & accountability to the citizens of EDC.

The Brown Act requires 72 hour public notification. Note the **8/9/12** minutes and **9/13** RMAC meeting agenda were distributed at 4:24 PM Tuesday 9/11. That's less than 51 hours public notice prior to the 9/13 meeting.

**The grossly censored and manipulated minutes by Environmental Management bear no semblance whatsoever to the audio of the 8/9 RMAC meeting.**

Note these excerpts from the draft minutes:

*Dave Martinez: **The Toe-Up Cup** at went well. No incidents occurred.*

*Stephen Liles: Suggested there must be a more cost effective way to rescue **drunk stranded inner tubers** off the river by the CHP helicopter. Utilizing the rafting companies or something else would have worked (non-life threatening EMS to use outfitters). **Asked County Staff for the amount of money spent out of the River Trust Fund for public projects like the purchase of HLP, building of HLP, purchase of Chili Bar, River Shuttle Matching funds, River Management Plan update, etc.***

*Marilyn Tahl: Said that **Parks Development has moved out of DOT and that there will hopefully be progress on the Chili Bar Master Plan/Park.***



Parliamentary procedure was totally absent. It's apparent there is a different standard of conduct when I'm absent compared to highly controlled & regimented meetings when I've been present.

Forty minutes of the 80-minute meeting was spent on **non-agenda** items. Some people were allowed 8-10 minutes to speak. Howard Penn monopolized **20+ minutes** of that time. What follows is just a small sample of the topics censored from the minutes:

- The Mt. Murphy Road bridge project on same schedule as the Bassi Road bridge
- Relocation of the Mt. Murphy Rd. bridge from River Rd. to Bayne Road
- Subsequent **easements** "given away" by Jack Sweeney
- Design retro-fit going to BOS in next few weeks
- Howard Penn's meeting with Jeremy McReynolds to discuss 2 lane Mt. Murphy Bridge complications similar to the Tennessee Bridge
- CofC and CA State Parks involvement in roads, bridges & park development
- **Creation of "Recreation Districts"** (i.e. Chili Bar to Cronan Ranch, etc.) Master Plan already suggests this move; **Discussion NOT yet open to public**
- Planning and Parks want to move to this model; funding issue > lobbyists
- Discussions with Bill Center, Nate Rangle, ARC staff re: County Chamber of Commerce or American River Music responsible for contract, then contract out for provider. Set up to have another agency to come in and take over.
- **Quiet Zone** is an alcohol free zone; discussion about ARR SUP & 100 ft. buffer for "dry" campgrounds;
- Briggs to meet re: private property **exempt** from alcohol buffer zone;
- Rafters Gone Wild; no alcohol permitted at LHP
- Rigid guidelines on public comment to stakeholders;
- Delays in swift water rescue @ Troublemaker Rapids on 8/1/12; kid stuck on rock; State Parks & EDSO involved; (pictures provided in 8/1 email)
- **White Water Park @ LHP** that will be Ron Briggs' "legacy" as he leaves office in 2 years
- Won't call it a "Whitewater Park" – **deceptive language to be used**; land acquisitions on other side of park for hiking, trails, parking, access
- Ron Briggs involvement with the Rubicon & F.O.R. – **not public**
- County Counsel Lou Green's retirement will decide whether to "elevate internally" or to go outside for "fresh thinking"
- Don't focus on campground business – **avoid public eye**
- River Shuttle vans > transfer ownership back to County with amendment to contract; new language necessary.
- **Covert RMAC meetings counseled by Ron Briggs how to surreptitiously get around Brown Act**
- Govt. code prohibits RMAC from doing business outside of the county
- LAFCO - "community oriented solution" and Delphi techniques
- How much \$ spent on Chili Bar River Shuttle, HL Park & River Management Plan?
- How much of the RMF \$ is public funded?

This information is necessary to conduct meetings with constituents & our affiliates. As previously discussed, we need to move forward on 2 campground SUP revocations with the Planning Commission. It's been over 10 years since the petitions were submitted to Planning. When may we expect your responses?

Regards,

*Melody Lane*

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*Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for dinner. Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote.*

**From:** Roger Trout [<mailto:roger.trout@edcgov.us>]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 31, 2012 3:44 PM  
**To:** Melody Lane  
**Subject:** Re: 9/4 SUP Meeting Confirmation

Melody,

I have the meeting on my calendar.

