

My name is Mark E. Smith and I am here to list but a few of the reasons why I signed the petition to begin the recall process.

While doing research for this paper, I ran across a previous paper submitted ~~10/27/15~~ just under a year ago, on December 16<sup>th</sup> 2014.

At that time you refused to obey state law and ignored hundreds of California Public Record Act requests, aka CPRA's, in an attempt to escape accountability. You continue to do so.

At that time, despite repeated testimony and evidence presented to this board, you refused to investigate dishonest county contracting practices. Despite personal meetings and even more evidence, you still refuse.

Despite up to 48 felony counts of contract fraud publicly revealed to the board, there remain multiple co-conspirators still working for the county, and no one charged with a crime. In fact, some have been rewarded with generous separation packages. These facts have not changed.

The board has committed Brown Act violations in connection with these felonies and continues pick and choose which laws it will obey, which it will enforce, and upon whom they will apply in clear violation of the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment.

The board has crushed the constitutional rights of the citizens in our county, violated their oath of office and ignored the

county ethics code, not to mention having taken conflict of interest to new lows and failed to take any proper corrective action.

On December 16<sup>th</sup> I submitted written proof of all of these charges and since that time nothing has changed. The Board continues to routinely deny free speech, ignore CPRA's, and continues on it's merry way towards turning our County into a suburb of Sacramento despite the clear intent of the General Plan to keep our County rural.

On December 16<sup>th</sup> I stated "I can only hope that our new board members will have a better sense of honor, courage and commitment than the old, who have none."

Well, my hopes were in vain. Therefore, it being the last resort of the people to alter or abolish a tyrannical government, it is time that this process begin.

May God be with us.

Attachments:

None: Refer to Board of Supervisors Record, December 16th, 2014, Mark E. Smith

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M. Lane Open Forum BOS 10/27/15

Melody Lane – Founder Compass2Truth 10-27-15 CPRAs - EDSO, Roger Trout, Ranalli ethics training

Today my purpose is to address the lack of compliance with Public Record Act requests, specifically the CPRA submitted October 12, 2015 requesting EDSO representation to RMAC, a copy of Roger Trout's Oath of Office, and Mike Ranalli's completed mandatory Ethics Training for Public Officials. A comprehensive response was delinquent yesterday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Obtaining an appropriate response from County Counsel, the BOS or the CAO is akin to Hillary Clinton's Benghazi scandal and her missing emails. They all appear to have one thing in common and that is a penchant for lying rendering them unfit to hold public office.

First I wish to point out a few excerpts from the August 9, 2012 audio recorded meeting held with Roger Trout and Pierre Rivas concerning RMAC, SUP, and the Planning Commission revocation process. As you are aware, this was also the topic of last month's scandalous RMAC meeting witnessed by Mike Ranalli. Objecting to my audio recording, Roger made the following statements:

*"I don't have any taping of these meetings...I'm not sure I want to talk about it...We're NOT being taped...that's not my policy. We don't tape meetings in this room...It's not my policy to do that because all the reasons that I know can go wrong with that type of thing...You're the one who refused to turn off the tape...However the suggestion is that we still have a follow up meeting with all the parties that are affected, including law enforcement in the CAO's office so we can have one meeting where you can get all your answers...you're not in control of this meeting; I am."*

I replied, *"Let's put it this way Roger. To put YOU in charge of coordinating the meeting with law enforcement, State Parks, the County entities, and all of that is like asking the fox to coordinate a banquet. I've pretty much wasted my time today because you're NOT willing to be open and transparent."*

Despite his promises, a comprehensive reply to numerous written inquiries and petition submittals was never received. That is, until last week when Roger sent me an email stating, *"I cannot explain what happened to the original, but it appears Conrad Montgomery and Pierre Rivas were working with both Coloma Resort and American River Resort regarding the noise complaints contained in your letter...the original letter never made it to the official files...Last week staff provided me a large stack of old mining files and miscellaneous papers...Most of the paperwork was duplicate and were sent to the recycle bin, but I also came across a copy of your letter. Recognizing it for*

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what it was, I have scanned it and placed a hard copy in each campground file.”

Roger’s statements are bold-faced lies and this Board is complicit by their silence.

