



Items 4 & 5

Kaylee Runkle <kaylee.runkle@edcgov.us>

Fwd: 5/5/22 CLAC Public Comments

1 message

Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

Fri, May 6, 2022 at 9:35 AM

To: Kaylee Runkle <kaylee.runkle@edcgov.us>

Hey Kaylee - Can you please make sure this email thread and the attachments are included with items 4 and 5 on the CLAC minutes. Thanks so much, Kim

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Melody Lane** <melody.lane@reagan.com>

Date: Fri, May 6, 2022 at 9:27 AM

Subject: 5/5/22 CLAC Public Comments

To: <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, Kim Dawson <Kim.Dawson@edcgov.us>, <kaylee.runkle@edcgov.us>

Cc: <CLAC@edcgov.us>, Vickie Sanders <vickie.sanders@edcgov.us>, <david.livingston@edcgov.us>, Donald Ashton <don.ashton@edcgov.us>, <barry.smith@parks.ca.gov>, Jason DeWall <jason.dewall@parks.ca.gov>, Kasraee, Parveen@Parks <Parveen.Kasraee@parks.ca.gov>, <lori.parlin@edcgov.us>, Tonya Digiorno <tonya.digiorno@edcgov.us>, <bosfive@edcgov.us>, bosfour <bosfour@edcgov.us>, <bosone@edcgov.us>, <bosthree@edcgov.us>, <bostwo@edcgov.us>

Please ensure the entirety of this correspondence, including the attachments, are included in the minutes of the 5/5/22 CLAC meeting under Items #4 and #5.

For the record, I was the only member of the public present in the room or on Zoom. Mr. Rangel invited me up to the podium to speak, then violated the Brown Act when he threatened to shut off the mic and adjourn the meeting after I directed relevant questions to Howard Penn. ***Note the questions at the end of this correspondence were directly relevant to the discussion of Items #4 and #5.** Since the foundation of Compass2Truth is based upon the preamble to the Brown Act, I suggest that CLAC review the attached Brown Act Rights of the Public to dialog on these important topics.

As you are aware CLNews is the only means by which the Coloma Lotus community has access to what's happening locally. Consequently I serve as the liaison to many of my friends and neighbors who otherwise would not be aware or have a voice in what is going on in our river community. It is apparent CLNews is controlled by members of American River Conservancy and other hostile individuals, many whose names appear as representatives on CLAC, Parks & Recreation, and Planning. Since Mr. Penn and his cohorts recently banned me from CLNews, we have been deprived a voice in our community as well as at public meetings. In other words, we have been victims of the liberal "cancel culture."

I have not been receiving any updates or information concerning CLAC. I have exchanged several emails with COB Kim Dawson over the past few months regarding the frequent problems with IT and other county communications.

Last night the CLAC representatives were made aware that CAO Don Ashton unlawfully ordered IT to block my ability to communicate electronically with most EDC staff, including Parks & Recreation Manager Vickie Sanders and Planning/Development personnel, hence Mr. Ashton has deprived me, and others, of essential First Amendment rights in addition to being in violation of his oaths of office. County Counsel Livingston, D.A. Vern Pierson, and State Parks personnel are aware of the situation but have failed to take remedial action, therefore they are complicit in aiding and abetting their unconstitutional actions. The legal repercussions are apparent.

Regards,

Melody Lane

Founder – Compass2Truth

"This [U.S. Constitution] is likely to be administered for a course of years and then end in despotism... when the people shall become so corrupted as to need despotic government, being incapable of any other." – The Quotable Founding Fathers, pg. 39.

From: Melody Lane [mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 5, 2022 5:52 PM

To: awbrook3@gmail.com; howard@lbcomm.com; Mike Bean

Cc: lori.parlin@edcgov.us; barry.smith@parks.ca.gov; Shelley Wiley; Robert Peters; Jason DeWall; Lorge, Craig@Parks; Kerrie Launey; david.livingston@edcgov.us; Kasraee, Parveen@Parks; 'Tim Kulton'; 'Deborah Kruse'

Subject: RE: Old SNH Property Purchase - CLNews Censorship and Deception

My, my, my...the tangled web they weave when liberals practice to deceive!

How "coincidental" that I was banned from CLNews right after I replied **PRIVATELY to Alyssa Brooks** about Howard Penn's questionable purchase of the old Sierra Nevada House. You can't possibly say I broke any of the CLNews Steering Committee rules this time; I just voiced what everyone else was thinking. It's apparent Alyssa Brooks is a shill for Howard Penn and the CLNews Steering Committee...

