

M. Lane Open Forum 9/29/15

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*Proverbs 29:2 - When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when a wicked man rules, the people groan.* The cartoon on RMAC agenda from the 2009 meeting held in Ron Briggs office represents my purpose today, namely to address the tyranny of River Mafia Politics, harassment and bully tactics that have led EDC down the path of corruption.

It culminated during the May 2010 RMAC meeting conducted by Mike Ciccozzi and Ron Briggs which was falsely portrayed in the Mtn. Democrat by Chris Daley as an informal Brown Act seminar. There were 16 people in the room. Only 4 were members of the public, and all the rest were government employees.

The legal counsel provided by Briggs and Ciccozzi was totally contrary to the law outlined in the Brown Act handbook and the River Management Plan. A 15-page 127-item notarize affidavit of fact contains direct quotes from the RMAC audio which has since disappeared from the County Calendar archives. Items #93 & #121 of the affidavit specifically mention Mike Ranalli's comments relevant to RMAC protocols.

The overall effect has been a typical ploy to manipulate and discredit my remarks appropriately voiced during RMAC meetings. Despite conducting myself in an orderly fashion, I was prohibited from speaking by Tim Lasko, Steve Liles, Martin Harris and Dave Martinez. Note RMAC representatives are NOT mere "volunteers."

Ron Briggs comments were most significant. *"It's a lot of hard work and you eat a lot of crap for free. You're doing a good job. You're an extension of the BOS and County. If someone is saying something that is not correct, you need to protect yourselves. Go hire a lawyer. If someone is continuing the County would probably assist and would seek a restraining order."*

Tim Lasko asked if County Counsel would represent RMAC members if that scenario played out in the civil arena. Mr. Ciccozzi replied that it was not the decision of County Counsel. A County employee would be defended by County Counsel or hired outside help, but it is up to the Board of Supervisors to authorize the defense.

The conduct of BOS appointed RMAC representatives is disgraceful. The silence of the BOS is the same as condoning such conduct. It is clear the disruptions have NOT been from the public audience--it has actually come from the RMAC and county representatives. Mr. Ciccozzi replied, *"That will work itself through whenever the lawsuit is filed. Then we'll find out."*



The September 14, 2015 River Mafia meeting was a repeat performance of the same Bureaucratic Shenanigans which has earned EDC the reputation as the most notorious for corruption in the state. It was obvious Nate Rangle and Tim Lasko had been prepped for another set up. CA State Parks and EDSO representation were conspicuously absent as required under the River Management Plan. Their input was essential to my presentation concerning trespassing, code and law enforcement. It was apparent the outcome was predetermined before I'd even entered the room.

Mike Ranalli was present at both meetings making him complicit in the pre-arranged conspiracy against the rights of river residents. Accomplices in the deception and violations of their Constitutional oaths of office were county employees Vickie Sanders, Noah Rucker-Triplett and Roger Trout...and the list is still growing.

As you've heard before, this Board has received bad legal counsel. There's nothing "respectful" about refusing to comment publicly in response to constituent concerns and the people's business. Deliberate violations of the Brown Act and your Constitutional oath of office artificially maintain the status quo. Furthermore forcing citizens into the legal arena is an egregious abuse of taxpayer funded county resources.

The issues addressed in these two emails deserve public answers, specifically why hasn't there been a response to the audio recorded discussion with Vickie Sanders and Steve Peterson about disempowering the RMAC bullies? Your response please.

Madam Clerk: Please enter these documents into the public record and note you have 10 days to respond to the CPRA:

1. This transcript
2. 7/16/09 RMAC meeting w/Briggs
3. CPRA – RMAC correspondence
4. 9/14/15 @ 11:36 AM email RMAC audio, minutes & public comments
5. 9/27/15 @ 8:16 PM email PILT & meeting in Pollock Pines & Conservancy Acq.