On a related note, the DSD written response to your questions will be delayed into next week. We had some top priority issues come up this week and we don't have the document finished. It will be done by next Friday, Sept 7.

On Fri, Aug 31, 2012 at 11:14 AM, Melody Lane <[melodylane@calis.com](mailto:melodylane@calis.com)> wrote:

Thanks for your cooperation in pulling together this one hour meeting on 9/4.

**When:** Tuesday 9/4 @ 2:00 PM

**Where:** Sheriff D'Agostini's office

**Topic:** RMAC - SUPs - Code & Law Enforcement

This meeting is specifically relevant to the RMP, Coloma Resort & American River Resort. An agenda will follow to keep us on track.

Have a terrific Labor Day weekend!

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Roger Trout  
Director Development Services Department  
El Dorado County

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**11/8/12 Annual RMAC Meeting**  
**Melody Lane, Founder COMPAS/Compass2Truth**

Transparency and accountability are the hallmarks of watchdog organizations such as **COMPAS**. On September 4<sup>th</sup> I met with Jeremy McReynolds, Roger Trout and Lt. Tim Becker in the office of Sheriff D'Agostini. The purpose of our meeting was to discuss resolution to the perpetual illicit RMAC operations affecting residents along the entire American River Trail corridor. The agencies and affiliates include:

- Development Services
- Planning
- Environmental Mgt.
- Code Enforcement
- Law Enforcement
- CA State Parks
- BLM
- American River Conservancy

You are aware of the letter dated 9/26/12 that Roger Trout broadly distributed. As such, that makes you all culpable as accessories to the blatant abuse of his position used to mock Constitutional principles and retaliate against the citizens you profess to serve. Roger will be held accountable as will RMAC for racketeering.

The matter of bully tactics and retaliation were made public during the October 23<sup>rd</sup> BOS when Sheriff D'Agostini was present. Later the same day issues relevant to the grossly censored 8/9/12 RMAC minutes were made public.

These were also the primary topics of the Defending Rural America conference last weekend where Sheriff D'Agostini was one of the panel speakers. As a member of the Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, Sheriff D'Agostini is the last line of defense for his constituents; he is America's last hope to regain our forgotten freedom.

Please ensure these comments are properly included in the minutes of this annual RMAC meeting.

# GRAND JURY El Dorado County

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## CITIZEN ACTION REQUEST FORM

1. Person or agency your complaint is about:

Name: River Mgt. Advisory Committee-Ron Briggs Telephone: 621-5300  
Address: Environmental Mgt. 2850 Fairlane Ct. Bldg. C, Placerville, CA 95667

2. Concerns/Issues: Describe events in the order they occurred as concisely as possible.  
Attach any additional information.

COMPAS was formed out of the vital need for public safety, transparency & accountability central to the Marshall Gold Discovery Historic State Park & the S. Fork of the American River. The concern of COMPAS is the unresponsiveness & lack of accountability of elected officials & associated representatives relevant to the illicit operations of the River Management Advisory Committee (RMAC). Please see attached for further details.

3. Contacts: List persons or agencies contacted/consulted **prior to** this Grand Jury request.

a. Name: Ron Briggs & Board of Supervisors Telephone: (530) 621-5390  
b. Name: DA Vern Pierson Telephone: (530) 621-6472  
c. Name: Gerri Silva, Environmental Mgt. Telephone: (530) 621-6653

4. Witnesses the Grand Jury may contact for further information:

a. Name: \*Melody Lane, COMPAS President Telephone: (530) 642-1670  
b. Name: Alfa Omega Associates Telephone: (530) 888-1523  
c. Name: Leonard Stroud Telephone: (530) 626-0836

5. Describe the action you wish the Grand Jury to take and why:

Thorough investigation into the cover-up of illicit RMAC operations, intimidation & retaliatory actions, violations of the Brown Act, Bagley Keene Act & 1st Amendment rights meant to censor & deprive the public of their right-to-know. Recommend reparatory action to comply with laws, statutes and ordinances.

6. List of materials/attachments submitted with this form:

Additional list of contacts #3 above; COMPAS Executive Summary; AOA 5-8-10 letter to BOS; meeting agendas; news releases and other documents listed in the attached summary.