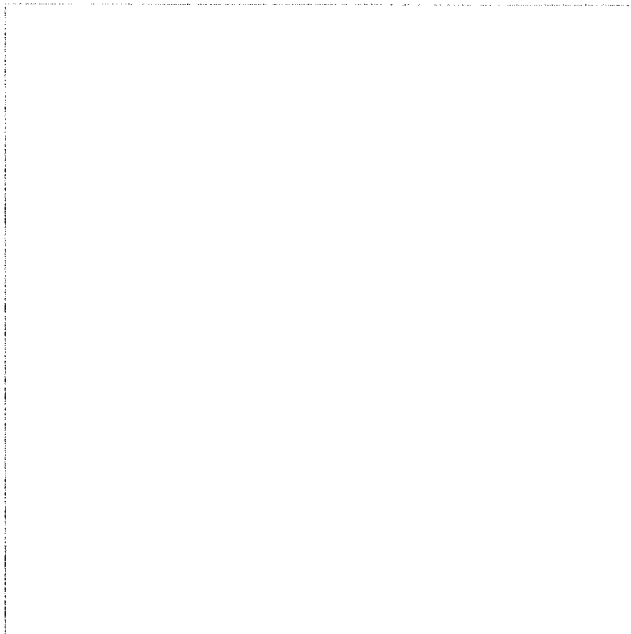
Take a look at some of the responses I received regarding Howard's surreptitious ploy that backfired. Thankfully other residents have the same concerns I do. Thankfully they are forwarding relevant emails to me. For instance, Howard's prepared reply to Alyssa Brooks about the SNH purchase; the MGDG Dutch Creek trailhead project at the foot of my property; and the upcoming Mt. Murphy Bridge Town Hall meeting at Grange Hall.

This isn't the first time I've been doxed. After I posted a picture of Dawn Bean trespassing on my property at 4:30 AM, the Beans used CLNews to libel my good name and reputation. Shortly thereafter my computer and Facebook accounts were hacked. Suddenly I was signed up to **American River Conservancy** and the most vile, pornographic and liberal SPAM, newsletters, registrations for liberal conferences and phone calls imaginable began flooding in. Disgusting messages were sent from my FB page to my ministry and Capitol contacts necessitating I shut down my account and change all my passwords. It was straight out of the pits of hell. EDSO Deputy Bernie Brown was assigned to investigate the case and interviewing Howard Penn and Mike Bean who requested his attorney be present.

Below is a very small snapshot of the porn/liberal SPAM evidence associated with Case Files **EG15-5698 & EG15-5793**:



Dawn Bean trespassing on my property at 4:30 AM:



Following are a few significant excerpts from the transcripts of conversations with Deputy Bernie Brown:

Bernie Brown: I've already had one person complain on me that I'm interviewing him criminally. He said, "Do I need an attorney?" I responded, "Well, I don't know. Do you?" He didn't like that.

Melody Lane: Wait till you read this.

BB: Because I'm being honest with you, some people I've put the fear that they could be indicted.

ML: Yeah. That's good! They should be afraid.

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BB: Mike Bean might lawyer up.

ML: Did you interview him?

BB: Nope. Called him on the phone and let him know I was coming over. **Said he wanted to talk to an attorney first.**

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BB: I want to track the ISP business-ethics code. You can't use someone else's identity to sign up for stuff. If I can lock down the ISP that started it all, that's the person we have to squeeze.

ML: It'll be Mike Bean, Donna McMaster or Howard Penn. They have the ability.

BB: If it is Mike Bean, I know he talks to other individuals. Bean keeps his head down...Is the pornography still coming in? The ISP can read other emails.

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ML: Did you do the interview with the Beans?

BB: Mike and his attorney are coming in tomorrow...I have to narrow it down to four people because we have to look at their computers and ISP address to other websites. The list is already about 20 people...Was there a heated exchange with a person who blew up at you?

ML: Steve Lyles, Dave Martinez, Tim Lasko, Martin Harris. Martinez & Harris quit RMAC because they were mad at me and my consultant. Then there was the anti-Semitic Passover incident at an RMAC meeting that I audio recorded and shared with the National Governors Prayer Team...

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Not long ago there was the Vegetation Management Project that the CL Fire Safe Council and the Steering Committee wouldn't allow me and other local residents to participate in. A Right of Entry form was necessary, but I was lambasted for simply posting on CLNews **how/where** to obtain the ROE form. The CL Fire Safe Council refused to respond. I didn't break any rules; I just asked that the information be publicly posted to CLNews for the benefit of everyone, but I was suspended due to anonymous complaints. I had to go directly to Pat Dwyer to obtain the ROE. (See attached correspondence)

The questions that inquiring minds are now asking:

1. What is Howard Penn really up to?
2. Who else is involved?
3. What role does CA State Parks play in this purchase and/or property development?
4. Is EDC Planning & Development aware of any plans for this property?
5. Why are the circumstances surrounding the SNH arson fire so secretive?
6. Why weren't the collected funds distributed to SNH employees as intended?
7. Are Howard Penn and the River Mafia Mob retaliating again for daring to expose the evil intentions of the CLNews Steering Committee?
8. Why are they so hostile towards conservatives...or are they just afraid of the truth?
9. Who really benefits from CLNews, and what are their political motives?
10. How can such hate and deceitful tactics possibly be expected to unite the Coloma Lotus community?