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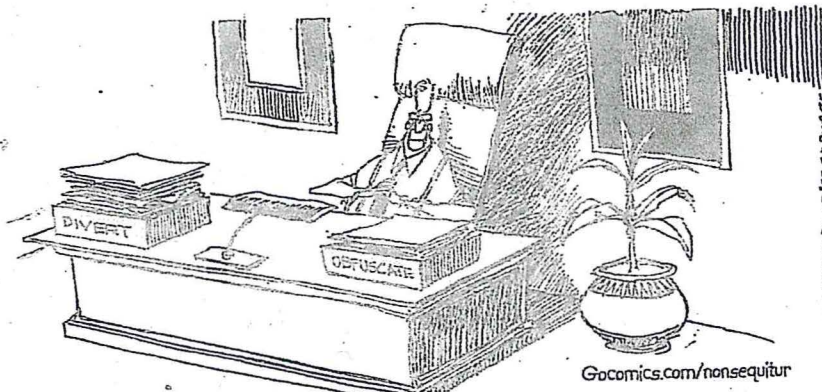
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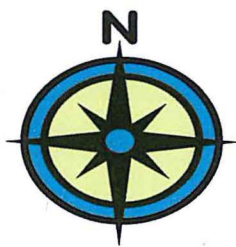
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September 29, 2015

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
EDC Clerk to the Board

## 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 copies of the following:

1. Copies of all \*correspondence between Vickie Sanders, consultant Steve Petersen, and EDSO staff relevant to 2015 RMAC meetings and the June 2015 RMAC workshop held at Gold Trail Grange Hall.
2. Copies of all \*correspondence between Noah Rucker-Triplett and members of American River Conservancy and RMAC representatives during 2015 to present.
3. Copies of the Oaths of Office signed by Vickie Sanders and Noah Rucker-Triplett.

(\* ) Such writings and communications to include any handwriting, typing, printing, photocopying, transmitting by facsimile or electronic mail, any form of communication or representation including letters, words, pictures, sounds or symbols, or combination thereof, and any record thereby created, regardless of the manner in which the record has been stored.

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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**From:** Vickie Sanders [mailto:vickie.sanders@edcgov.us]

**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 11:36 AM

**To:** Melody Lane

**Cc:** Donna Mullens; Sheriff DAgostini; barry.smith@parks.ca.gov; Michael Ranalli; Roger Trout; The BOSFIVE; The BOSONE; The BOSTHREE; The BOSTWO; Michael Ranalli; Michael Ciccozzi

**Subject:** Re: 9/14/15 RMAC audio, minutes & public comments

Melody,

I have addressed some of these questions already, but will respond again.

- 1) Lt. Becker is no longer in OES he is the Lieutenant over Placerville Patrol. He was not requested to be at the meeting.
- 2) There is no requirement for a committee member to provide an explanation for an absence.
- 3) I approved the minutes which are action only. The audio is available.
- 4) If you are referring to an apology during the meeting and reflected in the minutes, there was no apology and would not be in the minutes unless it was part of the motion.
- 5) In my opinion the meeting went very well and there was harassment, there was disrespect and interruptions on both sides. Based on the subject I feel the meeting went very well.
- 6) I have been on the Rubicon Trail with issues this week. I have responded to many of your inquiries and have met with you since this meeting. I have many areas of responsibility besides this river corridor. I am waiting for the draft RMP to see the recommendations.
- 7) Octobers meeting is scheduled for the Board of Supervisors Chambers. If a meeting is needed for the RMP it will a special meeting.

Thank you,

Vickie

Vickie Sanders  
Parks Manager  
County of El Dorado  
Chief Administrative Office  
530-621-7538  
FAX: 530-642-0301

On Wed, Sep 23, 2015 at 4:09 PM, Melody Lane <[melody.lane@reagan.com](mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com)> wrote:

Hi Donna,

As a matter of fact I do have a few more questions:

- 1) Both discussion items involved code & law enforcement as reflected in the materials I submitted prior to the meeting. Therefore why was Lt. Tim Becker not present at the 9/14 RMAC meeting as required under the RMP?
- 2) For that matter, why wasn't CSP representative Bill Deitchman or Eric Carter at the meeting as required?
- 3) Did Noah, Vickie, or county counsel write and/or approve the minutes? (Vickie will recall I predicted the content.)