7. Complainant:

Name: Melody Lane, COMPAS President Telephone: (530) 642-1670  
Address: P.O. Box 598, Coloma, CA 95613

The information presented on this form is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Melody Lane Date: July 14, 2010

**THE GRAND JURY WILL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS COMPLAINT**



**1/9/12 Agenda**  
**CAO Terri Daley**  
**(Follow Up to 11/1/11 BOS Meeting)**

1. Brown Act – Public Safety & Accountability
2. Parks/Trails/Recreation - RMAC
  - A. 9/15/11 Parks/Trails – RMAC meeting in Environ. Mgt.
  - B. Vicki Sanders/Asst. CAO – **No Audio** – Right-to-know - ML Provide?
    1. RMAC minutes v.s. audio – Public input censored
  - C. Janet Postlewait – 2X private email addresses – 8/10 & 9/12/11
  - D. MGD/CA State Parks – No Response
3. Environmental Management
  - A. Chili Bar Master Plan (**\$60K**) – inaudible 8/10 audio
  - B. BLM – American River Conservancy – PEER (**Liability**)
    1. Kanaka Valley
    2. Cronin Ranch
    3. MGD – Mt. Murphy
4. DOT – 7/15/11 Letter Jim Ware/Jeremy McReynolds
  - A. Public Roads v.s. Hiking Trails/Parking Lots – **Cost factors**
5. Planning/Code & Law Enforcement – **Public Safety Priority**
  - A. EDSO/MGD meeting 8/16/11 and EDSO/RMAC 11/10/11
  - B. MOU...??? Who has authority to enforce?
  - C. Pierre Rivas – Campgrounds/Code Enforcement

**Moving Forward - Recommendations**

## **4/30/12 CAO Meeting** *-Daley*

### **Parks & Trails/Env. Mgt./DOT/RMAC**

- 1. 11/1/11 BOS Parks Presentation**
  - a.) RMAC/En. Mgt./Parks & Rec. – Brown Act Violations**  
**\*Greg Stanton/Noah Rucker > minutes censored**
  - b.) DOT - CA Parks letter 7/15/11 - \*Kim Kerr reply by 5/5**
  - c.) 5/1/12 BOS Agenda #8 & #25 – pull?**
  
- 2. Follow up to 1/9/12 meeting**
  - a.) EDHTPP 11/11 meeting re: IT, Parks & Transparency**
  - b.) Suggestions for dealing w/BOS**
  - c.) Status EDSO coordination w/DOT & Parks MOU**
  
- 3. Agenda 21 – Delphi Technique**
  - a.) D9/15/11 Parks & Trials Master Plan**
  - b.) BLM – Kanaka Valley/Cronan Ranch meetings**
  - c.) ARC – BLM land acquisitions (Salmon Falls, Chili Bar, etc.)**
  - d.) MGD/ Law Enforcement – Meteorite PR...?**



# 5/23/12 DOT-CAO Meeting — Kim Kerr

## Parks & Trails/Env. Mgt./DOT

### 1. Follow Up

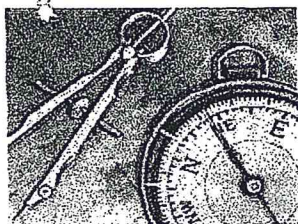
- a.) DOT/CA Parks/EDSO letter 7/15/11 - \*Kim Kerr reply by 5/5 > 6/1
- b.) Status DOT/Parks/EDSO MOU
- c.) Fee waivers/audit Q&A
  - RMAC Events @ Lotus-Henningson Park

### 2. Follow the Trail. . . \$\$\$

- a.) 9/15/11 Parks & Trails Master Plan – no audio/censored minutes
- b.) 11/1/11 Parks Presentation to BOS - Kim Kerr
- c.) EDHTPP 11/11 meeting re: IT, Parks & Transparency – Kim/Terri

### 3. Agenda 21 - 5/15/12 BOS

- a.) Parks & Trails Master Plan
  - RMAC > Env. Mgt./DOT
  - BLM/ARC = CA State Parks/Federal Parks
- b.) DOT Budget Presentation to BOS 5/21/12



# COMPAS

*Citizens Organized to Monitor Protect And Serve*

## NEWS RELEASE

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Coloma, CA November 12, 2009 - *COMPAS*, a new citizens association has been formed in El Dorado County to do just what the name says - *Citizens Organized to Monitor Protect and Serve*. This very compelling mandate is the cornerstone of the newly formed group which dovetails perfectly with the Preamble of the CA Brown Act:

**"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."**

*COMPAS* is comprised of concerned citizens, residents and dedicated volunteers. We believe that this statement and the hundreds of other legal requisites of the Ralph M. Brown Act and The Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act pertain to the River Management Advisory Committee (RMAC), the State Department of Parks & Recreation, Marshall Gold Discovery Historic State Park, and other affiliated organizations in El Dorado County that work closely with government agencies.