Leave it to the leftists to twist the facts and attack the messenger. Liberals just can't handle the TRUTH anymore, especially if it comes from a Holy Spirit-empowered evangelical exercising biblical principles found in Ephesians 5:11.

Melody Lane

Founder – Compass2Truth

"Resistance to tyranny becomes the Christian and social duty of each individual...Continue steadfast and, with a proper sense of your dependence on God, nobly defend those rights which heaven gave, and no man ought to take from us." ~ John Hancock ~

From: Melody Lane [mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2022 11:13 AM
To: 'awbrook3@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: [CLNews] Old SNH Property Purchase

Hi Alyssa,

THANK YOU for asking some very pertinent questions about this questionable SNH transaction!

There are a lot of people who would certainly appreciate some straight answers, but don't hold your breath for a response from Howard.

As you may know Mike Bean, Howard Penn, and Donna McMaster (who lives out of state) control all CLNews posts and spearhead the CLNews Steering Committee.

A couple years ago I twice posted a question to CLNews about where to obtain a Fire Safe Consent for Right of Entry form which was necessary to participate in the grant-funded limb removal project along Mt. Murphy Road. I also asked them to publicly post the form to CLNews, but I never received a response from the CL Fire Safe Council. Instead the CL Steering Committee banned me from CLNews for a whole year for "violating the CLNews rules" and criticizing the CL Fire Safe Council. There was nothing inappropriate about my posted questions, but their response certainly spoke volumes about their motives.

Eventually I obtained the Consent form from Pat Dwyer who is on the EDC Fire Safe Council and attends the weekly Taxpayers Association meetings, but even Pat was reluctant to hand the form to me. Somehow I'm perceived as a threat, LOL!

Don't be surprised if you get a warning or even censored for merely asking questions. Feel free to contact me privately if you'd like to talk.

Blessings,

Melody Lane

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"Our forefathers in faith did not retreat from involvement in society and politics. They did not turn civil government, the making, enforcement, and adjudication of laws, over to Satan and those who serve him. They did not surrender the ministry of civil government to those who are in rebellion against God." ~ Benjamin F. Morris ~

From: clnews@googlegroups.com [mailto:clnews@googlegroups.com] **On Behalf Of** Alyssa Brook
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2022 12:17 PM

To: Howard Penn
Cc: clnews@googlegroups.com
Subject: Re: [CLNews] Old SNH Property Purchase

Hi Howard,

Thank you for sharing this information with the community. I have questions:

- How was this purchase funded? Funds raised by the community at BridgeFest?
- How involved will the community be in deciding how that space will be used? What will be the process for deciding?
 - Collecting ideas >> public comment >> vote > conceptual design > design development, etc?
- From your statement below ref: preliminary plans - does this indicate a conceptual design has already been developed? Was community input used to decide what might be best for the community as a whole or were these decisions made by the SoFAR board?
- My understanding of SoFar is minimal, but as I understand it SoFar board was not elected, correct? Do the individuals on the board who will be making this decision present a good representation of the community. (age, gender, specific interest, etc)
- Does SoFar have a conflict of interest policy? Does Coloma Lotus Business Council have a conflict of interest policy? Are you the board president of both organizations?
- Will consideration be made in order to exclude programming that space with businesses that may be in direct competition with existing businesses nearby?

....many questions indeed.

On Apr 6, 2022, at 12:32 PM, Howard Penn <howard@lbcomm.com> wrote:

Hi Folks,

I wanted to forward to everyone the announcement that has gone out about the old Sierra Nevada House property. Although this was not in the press release I wanted to thank the previous owners, Keith and Kristi, for their willingness to work with us and make this happen. Over the last several years since the main facility had burned, there has been lots of questions and discussions about that location. The SoFAR board and I are very pleased to have been entrusted by Keith and Kristi to be the caretakers of that property moving forward. As a local non-profit, SoFAR has the opportunity now to invest in that noticeable corner over time. We look forward to the years of good memories created at that location again.

We know there will be lots of questions about what is going to happen. We are working diligently to put together some preliminary plans and start working toward longer range plans down the road. Right now we want to clean it up and make it look nicer in the short term.

Any help is welcome and there will be opportunities down the road to plug in on various projects as well. Until then, enjoy the warming weather and the beautiful green hillsides! They won't last long will they.