Two significant facts have bearing on this matter as well as the formal Citizen’s Complaint submitted to EDSO concerning Deputy Garrett Gennai and his refusal to investigate the yearly illegal fireworks at the Coloma Resort:

- 1) It is a crime for public servants to falsify information in response to CPRAs.
  - 2) Deprivation of rights and forcing this into the prohibitively expensive civil arena is an abuse of the public’s trust in law enforcement and the justice system:
- “The Ninth Circuit U.S. Courts of Appeals have recognized the First Amendment right to record the police and/or other public officials. **The First Amendment protects the right to record audio and video regardless of whether the police/officials consent. This constitutional right would override any state or federal laws that would otherwise prohibit such recording. The rationale is public officials need to be held accountable for their actions.”**
  - “[A] citizen's right to film government officials, including law enforcement officers, in the discharge of their duties in a public space is a basic, vital, and well-established liberty safeguarded by the First Amendment.”
  - “Gathering information about government officials in a form that can readily be disseminated to others serves a cardinal First Amendment interest in protecting and promoting the free discussion of governmental affairs.”

It’s time to get off this merry-go-round. Counsel, when can we expect your written reply?

Madam Clerk: Please enter these documents into the public record:

1. This transcript
2. 10/12/15 CPRA – Trout, EDSO, RMAC, Ranalli Ethics Training
3. 10/23/15 @ 3:50 PM email response to 10/12/15 incomplete CPRA
4. October 20, 2015 @ 8:34 AM email from Roger Trout re: 2002 SUP Petition
5. August 9, 2012 transcript of meeting with Roger Trout and Pierre Rivas

CC: Sheriff John D’Agostini

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# Compass2Truth

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October 12, 2015

To: EDC Clerk to the Board  
EDC CAO Larry Combs

## CA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST


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

- \* It is our understanding that Lt. Tim Becker was removed as the EDSO representative to the River Management Advisory Committee (RMAC). Please provide the date Lt. Becker was replaced and the identity of the current EDSO representative(s) to RMAC.
- \* The subject matter of the 9/14/15 RMAC agenda items required EDSO representation. Please provide documentation substantiating the reason(s) for the absence of an EDSO representative at the 9/14/15 RMAC meeting as required under the River management Plan.
- \* Copies of the RMAC applications on file with the County Clerk of representatives: Adam Anderson, Faith Cushman, Keith Gershon, Tim Lasko, Nate Rangel and Marilyn Tahl.
- \* Copy of the signed and witnessed Oath of Office of DSD Director Roger Trout.
- \* Copy of the certificate substantiating Supervisor Mike Ranalli completed mandatory Ethics Training for Public Officials as required by AB1234.

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 legal authorities on whom you rely.

To avoid unnecessary costs of duplication, electronic copies are acceptable and may be emailed to [melody.lane@reagan.com](mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com). It is requested that your determination be made within **10 days** as stipulated within the California Public Records Act, **Government Code 6253(c)**.

Thanks for your anticipated cooperation.

  
Melody Lane  
Founder - Compass2Truth

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## Melody Lane

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**From:** Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 23, 2015 3:50 PM  
**To:** 'Donna Mullens'; 'Larry Combs'; 'Sheriff DAgostini'; 'Pamela Knorr'; Robyn Drivon  
**Cc:** 'EDC COB'; 'Michael Ranalli'; 'Vickie Sanders'; 'Roger Trout'; barry.smith@parks.ca.gov; 'The BOSFIVE'; 'The BOSONE'; 'The BOSTHREE'; 'The BOSTWO'; 'Michael Ranalli'  
**Subject:** RE: 10/12/15 RMAC meeting & CPRA  
**Attachments:** 10-12-15 EDC-EDSO RMAC reps.doc; 8-3-15 V Sanders RMAC Agenda.doc

Please note it is a crime to fabricate data obtained via FOIA or CPRAs. A comprehensive response from Counsel to the attached CPRA is still due by 10/27/15.

"*There is no documentation*" is an unacceptable response. **Documentation** (i.e. written explanation) was requested substantiating the absence of EDSO representation from the September RMAC meeting. Vickie Sanders has no Oath of Office on file with HR and has demonstrated an inability to deal honestly or ethically with the public. Furthermore Parks and Rec does not have the authority to respond on behalf of EDSO.