The mission of *COMPAS* is to sustain the high quality of life in El Dorado County, to educate residents and visitors while providing focused direction and assuring protection from the effects of unmonitored management and a general degradation of the wonders and benefits of this historic county.

The goal of *COMPAS* is to preserve the environmental and historic heritage of El Dorado County for present and future generations. Included in this goal is the method of accountability of funds used to maintain the historic environment that makes the western slope of El Dorado County a safe and desirable area for residents and tourists alike. This objective includes citing informed suggestions for more desirable methods of operation in addition to accountability for historic artifacts, natural resources and designated funds.

Long standing controversies associated with the El Dorado County River Management Plan and the Marshall Gold Discovery Park have captured the attention of Governor Schwarzenegger and other legislators in



Sacramento. However few citizens fully comprehend the complexity of the controlling powers or how to effectively navigate these shark infested political waters. In a CA non-profit benefits corporation the anonymity of group members is protected from intimidation or retaliation for exposing illegal operations and/or abusive manipulation by all agencies and their affiliates.

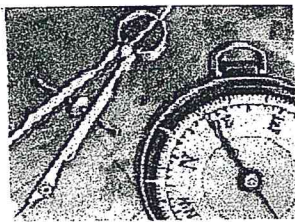
A serious crisis of public safety and fiscal accountability lurks at the “world wide renowned Marshall Gold Discovery Park.” The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors and CA State Parks Director Ruth Coleman have continually turned blind eyes & deaf ears to concerned residents calls for action. *COMPAS* is calling for **investigation and action into these violations**, for which there are both Civil Remedies and Criminal Sanctions. We pledge to get this information properly disseminated to the general public, State & National government offices, watchdog organizations and the media. Consultants view this as significant breakthrough in undetected and/or underreported accounts of dreadfully serious malfeasance at the site where the 1849 California Gold Rush had its beginning.

*COMPAS* now has the tools and first-hand knowledge to expose many of the problems that for years have plagued this historic American River region. They may be partially summed up as: mislaid records, thousands of missing \$\$\$, lost artifacts, lack of code & law enforcement, private property encroachments, 5 recent arson fires, unethical business conduct, censorship and many serious public safety issues that have been swept under the rug of government bureaucracy. *COMPAS* provides the concerned citizens of El Dorado County a powerful venue to navigate conflicts and ensure that local and State government officials will no longer ignore those citizens in favor of special interest groups.

Since 1998 *COMPAS* President, Melody Lane has resided adjacent to the 500-acre Marshall Gold Discovery Historic State Park. She is Past President of the Bay Area Chapter of Executive Women International, has worked for El Dorado County Human Services as well as for the Executive Staff at Sacramento City Hall, and served as the 2001 President of the Gold Discovery Park Association. Her judicious record-keeping and deep concern for the area assures validity in forthcoming reports and materials *COMPAS* will bring forward. Additionally her wide experience involves several art organizations, an essential financial support to the area. She is currently the Public Relations/Membership Director for the International Association of Pastel Artists. Her home is ideally situated upon the historic Mt. Murphy overlooking the South Fork of the American River where the panoramic views have provided inspiration to artists of all mediums from throughout the world.

Melody is available for interviews of all kinds. 530-642-1670 • [melodylane@calis.com](mailto:melodylane@calis.com) Photo included.





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The *COMPAS* goal is to preserve the environmental and historic heritage of El Dorado County for present and future generations through financial accountability for maintaining the historic environment that makes the western slope of El Dorado County a safe and desirable area for **residents and tourists**. *COMPAS* is very concerned about methods of operation and accountability for historic artifacts, natural resources and designated funds. A significant number MGDHP historic artifacts and documents are mysteriously missing.

