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Sun, Sep 9, 2018 at 10:04 PM

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Please post the entirety of this correspondence, including photos and attachment, to Item #30 of the 9/11 BOS agenda.

Supervisors:

Please take into account that Roger Trout and Joe Harn were busily conferring with my neighbor, Alan Ehrgott, who was seated in the row directly in front of me during the 8/28 BOS meeting, Consent Item #31. That should raise a red flag to all citizens concerned about how EDC operates surreptitiously.

It is apparent to anyone who has a lick of common sense that American River Conservancy land acquisition deals are predetermined behind closed doors before the public ever has a chance to object to how they are funded and then turned over to BLM, CA State Parks or Fish & Wildlife. The government, working in conjunction with American River Conservancy, have proven time and again that they are incapable of being good neighbors. They are notorious for having created division and strife throughout EDC and surrounding counties via their highly unethical legal manipulations typically at taxpayers' expense.

Case in point is the attached letter submitted by Jack Sweeney to the BOS involving a suit filed by the Wades who live at Chili Bar on the S. Fork American River. Their suit against EDC & ARC was for public & private nuisance, trespass, intentional infliction of emotional distress, defamation, invasion of privacy, inverse condemnation, preliminary & permanent injunctions and slander of title. Their legal fees personally cost the Wades in excess of \$60,000 whereas the taxpayer-funded legal costs involving the County's counter-suit against the Wades remain undisclosed. The BOS needs to examine what are the real costs involved in dealing with American River Conservancy?

The 2007 acquisition of 249 acres bordering my property on Mt. Murphy doubled the size of the Marshall Gold Discovery Park. The below photos showing Alan Ehrgott and ARC member Dawn Bean trespassing on my private property during the wee hours speaks volumes about their nefarious intentions. It is significant that the CLNews and the Coloma-Lotus Fire Safe Council are run by members of the American River Conservancy.

Currently nearly 70% of EDC is government owned land, and the figures are rapidly rising. Cronan Ranch, Magnolia, Salmon Falls, Kanaka Valley, Wakamatsu Farm, and 10,000 acres of the headwaters of the American River are just a few other examples of EDC properties acquired by ARC and transferred to government agencies that are now exempt from paying property taxes. For that reason the 8/27/18 Taxpayers Association unanimously voted to write a letter to the BOS addressing the subject of ARC land acquisitions, hence Jack Sweeney sent an email to the BOS requesting Item #31 of the 8/28 BOS agenda be put on hold until such time as the BOS could scrutinize how ARC really operates.

Just because something may be legal, doesn't mean it is ethical. Before you place an item on Consent, examine the facts and mounting evidence against American River Conservancy methods of operation. Don't believe all their

propaganda featured in the Mountain Democrat. You'll find ARC doesn't pass the smell test.

*Melody Lane*

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*"Experience hath shewn, that even under the best forms of government those entrusted with power have, in time, and by slow operations, perverted it into tyranny." ~ Thomas Jefferson ~*

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 4, 2018 4:16 PM

**To:** deborahskruse@gmail.com; 'Tim Kulton'; Bill Deitchman

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**Subject:** FW: ARC - Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Clearing Project

Ms. Kruse and CLFSC,

During one of the CL Fire Safe meetings held last year at the Grange Hall in Coloma I specifically questioned you about the source of your Power Point information. At first you claimed to have personally compiled the information. However afterwards you reluctantly admitted the truth, that your propaganda presentation was indeed prepared for you by the American River Conservancy.

During another CL Fire Safe meeting held in Coloma you attempted to prevent some of us from participating in the open dialog. When you were challenged, you claimed you didn't want the CLFSC to become "a free speech zone." All your comments were audio recorded, and neither you or FSC attorney John Driscoll have *any lawful authority whatsoever to restrict us from exercising our right to do so.*

Everyone knows that ARC controls the CL News which also happens to be frequently monitored and utilized by MGD and EDC staff, including Supervisor Ranalli. Every citizen has the right to live in peace and safety. However ARC and the 'River Mafia Mob' have proven to be very hostile towards several river residents, particularly women. Nobody has the right to harass, libel, slander, threaten, discriminate, or deprive us of our inherent sovereign rights.

Not only have these issues been tackled by the Taxpayers Association, we've had meetings with County Counsel, CAO Don Ashton, MGD staff and the BOS about our concerns.