As previously stated, "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 legal authorities on whom you rely."

To avoid any unnecessary delay please contact me immediately should there be anything you do not understand about complying with the attached CPRA request.

Regards,

*Melody Lane*

Founder, Compass2Truth

**From:** Donna Mullens [mailto:donna.mullens@edcgov.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 4:37 PM  
**To:** Melody Lane  
**Cc:** EDC COB; Larry Combs; Michael Ranalli; Vickie Sanders; Pamela Knorr; Roger Trout; Sheriff DAgostini; barry.smith@parks.ca.gov; The BOSFIVE; The BOSONE; The BOSTHREE; The BOSTWO; Michael Ranalli  
**Subject:** Re: 10/12/15 RMAC meeting & CPRA

Ms. Lane - In response to your CPRA dated 10/12/15, the Parks Division provides the following in regards to bullet items two and three;

- *The subject matter of the 9/14/15 RMAC agenda items required EDSO representation. Please provide documentation substantiating the reason(s) for the absence of an EDSO representative at the 9/14/15 RMAC meeting as required under the River management Plan. **There is no documentation***
- *Copies of the RMAC applications on file with the County Clerk of representatives: Adam Anderson, Faith Cushman, Keith Gershon, Tim Lasko, Nate Rangel and Marilyn Tahl. Please see attached RMAC applications*

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Hard copies of response letter and applications will be sent via USPS.

Donna Mullens

On Mon, Oct 12, 2015 at 11:42 AM, Melody Lane <[melody.lane@reagan.com](mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com)> wrote:

It is clearly evident by the audio and the 8/3/15 meeting agenda that the outcome of the 9/14/15 RMAC meeting was predetermined and falsely portrayed in the minutes.

**\*Note:** Courts have found that prohibiting the public from making critical comments is a form of discrimination, and that such a prohibition promoted discussion artificially geared toward praising and maintaining the status quo, thereby foreclosing meaningful public dialog. (Baca v. Moreno Valley Unified School Dist. (1996) 936 F. Supp. 719.)

Pursuant to multiple meetings concerning illicit RMAC operations, I am requesting you formally document the bullying & harassment of RMAC representatives Nate Rangle, Tim Lasko and Adam Anderson.

Please post the attached to the BOS Calendar along with this request NOT to approve the draft 9/14/15 RMAC minutes at tonight's meeting.

As per Government Code 6253(c) you have 10 days to respond to the attached CPRA.

Respectfully,

*Melody Lane*

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***When law and morality contradict each other the citizen has the cruel alternative of either losing his sense of morality or losing his respect for the law. ~ Frederick Bastiat ~***


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**August 9, 2012**  
**Roger Trout & Pierre Rivas**  
**Duration of meeting: 20 minutes**

Objecting to my placing a recorder on the desk:

**Roger:** ...We'll have it taped, I'll have it taped.

**Melody:** Yeah, but this is my silent witness rather than bringing people in. This is my documentation.

Roger: I don't have any taping of these meetings.  


Melody: OK. That's fine. I'm just making you aware I'm using it instead of bringing people in with me. But anyhow...(distributing agenda) This is a brief outline of what I hoped we could cover today and I hope this isn't going to be a long meeting. I don't want this to be an extensive meeting in any way but this is pretty much what I had anticipated covering here today.

R: OK, I think this is fine. I'm not sure what this planning petition is.

M: Uh, that has to do with what I had...

R: (interrupting) Is that one of your emails from you before?

M: That has to do with back in June 4, 2002 when I had submitted a petition for both the American River Campground and the Coloma Resort...

R: (interrupting) ...and code and law enforcement. You know I'm not law enforcement.

M: I know. But what I'm going to do is tie this in...

R: (interrupting)...I know, but I just want to make sure I understand the agenda.

M: Uh huh...

R: We did talk about wanting to have a bigger meeting later with law enforcement and so you thought that was positive.

M: OK, but this is part of what I'm coordinating and I've been working with law enforcement already for well over a year. Sheriff D'Agostini has been very cooperative in that regard having to do with the issues along the American River corridor specifically.

R: OK, right, right. I'm going through...I'm not law enforcement. It's code enforcement I'm presuming issues here.