*COMPAS* was formed as a non-profit benefits corporation to protect the anonymity of members thus keeping them legally sheltered from intimidation or retaliation for exposing illicit operations and/or tainted manipulation by some EDC and State agencies and affiliates.

The CA Brown Act Preamble is the very cornerstone of our organization:

**"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."**

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In spite of the Brown & Bagley-Keene Acts, these government agencies prefer citizens not know anything, because informed citizens are empowered people. As a result, the **safety, economic and accountability issues** affecting this historic river community are woefully neglected or falsely reported.

Few citizens grasp the complexity of the controlling powers or how to effectively navigate these dangerous political waters. **Certain people have great influence**. Supervisor Ron Briggs, District #4 incumbent also serves on LAFCO, the American River Authority, EDC Water & Power Authority, and Water Agency.

The legal issues surrounding the management of our county's **land, air and water rights** are fraught with controversy, creating a hotbed of contention at RMAC meetings which often take on the atmosphere of a kangaroo courtroom. Bully tactics especially discourage women from attending meetings.

For this reason it became necessary for *COMPAS* to involve the Sheriff's Department to ensure that all citizens may confidently exercise their right-to-know without fear of intimidation while participating in the democratic process and execution of the River Management Plan (RMP).



Now we have learned that corruption within the Sheriff's Office has become part of the problem and a primary factor in obstructing rather than enforcing river region laws and ordinances.

Endeavoring to promote transparency and accountability within our local civic leadership is best described as opening the lid on Pandora's Box. Opponents of transparent RMAC and Gold Discovery Park operations have engaged in deliberate control of information that the public is entitled under the Brown, Bagley-Keene and CA Public Records Acts by participating in:

- Slander, retaliation, and intimidation tactics to discourage participation in the democratic process
- Censored and deliberately altered minutes made obscure to conceal information from the public
- Lack of Code and Law Enforcement
- Avoidance and stonewalling
- Discriminatory and unethical practices for all except their inner circle

Often these are violations of the Brown and the Bagley-Keene Acts, a fact presented in writing to the Board of Supervisors in many public presentations, now part of the BOS Administrative Record.

Over the course of 15 months *COMPAS* has methodically exposed dishonest RMAC operations that have deprived the public of their right-to-know relevant to the execution of the River Management Plan. It's a many headed Hydra involving EDC Planning, Environmental Management, Law Enforcement, and the Marshall Gold Discovery Park, to name just a few government agencies involved in this complex scheme with tentacles reaching to the Capitol.

Incriminating documentation, photographs, videos and audios indisputably reveal these RMAC bullies. Disruptions, shouting, disrespect, slander and intimidation tactics are generated primarily by male RMAC members. Some citizens who've dared to challenge these powerful entities have even been forced to move out of the county to ensure their safety and quality of life.

Another common bullying tactic is the humiliation or deliberate slander of a person as a means of vicious retaliation for whistle blowing. The individual is then directed towards the bureaucratic merry-go-round set in perpetual motion by the Board of Supervisors. Issues are either diverted or obfuscated in the hope the victim will give up in frustration and go away. The silent treatment is their ultimate weapon. Their goal is to prevent the public from participating in the Brown and Bagley-Keene Acts democratic process.

Ron Briggs does this and encourages RMAC representatives to use these tactics. Sadly Mountain Democrat and Marshall Gold Discovery Park personnel have collaborated with Briggs to discredit *COMPAS* in retaliation for whistle blowing. This highly unethical manipulation of the legal system is used to promote their special interests.

A lengthy article published in the May 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the Mountain Democrat falsely portrayed the May 13<sup>th</sup> RMAC Meeting as an "informal Brown Act seminar" tutored by EDC Counsel Mike Ciccozzi, but it was really a classical ambush of the *COMPAS* President. Most of those in the meeting were either State or County employees who had prepped for a staged performance to fool the public. There were several illegal actions in violation of the Brown and Bagley-Keene Acts, but until now the RMAC operates with impunity.

It was a defensive legal posture contrived by Ron Briggs to prevent the exposure of his role in the RMAC cover-up which would make him the focus of a Grand Jury investigation.

**In summary:** There are thousands of documents that will prove these charges. *COMPAS* could only write this material with full proof in hand. The River Cabal is so strong, that it can only be broken by established California community organizations quickly taking straightforward legal action.