Howard

President and General Manager, South Fork Arts and Recreation


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To unsubscribe from this group and stop receiving emails from it, send an email to clnews+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com.
To view this discussion on the web visit <https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/clnews/D57C4DC1-9910-4F80-817B-2974B58EB80C%40lbcomm.com>.
<SoFAR Property Purchase PR.pdf>


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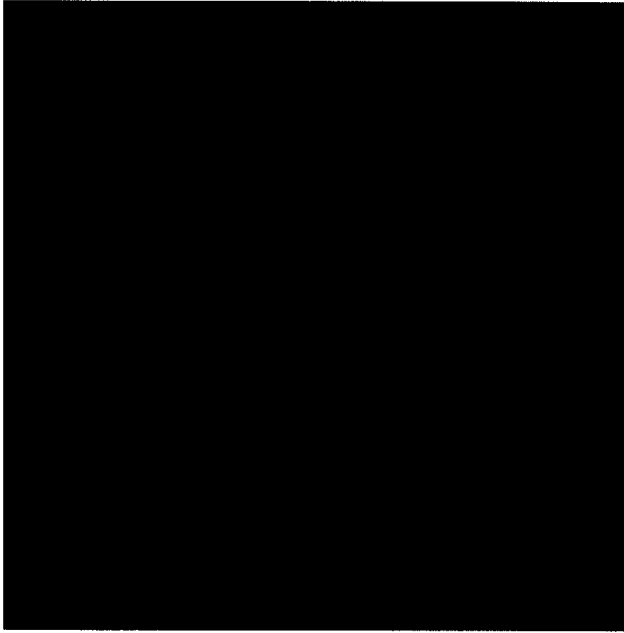


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From: CLNews Steering Committee [mailto:clnews.steering@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2018 5:56 PM
To: melody.lane@reagan.com
Subject: Posting to CL News

Melody,

Your three messages to the CL News group, sent September 2 and September 7, 2018, were in violation of the CL News Guidelines that were posted to the list and also shared with you directly in August. As a result, the CL News Steering Committee has voted to suspend your posting privileges for CL News for six months. During this time you will be able to read messages from the list but will be unable to post to the list.

The CL News Guidelines, which are posted at
<https://groups.google.com/d/msg/clnews/VU6Goo6gfGo/Eye3qHt1BQAJ>, state:

"CL News is also NOT to be used to post negative comments or commentaries about people, whether they are inside or outside the community. Calling people derogatory names has no place on the list. Turning a conversation on the list into an attack on another group member is the quickest way to be removed from the list."

Your messages criticized the volunteers on the local Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Council, as well as the EDC Fire Safe Council, the project manager, and Supervisor Ranalli, along with multiple complaints aimed at no specific party. If you have criticisms, they should be directed at the specific individuals or groups, not to the list. If you had posted just one message, it might have been ignored, but multiple messages hammering on local parties could not be tolerated. We received numerous complaints from list members asking that your behavior be stopped.

This is your second infraction. After the six months you will be reinstated but you will still be on probation. A third infraction will result in complete removal from CL News for a 12 month period. After 12 months, you may petition the Steering Committee in writing to be reinstated. Reinstatement is not guaranteed, & each situation will be reviewed individually.

We will be writing a separate email to the group and to list administrator Mike Bean to inform them of this decision.

You are welcome to reply to this message if you do not understand why, or would like to express an opinion about the Guidelines or this decision. Please be polite.

-- The CL News Steering Committee

From: clnews@googlegroups.com <clnews@googlegroups.com> **On Behalf Of** CLNews Steering Committee
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2018 6:06 PM
To: Coloma-Lotus News <clnews@googlegroups.com>
Subject: [CLNews] Recent disturbances on the list

Greetings,

After several messages were posted criticizing the volunteer Coloma-Lotus Fire Safety Committee and others, the (also volunteer) CL News Steering Committee received numerous messages asking us to act to prevent further inflammatory messages.

The CL News Guidelines, which are posted at <https://groups.google.com/d/msg/clnews/VU6Goo6gfGo/Eye3qHt1BQAJ>, state:

"CL News is also NOT to be used to post negative comments or commentaries about people, whether they are inside or outside the community. Calling people derogatory names has no place on the list. Turning a conversation on the list into an attack on another group member is the quickest way to be removed from the list."

It took some time for us to review the issues and decide on the appropriate action, and we appreciate your patience with our process.

As of today, the committee has suspended the sender of the derogatory messages for six months. During this time-out period, the party will be able to read posts but will not be able to post their own messages. Pursuant to the guidelines, another infraction after the suspension will cause the party to be completely removed from the list for at least one year. At that time they may petition if they wish to be reinstated.

If you have questions or comments, you are welcome to contact the committee at clnews.steering@gmail.com. If you feel that a (polite) discussion of the guidelines is in the best interest of the community, you are welcome to post your thoughts to the list.