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M: Yeah, exactly.

R: And RMAC...I haven't been to an RMAC meeting in probably 20 years so I'm not going to be very helpful there.

M: OK but again...

R: ...I'm not sure I want to talk about it.

M: Yes, but I will.

R: And these are the special use permits and then the follow up meeting is what we were talking about is maybe a different...

M: Yeah, kinda. Just so that we're on the same page and...

Pierre: Just to address item #3 the primary staffer for the RMAC would be Noah from Environmental.

M: Yes, Noah.

Pierre: And we provide assistance to him if it involves use permits and that kind of thing.

M: Yes and I realize that. Now I don't know if you are aware or not but this whole thing with Environmental management. Um, they've been stonewalling for years and basically when I go to these RMAC meetings my presence is not welcome. We do not have any Resident representative. Now RMAC has what they call a Resident representative, but they don't really represent...

R: (interrupting) ...Why don't we leave that for special...when we get back. So we've got an hour and I apologize for being late. We're NOT being taped.

M: Yes we are.

R: We cannot. That was my...

M: This is a standard procedure, which again, it's my silent witness. In other words instead of bringing somebody in, the tape recorder is my...

R: (interrupting) I appreciate that **but that's not my policy. We don't tape meetings in this room.**

M: Yeah, well, at this point I'm not sure how you want to handle that.

R: Well, it's your call. I'd...I'd recommend that if you have specific questions regarding your agenda that you email them to me and I'll try to respond that way.

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M: Yeah, well again, on this Roger this has been kinda the problem we've been having with the County and Terri Daly and Kim Kerr as well as Sheriff D'Agostini have allowed me as well to audio record these meetings.

R: It's not my policy to do that because...uh...all the reasons that...that I know can go wrong with that type of thing. I'd be happy to give you the information that you want but I recommend you give us the opportunity to respond in email to specific questions.

M: I...I've in fact I've just brought in a small sample of my files. But what it really is, is there is no way I could bring in all of the emails that I've already sent and...

R: (interrupting) If you have any questions...

M: I've already done that and there've been no answers forthcoming.

R: Well, we were hoping to have a discussion here, a nice candid discussion, but if you refuse to NOT tape...or you only want to tape...then...ah...that's not appropriate for this kind of informal meeting. So I'd appreciate it if you just want to talk about it then we can talk about it.

M: Ahh, now again, this is information that is necessary Roger for taking to the County staff and this discussion is relevant to that and I don't want it to be just mere hearsay. And so the answers—we're not going to wait another ten years to get the kind of answers to the issues that we've been dealing with for...

R: I'm totally offering to answer any of the questions you have but we're going to do it on an informal basis.

M: OK, but the thing is one of the questions right here has to do with the letter and the petition that was sent to you involving the American River and the Coloma Resort. Whatever happened to that, and why was there no follow up to it for the revocation process? You know there needs to be some kind of a consequence for breaking the codes or laws of El Dorado County. We've pretty much run up against stone walls. And according to Terri Daly and Kim Kerr, this transparency and accountability thing and improving customer service is a primary objective of El Dorado County. And that falls in line with the very same mission statements that were part of the meeting with Jim Wassner and Ron Briggs in my own office. If you recall this (handing him Wassner/Briggs agenda), Jim Wassner's lack of response on this...there was no follow up on this meeting that was held.

R: OK, I'm gonna restate my position. I want you to put your requests in writing and we will respond in writing.

M: Well, again...we've already...this has been a waste of time to even come down here.

R: You're the one who refused to turn off the tape.

M: Well again...It's within my right to do so.

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R: It is not. I reject that. However the suggestion is that we still have a follow up meeting with all the parties that are affected, including law enforcement in the CAO's office so we can have one meeting where you can get all your answers.

M: Let's put it this way Roger. To put YOU in charge of coordinating the meeting with law enforcement, State Parks, the County entities and all of that is like asking the fox to coordinate a banquet.

R: Let me clarify that. It would be the CAO's office coordinating that.

M: OK, we're already working with them and we've been meeting with them. And so again, the purpose is to...

R: (interrupting)...But you're OK with that. You'd like that meeting?

