

M. Lane Public Comment on BOS 9/16/14
Consent Calendar

Melody Lane

From: Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2014 11:31 PM
Subject: FW: fire in PP

The report below about the King Fire in Pollock Pines is from Wanda, a former fire tanker pilot. As of 11 PM this evening the fire has now spread to over 3,000 acres.

Note Item #24 on the 9/16 BOS Consent agenda is the local Fire Emergency/Drought issue. It has been **postponed until September 23rd**. It is insane how they are dragging their feet on this critical issue!

24. 14-1168 Supervisor Santiago recommending the Board discuss and give direction regarding the adoption of an El Dorado County Resolution similar to the Sierra County Proclamation of Local Emergency declaring a local state of emergency based upon the extreme conditions of drought, forest and wildland fuels build-up and the threat to life and property from catastrophic fire. (Staff recommending this item be continued to September 23, 2014)

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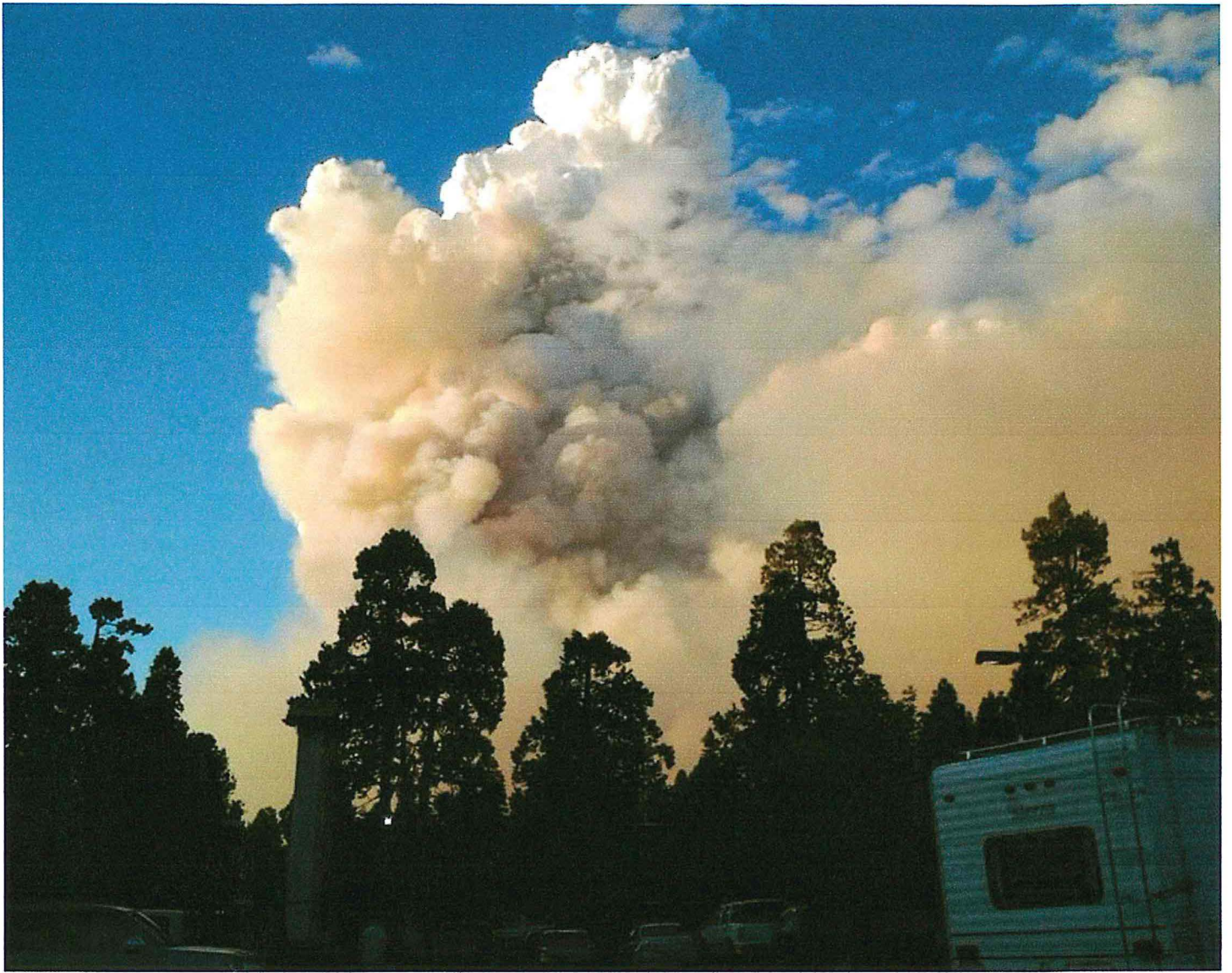
Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2014 10:00 PM
To: Melody Lane
Subject: fire in PP