Regards,

The CL News Steering Committee

Below are my PERFECTLY APPROPRIATE posts to CLNews requesting the Right of Entry Form (ROE) for ALL RESIDENTS to be able to participate in the Fire Safe Vegetation Clearing project. I never received a letter or form via snail mail, nor an appropriate response from the CLFire Safe Council. *Instead the CLNews Steering Committee banned me from CLNews for requesting information regarding the ROE be publicly posted for the benefit of the entire community.* FYI, Project Manager Dwayne Nelson DID NOT email me the ROE form as Deborah Kruse falsely asserted. Pat Dwyer eventually provided me the ROE at a Taxpayers Association meeting, albeit his attitude indicated he was very reluctant to do so:

From: 'Melody Lane' via Coloma-Lotus News [mailto:clnews@googlegroups.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 9, 2018 1:03 PM
To: deborahkruse@gmail.com; 'Coloma-Lotus News'; Bill Deitchman; 'Tim Kulton'
Cc: Duane Nelson; Pat Dwyer; barry.smith@parks.ca.gov; Michael Ranalli; Brenda Bailey; Jason DeWall; mark.hada@parks.ca.gov; Mike Howard; john.hidahl@edcgov.us; sue.novasel@edcgov.us; brian.veerkamp@edcgov.us; shiva.frentzen@edcgov.us
Subject: RE: [CLNews] Re: Fire Safe Vegetation Clearing - Right of Entry Consent form?

CL Fire Safe representatives,

You avoided the issue. Duane Nelson is NOT my designated Fire Safe representative, nor is he responsible for the distribution of the notices or Right of Entry Consent forms to ALL residents affected by this project. That's your job. In case you didn't understand it the first time, here it is once again:

HOW and WHERE may ALL residents obtain the Consent Forms for this CLFSC clearing project? PLEASE POST THE INFORMATION TO CLNEWS so it can be forwarded to residents without access to this forum who've indicated a need for a Right of Entry Consent form.

Egress in the event of yet another Mt. Murphy fire is a PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE addressed by several of us during the Mt. Murphy Bridge Replacement meeting last Wednesday, and it is sure to be mentioned at Tuesday's BOS meeting. We still haven't received an appropriate response why several of us were deprived snail mail notices OR Right of Entry Consent forms. What's your excuse for that?

Rather than abuse this forum with another one of your inflammatory replies, please respond appropriately to the above questions as per the CLNews Guidelines. Perhaps ranger Bill Deitchman can step up to the task.

Melody Lane
Founder – Compass2Truth

"The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for enough good men to do nothing." ~ Edmund Burke
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From: clnews@googlegroups.com [mailto:clnews@googlegroups.com] **On Behalf Of** Deborah & Scott Kruse
Sent: Saturday, September 8, 2018 1:33 PM
To: Coloma-Lotus News
Subject: Re: [CLNews] Re: Fire Safe Vegetation Clearing - Right of Entry Consent form?

Melody:

You did not hear from me or others from CLFSC because Duane Nelson, Project Manager is your contact for the PG&E grant work.

After talking with yesterday (again) Duane took the time to email the requested form **directly to you at 12:07pm 9/7/18 - middle of the day yesterday.**

The message below was written near 24 hours after email with form sent to you.

Please follow the clear instructions provided in yesterday's email from Duane Nelson to get it processed. If you do not have it yet, please coordinate with Duane. You have his card with email, phone and address to send signed form.
there is no need to use a CL News message about the PG&E grant work.

On Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 10:52:59 AM UTC-7, Melody Lane wrote:

The CLFSC representatives have been unresponsive to multiple requests as to how and where ALL residents may obtain the Consent Forms for this CLFSC clearing project. Please post the information to CLNews so it can be forwarded to residents without access to this forum who've indicated a need for a Right of Entry Consent form.

FYI, per Project Manager Duane Nelson - "At this point, I do not expect there crews to be starting on Mt Murphy Road until 9/14 at the earliest, since there have been some delays on the first road segments they have been working on."

Melody Lane

Founder – Compass2Truth

“The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything.” ~ Albert Einstein ~

From: Melody Lane [mailto:melod...@reagan.com]

Sent: Friday, September 7, 2018 11:33 AM

To: debora...@gmail.com; 'Marek Robinson'; 'Tim Kulton'; 'Bill Deitchman'

Cc: 'Coloma-Lotus News'; 'Michael Ranalli'; barry...@parks.ca.gov; 'Jason DeWall'; 'Duane Nelson'; Pat Dwyer; Brenda Bailey

Subject: RE: [CLNews] Re: Fire Safe Vegetation Clearing - Update

I just spoke with Project Manager Duane Nelson about an hour ago. He is already doing project work on Robinson's property. However Fire Safe clearing on Mt. Murphy Road isn't supposed to commence until 9/11.

Apparently certain residents are being given preferential treatment, whereas several of us still haven't received a CLFSC notice, nor were we provided the necessary consent forms. Duane indicated he'd bring this to the attention of the CLFSC, but again, it would be most helpful if you'd appropriately respond via CLNews as to how and where can ALL residents obtain the Consent Forms for this CLFSC project??