M: That meeting—it IS taking place. It IS being coordinated.

R: OK.

M: And the purpose of my coming here today is to ensure that the cooperation is there between departments.

R: And we will cooperate.

M: OK. But again, all of these issues here—it is pretty much for the record that I've pretty much wasted my time today because you're NOT willing to be open and transparent.

R: Absolutely. Again, I'm requesting that you put it in writing because you're not in control of this meeting; I am.

M: OK, if that's what the issue is—of who's in control—our government, our local government is OUT of control. And this all kinda ties in with the CA State Parks accountability issues.

R: We're...we're just the Planning and Building Department here and we're trying to give you answers. You pose the questions and we'll give you the answers in writing.

M: I've already done them in writing Roger. You've got them. Do you want to review them?

R: I DON'T have them. Uh...If...if...

M: They're right here. (handing him sheaf of papers)

R: I...I don't have those.

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M: You're addressed...

R: (interrupting nervously) I don't have anything. You're looking at me right now. I don't have any of those questions.

M: OK...

R: You have those here that aren't on any previous emails.

M: Those aren't questions. Those are just an agenda.

R: So all that I ask is that you just want us to respond to your email then we can do that. That's all you're asking for.

M: Well then how come there HASN'T been a response?

R: Well I thought we were going to talk about a number of things at this meeting.

M: Again, this seems to be more of...

R: (interrupting)...You called me for a meeting and I said we were going to meet. You throw on addition conditions that I'm not willing to...

M: No, the only condition is what already has been amenable to the CAO, the Sheriff's Department, ah you know, and State Parks and everybody else that's been involved in this. They've had no problem.

R: Alright then. We have no problem responding in writing. We'll prepare a response to your previous email then if that's all you want.

M: Ah, it's more than that.

R: Well then if you have other questions please submit them in writing within a week or so and Pierre and I will work on it together and we'll get you a response.

M: Well OK, but the issue has to be: Why haven't there been answers since 2002?

Roger: Well this one says 2012. So is that just a typo?

M: That is a typo. I'm sorry, 2002...02.

Roger: No problem. I'm glad I asked the question. I don't know if we have that but I'm assuming we might.

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M: I faxed it to you two times. It was submitted two times to you.

R: I haven't seen any faxes.

M: In 2002. The same issues.

R: I wasn't the Director in 2002 so it may have gone to just another person. But it may be in our file.

M: It should be, but I do have here correspondence and a history of it where there has basically been no response whatsoever.

R: I think that's easy enough for us to dig out and give you a written response. Um...

Pierre: May I recreate that Melody?

M: Sure! (handing him copy of 2002 petition and correspondence)

Pierre: It's probably in there.

M: It should be. That's...that's just the original letter with the signatures involving the Special Use Permits.

Pierre: I just want to make sure we've got it. (exiting room)

Melody: OK. (Long pause—Roger writing on tablet of paper) It involved the revocation process. (Long pause as Roger continues writing)

Roger: OK.

M: What do you need that we haven't already given you, what we haven't already asked?

R: We'll take a look.

M: Well then again the Code and Law Enforcement issues, coordinating with Law Enforcement. It's pretty much up to the Sheriff's Department to answer the calls and provide the information. Question is, did uh...Lieutenant...ah...Sargent Bernie Morton...did he provide the information?

R: I'll check.

M: Did he provide the information that he said he'd provide to...

R: (interrupting)...Is that in any, uh, the email?

M: Yeah! Sure it is!

R: OK.

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M: Those are all questions...

R: (Interrupting)...If your emails and petition are comprehensive then we'll just focus on those. It'll take us a little while to prepare a response.

M: The issues that were relevant in 2002 are still relevant in 2012 and how these violations of these permits are ah...

R: It's...it's...it's much easier for us to pull this...to put our analysis together. We'll look at all the file and ah, talk about it and make sure we, ah, have a comprehensive response and give that to you rather than even talk about it at this meeting. I'd say this meeting has not gone to waste. Actually you've given me some clarity how best to respond to your questions.

M: Well, again, Jim had said that he wanted me to send him information about the Special...SUPs. Now are we talking about just the campgrounds or are we also including the, uh, the like Marco's Café, the Coloma Club, and the...the other, Sierra Nevada House...