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The audio was posted prior to the minutes because we were aware of staffing schedules and felt the constituents that were not able to attend the meeting would at least have the opportunity to listen to the audio version of the meeting. The two items you entered into public record during the RMAC meeting were posted to File #15-1077 on Tuesday, September 15th . You can view them attached to the Agenda in Legistar and of course they will be attached to the minutes when they are posted.

I would be happy to answer any additional questions you might have.

On Mon, Sep 21, 2015 at 4:48 PM, Melody Lane <[melody.lane@reagan.com](mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com)> wrote:

Typically the audio and minutes of RMAC meetings are posted at the same time.

In the interest of government transparency and accountability, please explain why the RMAC audio was immediately posted but there are no RMAC minutes or materials posted which were submitted into the public record.

BTW, it's rather peculiar how none of the 9/15/15 BOS Open Forum materials were posted to the BOS calendar until Friday afternoon only after I brought this to the attention of the COB. When I dropped by your office everyone had left early or was unavailable. Hmmmm???

Regards,

*Melody Lane*

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**From:** Melody Lane [mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 27, 2015 8:16 PM  
**To:** 'The BOSFOUR'; Richard Esposito  
**Cc:** 'EDC COB'; 'Vickie Sanders'; 'Michael Ranalli'; 'Donna Mullens'; 'Brenda Bailey'; bosfive@edcgov.us; bosone@edcgov.us; bosthree@edcgov.us; bostwo@edcgov.us  
**Subject:** RE: PILT & meeting in Pollock Pines & Conservancy Acquisitions

Supervisor Ranalli,

FYI, normally I don't accept unidentified phone calls such as yours on Friday. Although we may disagree on some subjects, there is nothing respectful about declining to publicly answer the inquiries I addressed to you during Tuesday's Open Forum.

For clarification, I realize these are 3 separate but very confusing news "bites." That's why a concerned citizen forwarded me this MD posting in the first place. They do indeed share two common threads = Parks & Recreation and funding. Connect the DOTS:

- The Parks & Rec meeting in Pollock Pines—is that the Forebay meeting notice that was just sent out Friday, or is it another P&R meeting? NO DATE or essential info was provided rendering this announcement moot.
- RE: PILT – "Earlier in the year" is very obtuse. Was this item rubber stamped under the January BOS Consent Calendar without the public's knowledge? This is info the public has a need to know in order to participate in the process.
- As you heard at the last RMAC meeting, Conservancy & BLM land management issues are hot issues associated with Agenda 21 (water, fire, eminent domain, Parks & Rec, law enforcement, etc.) All of these issues are relevant to the last RMAC Mafia meeting you witnessed and the CL Fire Safe meeting.
- Often I've had a MD press release forwarded to me long before Chris Daley has left the BOS. (i.e. Larry Combs announcement) Who is responsible--the COB, CEO or some other entity—for supplying the Mtn. Demo with this sketchy info?

Informed citizens are empowered people. Transparency and accountability would go a long way in restoring the public's trust in local government...and CA's oldest newspaper.

Regards,

*Melody Lane*  
*Founder – Compass2Truth*

***When the defense of liberty becomes a crime, tyranny is already in force. At that point, failure to defend liberty makes slavery a certainty.***

**From:** [michael.ranalli@edcgov.us](mailto:michael.ranalli@edcgov.us) [mailto:michael.ranalli@edcgov.us] **On Behalf Of** The BOSFOUR  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 27, 2015 2:09 PM  
**To:** Melody Lane  
**Cc:** EDC COB; Vickie Sanders; Michael Ranalli; Donna Mullens; Brenda Bailey  
**Subject:** Re: PILT meeting in Pollock Pines

Melody,  
Just to confirm.