Several residents expressed similar concerns during the Mt. Murphy Bridge replacement meeting held at Grange Hall on Wednesday evening. Construction of the new bridge may not be completed for 4 – 6 years. Meanwhile annual fireworks at the Coloma Resort, excessive traffic, egress problems and deplorable road conditions could prove disastrous in the event of yet another Mt. Murphy fire.

For the record, Supervisor Ranalli was reluctant to appropriately answer direct questions in regard to our public safety concerns.

Melody Lane

Founder – Compass2Truth

“Government is not reason, it is not eloquence, and it is force; like fire, a troublesome servant and a fearful master. Never for a moment should it be left to irresponsible action.” ~ George Washington ~

From: Melody Lane [mailto:melod...@reagan.com]

Sent: Sunday, September 2, 2018 10:03 PM

To: debora...@gmail.com; 'Marek Robinson'; 'Tim Kulton'; 'Bill Deitchman'

Cc: 'Coloma-Lotus News'; Michael Ranalli; barry...@parks.ca.gov; Jason DeWall; Duane Nelson

Subject: RE: [CLNews] Re: Fire Safe Vegetation Clearing - Update

Apparently I'm not the only resident who still hasn't received a CLFSC mailed notification or a consent form for this project. A signed consent form is required to authorize crews to lawfully and safely access private property in order for them to make a clean cut of limbs at the trunk and to stack cut wood. Cutting fencing, trespassing, dumping chips and taking wood is not permitted.

It would be helpful if we knew how/where does one obtain a consent form???

I initially met Duane Nelson on 7/11/18 while he was tagging my property for this project. We had a very interesting discussion. It became necessary to speak with Duane again last week after concerns were expressed during the Taxpayers Association meeting. That's when the Association voted unanimously to write a letter to

the BOS addressing our concerns. The issues were then addressed during the 8/28/18 Board of Supervisors meeting, specifically Consent Item #31, which was deferred until the 9/11 BOS meeting at the request of Jack Sweeney. (Interested parties may view correspondence posted under Consent)

FYI, Taxpayers Association of EDC is a 501(c)4 organization that is regularly attended by local and state government representatives and candidates for public office.

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On Sep 2, 2018, at 12:32, Deborah & Scott Kruse <deborakruse@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello CL Community,

in response to questions about fire safe vegetation project, transparency etc.

The current vegetation project is funded by a PG&E grant (PG&E = a private company) with the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council as fiscal sponsor.

More info about PG&E here - - https://www.pge.com/en_US/about-pge/company-information/profile/profile.page

The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council is a non-profit 501(c)(3) public benefit organization. More info about EDCFSC here - <http://www.edcfiresafe.org/>

The Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Council is an Associate FSC that adheres to the policies and procedures of the EDCFSC.

For this Project, PG&E, EDCFSC and CLFSC have adhered to relevant laws, regulations, etc.

Since there is no CALFIRE or other state, federal government money with this grant, governmental regulations such as Brown Act do not apply.

You can review meeting minutes from recent 3 or 4 EDCFSC meetings to see the actions formally taken including issuing a Request for Proposal, hiring of Duane Nelson as paid project manager for EDCFSC projects, and selection of Foothill Tree Company as contractor.

<http://www.edcfiresafe.org/2018-board-agendas-minutes/> Volunteer-based organizations like the EDCFSC run on an extremely cost-effective basis - see financial records attached to board minutes.

CLFSC volunteers have obtained signed right of entry from several landowners along some roads, in particular along River Road because it is a private road.

Melody and all: Unless you have provided the CLFSC with a signed right of entry, no project work will extend beyond County Road rights of way.

Sorry to those who have not received a snail mail letter as yet.

We posted about 95 letters last Wednesday (since about 95 adjoining landowners) and I understand that the post office needed to send them through West Sacramento USPS before local residents at local post offices could receive them.

As always, it is good to work on solutions together, especially when we have a shared issue like potential for wildland fire.

CL community - we hear your support and it is much appreciated.

Deborah Kruse, CLFSC Co-Chair

On Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at 11:22:43 AM UTC-7, Deborah & Scott Kruse wrote:

CL News readers - good morning

below is letter snail mailed to property owners who live along the 7 roads that will have vegetation management during Sept - Oct.

If you would like your neighborhood included in upcoming grant funded projects, we need you to participate in CLFSC activities.

There is another large round of grants opportunities from CALFIRE coming up this fall, to continue strategic vegetation management in our beautiful valley.

Your assistance is needed to apply for additional fire safe funding, coordinate a clean-up day or (easiest) a chipper project in your neighborhood.

See more ways to be fire safe - <http://www.edcfiresafe.org/>

As vegetation work progresses, we will post schedule updates on CL News.