R: Are those in your emails?

M: They are in the mails.

R: So we'll do a comprehensive response.

M: Again...

R: So that's my point. You've given me the best tool that I can have because I've got your comprehensive written questions. We can take our time and make sure we give you a complete response. It may not be the answer you want, but we'll have an answer from the appropriate...

M: But again, the whole purpose of this is for clarification so that you can provide the necessary information to go to the next level. That's all...

R:...The primary...the primary point is to respond to you and your requests. I've got the email and the petition and we'll collect that. I don't know. Pierre, do you have a thought about our workload and our time line? I don't know, how long it might take us. There are quite a few questions.

Pierre: Yeah, I, well...I...it sounds like now it's broadened quite a bit. Cause I mean, does it mean everything I've been focused on is the American River Resort. As far as the permitting process, if we're talking about the Coloma Resort, Marco's Café, the Coloma Club and all those other venues, that's a larger and more substantial effort.

M: That's why I need clarification too. Do we want to keep it to the campgrounds only in the Quiet Zone, or does Jim Wassner want to pull in the restaurants as well which most of them probably don't have river front access?

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R: So I think we maybe have to take a look at the bigger picture as well as focus on the specific permits?

M: That was my understanding with Jim.

R: I'm just gonna give you... I don't want this to drag on forever. I want us to... and it's August 9<sup>th</sup>. Let's take a look at say by the end of the month we'll collect everything we've got and give it to you. Some areas might be less thorough than others just because of the time line or maybe lack of information. But at least I'd like to cross the T and dot the I on all of your questions point by point. By September 1<sup>st</sup> you'll have a collated response to things you haven't gotten a response on before.

M: September 1<sup>st</sup>?

R: I'm just guessing that that's a reasonable time frame. I figure that we don't want to... September 1<sup>st</sup> is a Saturday. That's not going to help us. So August 31<sup>st</sup> I hope Pierre, Jim and I can hope to at least have a comprehensive response to as much as we can.

M: That's why I felt Jim was essential to being here.

R: Well, we work with him regularly. He's in our offices every day.

M: I know. But still Jim was present at this meeting (referring to Wassner/Briggs meeting) that we had with Ron Briggs in 2008. Again, we were addressing how all of this affects the property owners and their property values. There needs to be Code Enforcement but there needs to be Law Enforcement too working with Code Enforcement.

R: If that's OK with you, that would be my plan to respond in writing by August 31<sup>st</sup>.

M: In writing I prefer. That helps and that's the whole purpose of us meeting today. I did not want it to be a lengthy meeting. I said that it would be very short, but in the absence of Jim Wassner—he's a key player—because he's got the meat and the bones.

R: Understood. And...and anticipating that we'll get you a response. Is there anything else I can do for you today?

M: Ah...other than that, again a clarification as to in your response, I need a clarification as to what is the process? What do you need us to supply Code Enforcement to ensure that the steps are taken with the Planning Commission to ENFORCE the SUPs so that they come down on them? Because in reading through these SUPs there are a lot of violations, not just noise. But how far back do you want to go? Jim had said that...

R: There is no pat answer to that. We'll do the best we can. If...it becomes a decision that the Planning Commission makes or the Board of Supervisors makes.

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M: Well the information that I've been forwarding to Jim and including you on is just recent events and notifications that has put them outside of the SUPs in the Quiet Zone. And so...

R: That question is in your email and your petition so we'll answer that.

M: Yep. If you refer to this letter the issues are the same as they were in 2002. And that's pretty much it. Until we get your response in writing so that we can share it with the rest of the constituents who this involves, we can't move forward with the follow up meeting. And that's all we really need right now.

R: OK.

M: And that pretty much takes into account the purpose of this brief meeting.

R: OK. OK.

M: And Pierre, I really appreciate what you have done to be cooperative in getting the information we've asked. In the past it's been pretty much a pain in the keister. If we can get some definitive answers and start moving forward on this we won't have to go through the stonewalling process or any more meetings.

R: We're not in a stonewalling process. You did receive copies of both the American River Resort and the Coloma Resort. You received them about a week ago.

