

The Marshall Gold Discovery Historic State Park on the S. Fork of the American River represents the heart & life-blood of El Dorado County. The Rubicon represents one of the main arteries of the recreational trail network. Many residents living in this area enjoy the peaceful solitude associated with remote, low density locations.

In addition to EDC, other governmental agencies with jurisdiction include the BLM and CA State Parks. It is the Sheriff's responsibility to ensure code compliance & law enforcement pertaining to the River Management Plan, EDC General Plan and the CA Parks Master Plan for the Marshall Gold Discovery Park.

There are too many to list but just a few include:

- The relationship between recreational activities and **residents rights**.
- Noise monitoring in sensitive areas near project area **campgrounds** and other sensitive locations along the river with focus on the Quiet Zone in the Coloma-Lotus area which begins at Indian Creek above Coloma, and ends at Greenwood Creek below Rivers Bend.
- **Trespassing** issues.
- Coordination among the Sheriff's Department, River Safety Committee, EDC Fire Protection District, Department of Fish & Wildlife, CEQA, County and State Parks.
- Emphasis upon **safety and emergency response activities**.

The addition of additional personnel allocation to the Sheriff's Office raises some concerns:

1. Is the addition of 1.0 Sheriff's Sergeant for the Boating & Off-Highway Vehicle Rubicon Patrol considered to be a promotion within the department, or justification for new addition to EDSO staff at a Sergeant-level salary?
2. Explain the \$182,895 cost of benefits & salary for 12 months – Is it a temporary justification spread out to the entire department or a long term position fulfilled by one specific individual?
3. During last month's RMAC meeting Lt. Tim Becker indicated that there was nobody on staff who was qualified & trained in boating skills & safety. Has an applicant already been identified, or will it be necessary that he receive special boating skills & safety training?
4. If so, what agency will be responsible for administering the competence and safety training?
5. There was no EDSO official representative to RMAC in 2012 or 2013 as required in the River Management Plan and reported annually to the Planning Commission. Will this

new Sergeant be the official representative be required to attend monthly RMAC meetings & submitting regular reports as required in the RMP?

6. Are there conditions to the grant monies stipulating their specific use and/or within a designated period of time?
7. Can you explain how the Sheriff can give back thousands of dollars to the General Fund yet he claims to have insufficient staff to respond to constituents covering over 350 square miles on the Georgetown Divide?

Last, I believe this is an appropriate time to bring to your attention that Supervisor Briggs appeared to have unethically overreached his authority by commandeering the March RMAC meeting for his own political purposes. The official press release issued by Mr. Briggs for that meeting belies the fact that the abbreviated minutes deceptively indicate he was merely a Member of the Public.

In a similar vein Sheriff D'Agostini needs to be reminded that he is not above the law as it applies to AB1234 Mandatory Ethics Training and FPPC regulations.

The Sheriff needs to remedy the situation pertaining to blocked email access to EDSO staff, appropriate responses to correspondence, proper investigations, and accuracy in filing all reports required by law. These topics have been covered extensively during our previous meetings with the Sheriff, CA Parks and other County personnel.

I'd also like to thank HR Director Pam Knorr for bring these matters to the attention of the Sheriff. We anticipate that Sheriff D'Agostini will remedy the situation and comply with the law according to his Constitutional Oath of Office and duty to constituents.

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Please pull Item #9 from Consent for public discussion – EDSO adding 1.0 Sheriff's sergeant for the Boating and Off-Highway Vehicle (Rubicon Patrol.)

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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.*