The following is FYI. Note in particular the email sent 8/29/18 to Duane Nelson Wildland Services where I mentioned you specifically by name. Thus far I still haven't received notification in the mail regarding the clearing project, nor have you responded concerning how/where to obtain a consent form. What is your explanation for that???

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Sent 8/24/18 by Jack Sweeney to BOS: I am requesting that you not support any more of the shenanigans of the American River Conservancy (ARC)! Please, at least put item 31 on hold until you have a better understanding of how the ARC operates.

Look at the many properties they have caused to be removed from the property tax rolls of this county. Ask how much higher the price was when they resold them to the public agencies.

And ask who will be preparing the Fire Safe Plan

under General Plan Public Health, Safety, and Noise Element; specifically Goal 6.2?

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Alan Ehrgott, ARC Executive Director, trespassing



Dawn Infurna Bean, ARC member, trespassing @ 4:30 AM



2007 Arson Fire - **Mt. Murphy Phase II Acquisition**: A public lands acquisition project managed by the **American River Conservancy** protecting native fisheries, upland habitat, and the scenic backdrop of Sutter's Mill and the **Marshall Gold State Park** – Another project funded by Proposition 50 through the California Resources Agency to improve River Parkways. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor & Mike Chrisman, Secretary of Resources.



*Melody Lane*

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~ By identifying the people's sovereign will not with its latest but its oldest expression, the Framers succeeded in identifying the people's authority with the Constitution, not with the statutory law made by their representatives. ~

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

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 29, 2018 5:18 PM

**To:** Duane Nelson

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**Subject:** FW: Mt. Murphy Fire Safe Vegetation Clearing

Hi Duane,

Below is the email distributed today by Deborah Kruse concerning the scheduled CL Fire Safe project. None of my neighbors with whom I've spoken received the letter that Deborah referred to below.

As stated during our conversation, you are welcome to cut limbs on the inside of my fence line, provided of course that I'm given appropriate notice and signed a right of entry form. Last year the CLFSC never provided any notification or obtained consent when they cut my fencing along Bayne Road, cut trees, dumped chippings on my property, and then absconded with the cut wood.

In light of past experience, all American River Conservancy and State Parks personnel are prohibited from entering my property under any circumstances. FYI, that includes ARC members Deborah Cruz and Tim Kulton, and MGD Park ranger Bill Deitchman.

Regards,

*Melody Lane*

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"It does not take a majority to prevail... but rather an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men." ~ Samuel Adams ~

**From:** [clnews@googlegroups.com](mailto:clnews@googlegroups.com) [mailto:[clnews@googlegroups.com](mailto:clnews@googlegroups.com)] **On Behalf Of** Deborah & Scott Kruse

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 29, 2018 11:23 AM

**To:** Coloma-Lotus News

**Subject:** [CLNews] Fire Safe Vegetation Clearing - Update

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**

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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/>

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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

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J. Sweeney Open Forum BAS 5/5/15

Statement to Board of Supervisors at Open Forum by James R. "Jack" Sweeney Date May 5, 2015

Subject:: County Property at Chili Bar

On March 12, 2015 the American River Conservancy (ARC) advertised that they were seeking a Park Aide to work at Chili Bar. This raised my curiosity and prompted the following remarks. It also raises the question as to whether the ARC disregards the authority of the County and if they will continue to get away with such disregard?

When the American River Conservancy sold the property to the County all previous reserved rights merged and no rights were reserved upon that sale. Hence, the ARC retained absolutely no authority nor authorization to remain on the property. Since that sale, the ARC has been squatting on the Public Property owned by the County. ARC refused agreements for occupancy offered by the County.

Unless there has been an agreement made between the County and ARC since January 2013, they are still squatters and should not be offering employment on County Property. I have not seen any such agreement on the open public agenda! The County should immediately stop ARC from using Chili Bar or reach an appropriate agreement that is considered through the public agenda process.

While this matter was rising to the filing of a lawsuit, the County DOT Staff had reached a solution that would have been amicable to all parties; the Board was not given that solution!

The County is already involved in one lawsuit over the ARC misuse of Chili Bar and has countersued for use of an easement to which the County has absolutely no rights.

The County should withdraw the countersuit for the easement; I consider that action to be inappropriate and/or illegal!

The County should settle the original suit out of court.

I would be willing to work with the County to seek these solutions!

The case is Wade v. County of El Dorado and American River Conservancy PC20120264

James R Sweeney  
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