M: Yes, I did. And that is going to come up again by the way at the RMAC meeting. And so we've got a real problem with them censoring this from the minutes. And I just brought this with me as an example for tonight's meeting. The minutes don't tell the public anything that really transpired there. And this is what...people can't be kept informed if they are kept in the dark by the Advisory and Environmental Management. So until that transparency and accountability...

R: Well, OK. We've got our job cut out for us cause I know it's going to take some time to research and put this all together.

M: It is. It is. That's all I really needed.

R: I think it worked out best for everybody because then it's clear and you don't have to translate or record verbal documents.

M: Yeah. But this is just to document that we have talked, we've got an understanding of what is necessary to move forward. Plain and simple.

R: Thank you. Alright.

# End of Transcript #

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## Melody Lane

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**From:** Roger Trout <roger.trout@edcgov.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2015 8:34 AM  
**To:** Melody Lane  
**Subject:** Coloma Resort petition letter  
**Attachments:** M Lane 2002 Letter and petition.pdf

Melody:

I have found a copy of the letter you sent to Conrad Montgomery dated June 4, 2002, including the petition with 20 signatures (attached).

The letter is now part of the Coloma Resort and American River Resort files. You have commonly noted that this letter was missing, but now it is found.

I cannot explain what happened to the original, but it appears that Conrad Montgomery and Pierre Rivas were working with both Coloma Resort and American River Resort regarding the noise complaints contained in your letter. Conrad left in 2003 and Pierre in 2013. The original letter never made it to the official files.

Last week staff provided me a large stack of old mining files and miscellaneous papers from Pierre Rivas (he is now with the City of Placerville). Most of the paperwork was duplicates and were sent to the recycle bin, but I also came across a copy of your letter. Recognizing it for what it was, I have scanned it and attached it to this letter, attached it to our electronic files for the two campgrounds, and placed a hard copy in each campground file.

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June 4, 2002

El Dorado County Planning Department  
2050 Fair Lane  
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Attn: Conrad Montgomery, Planning Director

**RE: American River Campgrounds & Coloma Resort – Special Use Permits**

Dear Mr. Montgomery:

The purpose of this letter is to petition the revocation of Special Use Permits for both the American River Campgrounds and the Coloma Resort for regular violation of sound restrictions through the use of amplified music, karaoke, exceedingly loud parties, firing of canons & firearms, group shouting and screaming. The natural geography of the area further exacerbates these intrusions making it impossible to entertain, rest or enjoy the peace and privacy of our homes. All these activities have taken place outside the prescribed hours as late as 1:30 a.m. Monday through Sunday, can be heard as far as 3 miles away and are well in excess of the General Plan 50-60 dBA noise limitations as set forth in the following permits:

American River Campgrounds – Permit S91-06, Conditions 16 & 15  
Coloma Resort – Permit S93-03, Condition 9

The EDC Sheriff's Department has often been unable to respond to the burden of numerous requests to enforce the laws governing these disturbances due to higher priorities and lack of staffing. They have therefore encouraged citizens to petition intervention by local agencies in the hope of coming to an equitable solution.

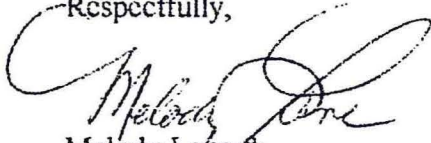
It is our sincere belief that the regular excessive use of amplified music, events and noise making are not essential to the profitability of these businesses and in fact negatively effects the esthetics and property values of the homeowners in our community. It is not our intent to put anyone out of business but rather to maintain the peace, privacy and property values of our historic area. Additionally it is inconsistent to promote nuisance activities at the expense of homeowners in an area commonly known and mapped as a "quiet zone" on the American River.

All reasonable measures have been made to solicit the cooperation of these campgrounds to maintain the peace & serenity of the community. Homeowners have risked their personal safety and retaliation by requesting cooperation of the resort owners, making suggestions and writing letters to absolutely no avail and, in fact have been met with outright hostility.

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We therefore entreat the cooperation of the EDC Planning Commission to assist us in preserving the quality of life for residents of the Coloma Valley. We look forward to your timely response.

Respectfully,

  
Melody Lane &  
Concerned Coloma Citizens

Cc: Roger Trout - EDC Planning Department, Sr. Planner  
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