

# ***Appendix A***

Presentation to the River Management Advisory Committee

April 3, 2015

# RMP Implementation

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Realities of 2001 – 2015 RMP implementation:

Changes in:

- ❑ technology
- ❑ water quality regulatory standards, and
- ❑ land use planning/special use permit processes

have made many RMP activities obsolete

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## RMP Implementation Review Key:

- ❑ Effective Implementation
- ❑ Incomplete/Ineffective Implementation
- ❑ Not Implemented
- ❑ RMP Element Obsolete/Unneeded



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## RMP Implementation Review Results

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## *Element 1: Educational Programs*

- ❑ Quarterly Newsletters
- ❑ Cultural & Natural Resources Workshops
- ❑ Signage (needs updates/improvements)



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## *Element 1: Educational Programs (continued)*

- ❑ Flow Phone (made obsolete by Dreamflows.com)
  
- ❑ County Internet/Website  
(needs update/improvement)
  
- ❑ Resource/Habitat Education

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## *Element 1: Educational Programs (continued)*

- ❑ Quiet Zone, Toilet Location and Public Access Information
- ❑ Commercial Guide Education/Workshops



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## *Element 2: Safety Programs*

- ❑ River Safety Committee
- ❑ Sheriff Boat Patrol Training
- ❑ County River Patrol Swiftwater Training

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## *Element 2: Safety Programs (continued)*

- ❑ County River Patrol Activities
  - ❑ Non-Commercial Boater Education
  - ❑ River Safety/Emergency Responses
  - ❑ Quiet Zone Management
  - ❑ River Use Monitoring

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## *Element 3: Transportation Programs*

- ❑ River Shuttle
- ❑ Off-River Parking Development (N/A)
- ❑ Illegal Parking

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## *Element 3: Transportation Programs (continued)*

- ❑ Mt. Murphy Bridge Policy
  
- ❑ Offsite Parking (N/A in 2014)
  
- ❑ Traffic Study Triggers (Community Development Agency (CDA) activity)

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## *Element 3: Transportation Programs (continued)*

- ❑ Traffic Study Results (No nexus drawn between River use and traffic counts)

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## *Element 4: Monitoring and Reporting Programs*

- ❑ Carrying Capacity Monitoring
- ❑ Incident Reporting
  - ❑ No cooperating agency data
  - ❑ No timely responses to commercial violations
  - ❑ No record of public comment/complaint resolution

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## *Element 4: Monitoring and Reporting Programs (continued)*

- ❑ No river management data entered into the EDC Geographic Information System (GIS)
- ❑ No record of public comment/complaint resolution



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## *Element 4: Monitoring and Reporting Programs (continued)*

- ❑ Water Quality
  - ❑ Lack of historic exceedance events makes bacterial sampling program questionable
  
- ❑ Stormwater sampling protocols have not been updated since 2001

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## *Element 4: Monitoring and Reporting Programs (continued)*

- ❑ Zoning and Special Use Permits are the responsibility of the CDA
- ❑ While the RMP can assist in the promotion of River etiquette, Noise Ordinance enforcement is a Sheriff/CDA activity

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## *Element 4: Monitoring and Reporting Programs (continued)*

- ❑ Recreation Impact Monitoring

- ❑ River Program Staffing:

Incomplete RMP implementation makes reported need for additional staff unclear

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## *Element 4: Monitoring and Reporting Programs (continued)*

- ❑ Lack of data input to GIS undermines RMP adaptive management process

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## *Element 5: Agency and Community Coordination*

- ❑ Pre- and Post-Season Meetings:
  - ❑ Late annual reports = data not available to RMAC for consideration/adaptive management recommendations

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## *Element 5: Agency and Community Coordination*

- ❑ Pre- and Post-Season Meetings:
  - ❑ Lack of substantive Staff recommendations undermines adaptive management strategy

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## *Element 5: Agency and Community Coordination (continued)*

- ❑ Flow Phone (made obsolete by Dreamflows.com)
- ❑ No volunteer coordination, record keeping or summary information



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## *Element 5: Agency and Community Coordination (continued)*

- ❑ No River Festival held in 2015
  
- ❑ Litter Control
  
- ❑ No current Agency Coordination record keeping or summary information

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## *Element 6: Permits and Requirements*

- ❑ Staff conclusion that “RMP requirement minimums are still being met” with current fee structure is unsubstantiated
- ❑ Institutional Group Requirement changes recommended by RMAC to be considered in RMP Update

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## *Element 6: Permits and Requirements (continued)*

- Temporary Use Permits and SUPs are the responsibility of the CDA

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## *Element 7: Carrying Capacity*

- ❑ Monitoring conducted and thresholds not exceeded

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## *Element 8: Regulations and Ordinances*

- ❑ No unified EDC strategy for responses to Pirate Boater observations/evidence
- ❑ Quiet Zone, trespass and motorboat ordinance enforcement should not be RMP's responsibility

