

Agenda of: June 23, 2022

Staff: Vickie Sanders/Brian Michaelson

**STAFF REPORT:**                    **APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF RIVER USE PERMIT**

**APPLICANTS:**                    Monica Stark, Owner, of Rise Up River Trips, LLC. which holds River Use Permit #20.

Aaron Tippett, Owner, of Tramwall, LLC dba Coloma Lotus Whitewater.

**REQUESTS:**                    Monica Stark, Owner, of Rise Up River Trips, LLC, and Aaron Tippett, Owner, of Tramwall, LLC dba Coloma Lotus Whitewater request the transfer of River Use Permit #20 from Rise Up River Trips, LLC. to Tramwall, LLC dba Coloma Lotus Whitewater.

Please refer to the attached letters of intent, Exhibit C.

**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends your Commission approve the request by Monica Stark, Owner, of Rise Up River Trips, LLC, and Aaron Tippett, Owner, of Tramwall, LLC dba Coloma Lotus Whitewater to transfer River Use Permit #20 from Rise Up River Trips, LLC. to Tramwall, LLC dba Coloma Lotus Whitewater.

**BACKGROUND**

The El Dorado County River Management Plan (RMP) contains Element 6.2.1.4 (Exhibit A) which describes the guidelines and procedures for the transfer and consolidation of River Use Permits. The discussion section will include a checklist of compliance with RMP Element 6.2.1.4 and a record of the River Use Permit user day allocations being transferred.

**River Use Permit status**

Rise Up River Trips, LLC. and Tramwall, LLC dba Coloma Lotus Whitewater are in good standing and have no outstanding fees or unresolved violations with El Dorado County.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Transfer requirements**

The applicants for the transfer have complied with the procedures for a River Use Permit transfer found in River Management Plan Element 6.2.1.4.2:

- The owners have each signed a letter of intent.
- There has been no value assigned to the permits in the transaction.
- River equipment and other assets are included in the purchase/sale agreements.
- There are no outstanding debts or violations.
- Payment of a \$150 transfer fee has been paid.

**River Use Permit allocations**

The permits and user day allocations for Rise Up River Trips, LLC are contained in the table below.

<b>Rise Up River Trips, LLC. – Existing Permit</b>	
<b>River Use Permit Number</b>	<b>#20</b>
Weekend user day allocation	24
Weekday user day allocation	19
Memorial Day- Labor Day weekend allocation	n/a

**Environmental Document:**

The environmental documents utilized for River Use Permit approvals are the February 28, 2002 initial evaluation by the General Services Department utilizing the El Dorado County Environmental Checklist Form and the Final Environmental Impact Report for the River Management Plan, State Clearinghouse number 1998092013, certified on March 27, 2001.

**CEQA Compliance**

The transfer of an El Dorado County River Use Permit is CEQA exempt under Section 15061(b)(3). There is certainty that the transfer of River Use Permit from one outfitter to another will not have a significant effect on the environment. A River Use Permit transfer does not change the amount of commercial river use allowed by the County’s River Management Plan.

**FINDINGS:**

1. The application for the transfer of River Use Permit #20 from Rise Up River Trips, LLC. to Tramwall, LLC dba Coloma Lotus Whitewater meets the standards required by the River Management Plan Element 6.2.1.4.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Your Commission approves the transfer of River Use Permit #20 from Rise Up River Trips, LLC. to Tramwall, LLC dba Coloma Lotus Whitewater.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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| Exhibit A | Element 6.2.1.4 from the El Dorado County River Management Plan |
| Exhibit B | Chapter 5.48, Streams and Rivers Commercial Boating Ordinance   |
| Exhibit C | Letters of intent from the applicants                           |