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As I explained in my call to you on Friday, there is absolutely nothing in common with the Mountain Democrat News Bite items about a Pollock Pines meeting item and PILT.

Those items are different subjects having nothing to do with each other.  
PILT was a action taken by our board on Jan 21, 2015.

I have no involvement with the Pollock Pines park meeting, as that is a matter for that community.

FYI,  
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On Fri, Sep 25, 2015 at 1:36 PM, Melody Lane <[melody.lane@reagan.com](mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com)> wrote:

There has been no response to this request for public information regarding the PILT meeting. What is the date of the meeting...or did it already take place???

*Melody Lane*

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

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

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 23, 2015 11:38 AM

**To:** [edc.cob@edcgov.us](mailto:edc.cob@edcgov.us); Richard Esposito; '[bosfive@edcgov.us](mailto:bosfive@edcgov.us)'; '[bosone@edcgov.us](mailto:bosone@edcgov.us)'; '[bosthree@edcgov.us](mailto:bosthree@edcgov.us)'; '[bosttwo@edcgov.us](mailto:bosttwo@edcgov.us)'; Michael Ranalli

**Cc:** Vickie Sanders ([vickie.sanders@edcgov.us](mailto:vickie.sanders@edcgov.us)); [michael.ranalli@edcgov.us](mailto:michael.ranalli@edcgov.us)

**Subject:** PILT meeting in Pollock Pines

There is no indication of the date the below PILT meeting is to take place. When is this meeting scheduled...or did it already happen?

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**To:** Melody Lane

**Subject:** FW: [New post] News Bites

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Democrat Staff posted: "Pollock Pines park meeting The El Dorado County Department of Parks and Recreation, along with District 5 Supervisor Sue Novasel, will host a Pollock Pines community park meeting at 6 p.m. at Fellowship Hall (old senior center on Gail Drive). Meeting topics"

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#### **Pollock Pines park meeting**

The El Dorado County Department of Parks and Recreation, along with District 5 Supervisor Sue Novasel, will host a Pollock Pines community park meeting at 6 p.m. at Fellowship Hall (old senior center on Gail Drive).

Meeting topics will include current status of the park, naming the park and park priorities.

#### **County urges Congress to fully fund federal PILT**

Earlier this year, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution urging Congress to reauthorize and fully fund the Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes program. Federal PILT funding mitigates the impact to county governments when the federal government acquires private lands that had been subject to local property tax. Once these lands are placed into public ownership, local property tax is not applicable.

"Federal PILT funding is critical to El Dorado County's ability to provide essential services such as law enforcement, firefighting, search-and-rescue operations, construction and maintenance of roads and more" said District 4 Supervisor Michael Ranalli, a Rural County Representatives of California delegate. "Absent reauthorization, El Dorado County is set to lose approximately \$400,000 this year alone."

For nearly 40 years the federal government has provided county reimbursements under the Federal PILT program; however, these payments are subject to the discretion of Congress. Unless Congress acts before Oct. 1, Federal PILT payments will be placed in jeopardy. El Dorado County and others that contain national forests, national parks, lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, lands dedicated for federal water use, national wildlife reserves and inactive or semi-inactive Army installations are eligible for Federal PILT payments.

El Dorado County and 29 other rural California counties unite in urging Congress to fully fund Federal PILT.

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## Conservancy board acquiring aging El Dorado County property

KINGS BEACH — The California Tahoe Conservancy Board recently authorized \$435,000 to acquire and remove an aging four-plex on a one-acre parcel of environmentally sensitive land located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 50 and Sawmill Road in El Dorado County.

Consistent with its Tahoe Livable Communities Program, the Conservancy plans to restore the parcel, and transfer the impervious coverage and development rights to projects in town centers.

“Restoring this parcel adjacent to the new Sawmill Road bike trail will improve the scenic value for trail users and improve water quality in a key stream environmental zone near the Upper Truckee River” said California Tahoe Conservancy Board Member and El Dorado County District 5 Supervisor Sue Novasel.

Demolition and restoration of the property will likely occur in summer of 2016.

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