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## *Element 9: Facilities and Land Management*

- ❑ American River Conservancy MOU executed in 2007
- ❑ No substantial, River-related parking strategy identified by RMP annual reports

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## *Element 9: Facilities and Land Management (continued)*

- ❑ No unified restroom development and maintenance plan has been developed
- ❑ No planning, design or construction of new RMP capital improvements



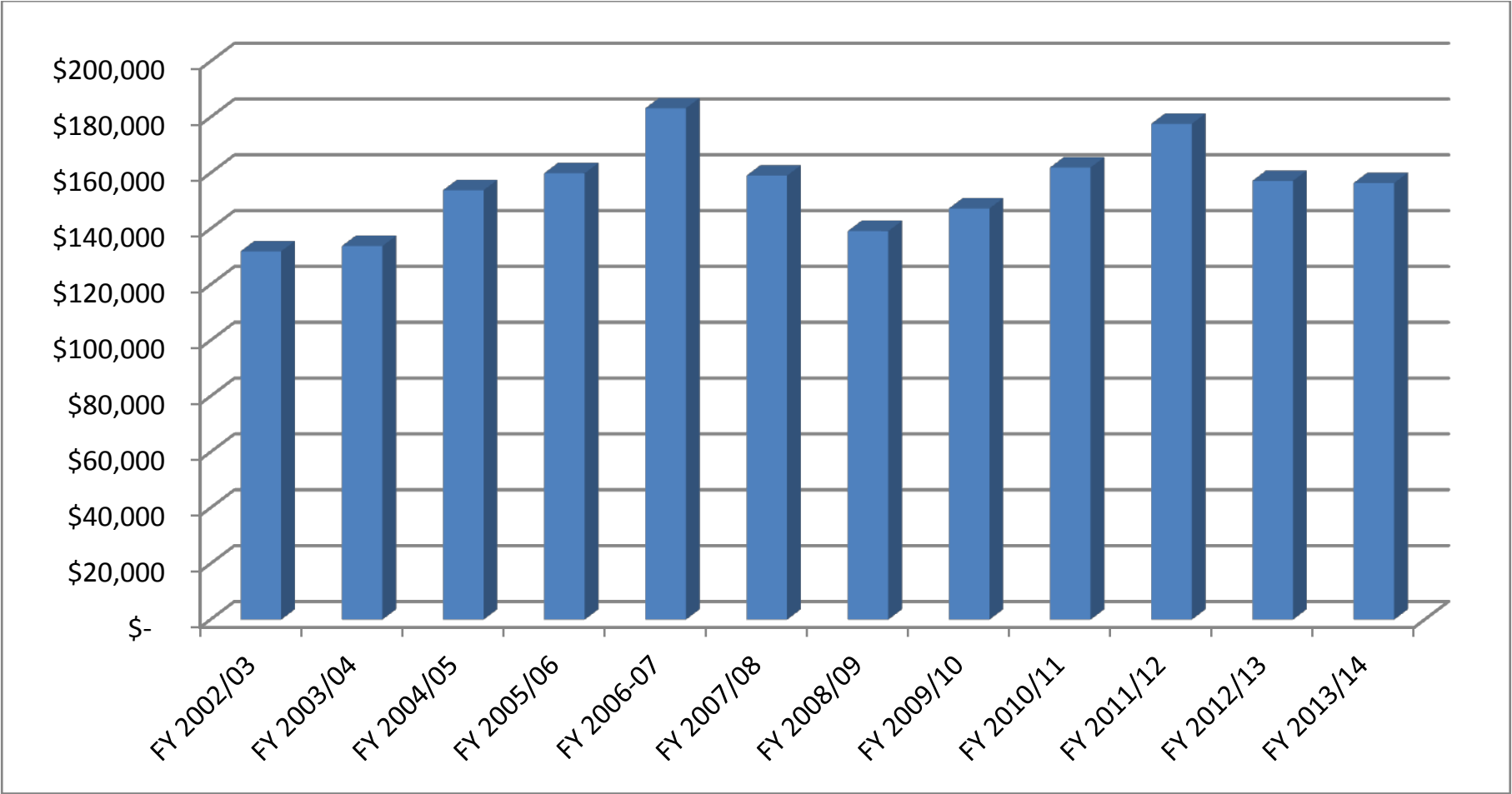
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## *Element 10: Funding*

- ❑ RMP implementation has been governed by the funds available in the River Trust Fund

# River Trust Fund Receipts From Rafting Operations



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## *Element 10: Funding (continued)*

- ❑ The cost to deliver river management services by the County has increased as the value of dollars collected from river users has diminished:

(\$2.00 in 1997 = \$2.96 in 2014\*)

\*US Bureau of Labor Statistics  
Consumer Price Index

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## *Element 10: Funding (continued)*