Melody,

Thank you for the report, Here is a shot from the Pollock Safeway parking lot about 6:15 this evening. The store had about half power, as they were on emergency power, as the loss of power cut them down some in operations. It does not look good for the firefighters, as I've been saying all year, NO Tankers Available!! Thank you USFS!! Brought to you by the same people who gave us the "Rim Fire" in Yosemite!! Remember they get paid EXTRA to be on a fire!! It's criminal!!
Wanda

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From: Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 1:54 PM
To: norma.santiago@edcgov.us; judi.mccallum@edcgov.us
Cc: 'Terri Daly'; 'Jim Mitrison'; 'The BOSFIVE'; 'The BOSONE'; 'The BOSTHREE'; 'The BOSTWO'; 'Ron Briggs'; brian.veerkamp@edcgov.us; Pamela Knorr
Subject: RE: Public Records Request
Attachments: 9-9-14 Ross Branch Job Descrip Bonding.doc

Hi Norma,

Below is the email I referred to during Open Forum yesterday when I submitted the attached new CPRA regarding former Congressman McClintock's staff member, Ross Branch. Note his signature:

Ross Branch

Policy Analyst/**PIO**

Chief Administrative Office

According to the EDC org chart, this matter is under the jurisdiction and authority of the BOS. Inappropriate delay tactics have been publicly brought to your attention on several previous occasions, particularly as they concern EDSO, OES and Code/Law Enforcement.

An appropriate response from the BOS Chairman is long overdue. When may I expect your reply?

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]
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2014 8:31 PM
To: 'Ross Branch'
Cc: 'Brian Veerkamp'; 'Norma Santiago'; 'Terri Daly'; 'Jim Mitrison'; 'The BOSFIVE'; 'The BOSONE'; 'The BOSTHREE'; 'The BOSTWO'; 'Ron Briggs'
Subject: RE: Public Records Request

Ross,

It's my understanding that you are the person responsible for logging all CPRAs.

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The primary issue is the fact that despite several reminders, there was no response from you, Brian Veerkamp, or the CAO within the stipulated 10 days as required under Government Code 6253(c):

An agency has 10 days to decide if copies will be provided. In "unusual" cases (request is "voluminous," seeks records held off-site, OR requires consultation with other agencies), the agency may upon written notice to the requestors give itself an additional 14 days to respond. (6253(c)) These time periods may not be used solely to delay access to the records. (6253(d))

So what's your excuse this time?

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From: Ross Branch [<mailto:ross.branch@edcgov.us>]

Sent: Friday, August 29, 2014 11:36 AM

To: Melody Lane

Cc: Brian Veerkamp; Norma Santiago; Terri Daly; Jim Mitrisin; The BOSFIVE; The BOSONE; The BOSTHREE; The BOSTWO; Ron Briggs

Subject: Re: Public Records Request

Melody,

I apologize if there was a misunderstanding. The responding agency to the Camp Lotus fire was the El Dorado County Fire Protection District. The El Dorado County Fire Protection District is an agency separate from our agency. The Government Code requires we produce documents "in the possession of the agency;" no documents related to the fire are in our possession. You will need to contact the El Dorado County Fire Protection District for the information you seek, and I provided you with their contact information. Thank you.

On Thu, Aug 28, 2014 at 3:08 PM, Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com> wrote:

Ross,

Sorry, but citizens are not going to be patient with the CAO's games, lack of transparency and accountability, avoidance, diversion, incompetence, partial information, or any other tactics that resemble fraud...

There was no response within the mandated 10 days as required by law, nor was there any request for clarification made by the CAO.

The intent of this CPRA was perfectly clear. Citizens have a right to know *how much money was spent on extinguishing the Camp Lotus fire???*

Melody Lane

"I often warn people: Somewhere along the way, someone is going to tell you, 'There is no "I" in team.' What you should tell them is, 'Maybe not, but there is an "I" in independence, individuality, and integrity'." ~ George Carlin ~

From: Ross Branch [mailto:ross.branch@edcgov.us]
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2014 12:51 PM
To: Melody Lane
Subject: Public Records Request

Ms Lane,

Attached is the response to your public records request dated 7/18. Thank you for your patience.

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Ross Branch

Policy Analyst/PIO

Chief Administrative Office

El Dorado County

(530) 621-5106

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