Deborah

August 28, 2018

Hello Neighbors:

A huge community-wide thank you to **Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E)** for their generous \$97,450 vegetation management grant, to be used toward completing shaded fuel breaks along 7 roads in the Coloma Lotus Valley. The grant recipient, your local Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Council (CLFSC), together with the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council (fiscal sponsor) have awarded a contract to Foothill Tree Service of Diamond Springs CA. Work is planned to begin on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 and continue through mid-October, allowing completion before the PG&E funding deadline of October 31, 2018. You can help by:

Mark your calendars – proposed project roads and their tentative work days are listed below.

Minimize Traffic Delays – All seven roads are narrow and will require traffic control. Please plan ahead to avoid road travel during vegetation clearing work and/or expect longer travel times.

Claim Cut Wood – Some cut wood will be left on the side of road for landowner use. Please claim any wood left along the road next to your property – it belongs to you.

- **Bayne Road 1.8 miles from River Rd uphill: September 19 - 28, 2018**
- **Beach Court** 0.2 miles from Highway 49 to end: September 4, 2018
- **Carvers Road** 0.5 miles from Mt. Murphy Rd to end of public road: September 5 – 6, 2018
- **Coloma Heights Road** 0.3 miles from Highway 49 to Highway 49: September 7 – 10, 2018
- **Mt. Murphy Road 2.1 miles starting at Carvers Road uphill: September 11 – 18, 2018**
- **New River Road** 0.1 miles from Coloma Heights to end: October 1 – 2, 2018
- **River Road** 0.3 miles from Bayne Road to end: October 3 – 12, 2018

Project Work – A shaded fuel break is created by removing small trees and other vegetation less than 8-inches in diameter from the road right-of-way. Larger trees would be limbed up to 16 feet above ground level to allow better access by fire trucks. Some vegetation management work will extend upon to private properties, however this is limited to those property owners that have signed right of entry forms. Cost per acre for most vegetation management work has doubled and more, so please support fire safe efforts in the following ways:

Enlarge Your Home's Defensible Space – Leverage this PG&E vegetation management work by extending vegetation clearing and creation of defensible space into your adjoining property.

Maintain Fuel Breaks – Property owner clearing to maintain defensible space will extend your grant funding effectiveness into future years.

Participate in CLFSC Activities – Your assistance needed to apply for additional fire prevention funding, coordinate a clean-up day or a chipper project in your neighborhood. See more info about volunteer efforts to be fire safe - <http://www.edcfiresafe.org/>

Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Council – contact us at P.O. Box 404, Coloma CA 95613

- Tim Kulton, Chair
- Deborah Kruse, Co-Chair
- Bill Deitchmen, Project Manager

I wonder what lawyer drafted Howard's response to the questions posed by Alyssa Brook?

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I wonder if Alyssa's letter was a staged attempt to quell any questions about what is going on before it becomes a problem for their actions. She may have been a plant to the whole process. As for who the attorney could be, I was thinking the same thing.

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No I do not know her, but she raises many good points. No doubt there is a rat in the wood pile. It would appear there is a back room deal in the making, involving the owner, Keith Merson, and Howard's questionable non profit. He is probably trying to operate the way ARC would acquire property and then flip it in conjunction with a governmental entity to purchase it with tax payer money for a large sum. After reading the post earlier today, I could not help feeling Howard will be trying to cover his tracks and do damage control, although it is a little late, as this gal Alyssa is hot on his trail. She may be someone you may find interesting to talk to. I almost reached out to her, to commend her for her post! I wonder how the community will respond after reading that post. stay tuned for chapter two of this new Coloma-Lotus saga!

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From: 'Denise Hansen' via Coloma-Lotus News <clnews@googlegroups.com>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 2:07 PM
To: Alyssa Brook <awbrook3@gmail.com>; Howard Penn <howard@lbcomm.com>
Cc: clnews@googlegroups.com <clnews@googlegroups.com>
Subject: Re: [CLNews] Old SNH Property Purchase

Definitely agree, Howard We are very fortunate that the property was purchased by a local organization that is invested in the wellbeing & future of our community. The property easily could have been bought by some outside commercial entity whose interests might not have meshed very well at all with our community.

Denise

On Monday, April 18, 2022, 11:38:52 AM MST, Howard Penn <howard@lbcomm.com> wrote:

Hi Alyssa,

Thanks for your interest in the project and suffice to say there are a lot of details to still be worked out so some of your questions we don't have answers to at the moment. The decision to purchase the property before having a "Grand Master Plan" in place was due to timing. Now we can take some time to work on short term and long range planning.

We also appreciate there will be lots of interest and lots of questions moving forward. SoFAR acquiring this property allows us to take the time to plan accordingly. A commercial venture wouldn't necessarily involve any of that with the community. That corner is zoned commercial so many different businesses could be located there with any number of business opportunities and no community involvement. We are hoping to find the balance between a time and money consuming process and a welcoming corner for all to enjoy.