- ❑ Fee revenue erosion has resulted in RMP program “adjustments” by RMP Staff

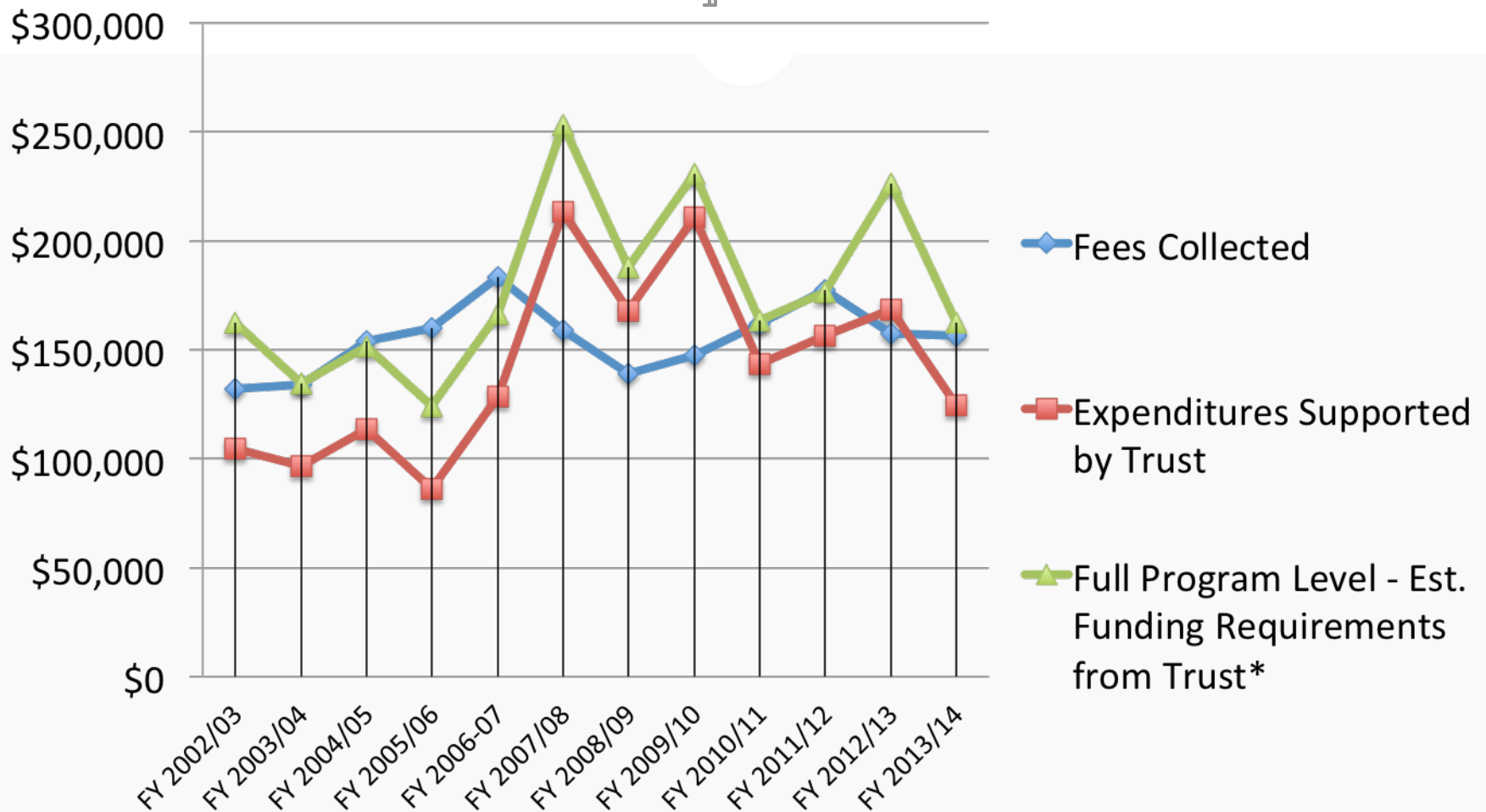
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## *Element 10: Funding*

- ❑ Incomplete implementation of the RMP and the lack of cost estimates for full RMP implementation make actual funding needs unclear

# Actual v. Estimation of Required RMP Costs



\* ESP Projection

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## *Element 10: Funding (continued)*

- ❑ Revenue reductions have compromised – in our opinion – the County’s ability to adequately address the requirements set forth in the RMP.



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## *Element 10: Funding (continued)*

- ❑ Maintaining the current funding “balance” can only be supported by an ever-decreasing degree of RMP implementation

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## *Element 10: Funding (continued)*

- ❑ A capital improvement program (CIP) has not been developed for the RMP
- ❑ The absence of a CIP limits the ability to develop and operate RMP facilities and program enhancement measures

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## *Element 10: Funding (continued)*

- ❑ Development of a CIP would require investments in:
  - ❑ Master Planning
  - ❑ Cost Estimating, and
  - ❑ Preliminary Environmental Analysis

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## RMAC Questions and Answers







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## Next Steps

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# Thank You