Here are the answers to your questions below:

- How was this purchase funded? Funds raised by the community at BridgeFest? Funds raised at the two fundraising events at Bridgefest and South Fork Fest for the wall art work are still sitting in a bank account. Nothing has been decided on the use of those funds since the artists that worked on that proposed project were not interested in moving forward with the county approval process. They are being held in reserves until some time down the road when some artwork project somewhere could be fulfilled.... or something else the artists and community may want. They were not used for the property acquisition. The initial deposit we needed for the purchase was saved over a long period of time from a number of our programmatic efforts, and donations, since 2007.
- How involved will the community be in deciding how that space will be used? What will be the process for deciding? SoFAR as a non-profit has a governing board of 9 members. Ultimately that board is responsible for deciding what is done with any assets of the non-profit. There has already been discussions about how to involve the community in the planning process and develop a productive and beneficial use of the property. No final decisions or process has been defined to date. As mentioned in the announcement we are just wanting to get it cleaned up and hopefully repair the annex building that is still there for our office space. Future planning and design ideas are still in the works since we haven't had much time since it was just acquired a few weeks ago.
- Collecting ideas >> public comment >> vote > conceptual design > design development, etc? As stated above, we haven't decided on the specifics of the process and plan. This will take some time and lots of energy. The initial conversations have included and will include community thoughts, ideas, input, suggestions, etc. but as everyone knows, a diverse community of this type will have every possible idea under the sun as an option... and I'm sure there won't be 100% agreement on everything.
- From your statement below ref: preliminary plans - does this indicate a conceptual design has already been developed? Was community input used to decide what might be best for the community as a whole or were these decisions made by the SoFAR board? No plan or decision has been made.
- My understanding of SoFar is minimal, but as I understand it SoFar board was not elected, correct? Do the individuals on the board who will be making this decision present a good representation of the community. (age, gender, specific interest, etc). As a non-profit, board members are selected, nominated, and/or elected by the board. At the moment, SoFAR is not a member governed non-profit such as the Grange whose members elect their board members. The board members are all active community members with a variety of interests and previous business, board, and/or non-profit experience. We are always looking for more diversity and committed volunteers to help in our efforts, as do most non-profits, and are always open to including additional board members and volunteers regardless of age, gender, and/or interests.
- Does SoFar have a conflict of interest policy? Does Coloma Lotus Business Council have a conflict of interest policy? Are you the board president of both organizations? Yes SoFAR and CLBC both have a standard conflict of interest policy for Board Members that cover conflict of interest issues regarding disclosing financial interests of board members that may conflict with organizational efforts. Yes I am board president for both organizations and the Coloma Lotus Business Council had no part of this property purchase.
- Will consideration be made in order to exclude programming that space with businesses that may be in direct competition with existing businesses nearby? No decisions have been made as to what to do with that property yet besides clean it up. Very preliminary discussions have been had with various business owners in town to receive input and suggestions. We will continue those efforts moving forward but don't have a specific time frame and/or process defined yet.

In short, I and the SoFAR board, as well as many others that have offered their help, see this as a great opportunity. An opportunity to do something with that corner that can be a wonderful addition to the valley and community again. We decided to acquire the property at this time knowing that we didn't have everything worked out in advance, and believe we will do our best to develop it down the road.

I hope this helps answer your questions and maybe once we get things cleaned up and stabilized we can host a community meeting/party there and talk about ideas and plans. Wouldn't that be great!

Howard

Howard Penn | Managing Director/GM

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CHAPTER V.

RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC

§54954.3 Public's right to testify at meetings. (c) The legislative body of a local agency shall not prohibit public criticism of the policies, procedures, programs, or services of the agency, or of the acts or omissions of the legislative body. Nothing in this subdivision shall confer any privilege or protection for expression beyond that otherwise provided by law. Care must be given to avoid violating the speech rights of speakers by suppressing opinions relevant to the business of the body. As such, members of the public have broad constitutional rights to comment on any subject relating to the business of the governmental body.

Any attempt to restrict the content of such speech must be narrowly tailored to effectuate a compelling state interest. Specifically, the courts found that policies that prohibited members of the public from criticizing school district employees were unconstitutional. (*Leventhal v. Vista Unified School Dist.* (1997) 973 F. Supp. 951; *Baca v. Moreno Valley Unified School Dist.* (1996) 936 F. Supp. 719.) These decisions found that prohibiting critical comments was a form of viewpoint discrimination and that such a prohibition promoted discussion artificially geared toward praising (and maintaining) the status quo, thereby foreclosing meaningful public dialog.

54954.2 E (3) No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3.

Where a member of the public raises an issue which has not yet come before the legislative body, the item may be briefly discussed but no action may be taken at that meeting. The purpose of the discussion is to permit a member of the public to raise an issue or problem with the legislative body or to permit the legislative body to provide information to the public, provide direction to its staff, or schedule the matter for a future meeting. (§ 54954.2(a).)