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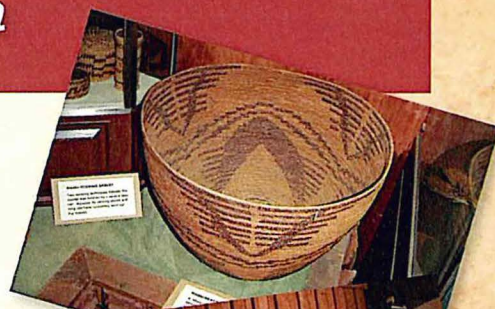
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A. Cravassa Open Forum BOS 10/13/15

Good Morning BOS,

First off, I would like to publicly thank Supervisor Michael Ranalli and Brenda for their assistance recently concerning dangerous road conditions on Hwy 193, and on Traverse Creek Road in Garden Valley. Thank you.

If it pleases the board, today, I come to you to seek your council and request that the BOS consider contacting El Dorado Forest Supervisor Laurence Crabtree and ask that the lifting of fire restrictions in the forest to **NOT include open camp fires in 'non-designated' camping areas** throughout the forest. Supervisor Brian Veerkamp has first hand knowledge of the devastation that fires can cause.

The Forest Supervisor goes on to say that the **'fire season' is still in effect**, and that he hopes that visitors to the forest **will be thoughtful and bring a shovel and water to extinguish a fire**. He also states that he hopes that the camp fire folks are very careful with open fires.

As a local property and homeowner, I am not allowed to burn leaves and tree trimmings on my property to reduce the fire potential of my home; yet we are granting an **'open ticket'** to **"visitors"** to our forest to have an open camp fire in 'non-designated' areas in the forest.

The most recent fires in surrounding counties, and the King fire last year has proven that the devastation from a wild fire can travel at 20 miles per hour, and that cinders can jump ahead 1 to 2 miles outside the fire lines.

That would make our adjoining cities; Strawberry, Pollock Pines, Camino, Sly Park, Ice House, Swansboro, Quintette, Georgetown, Volcanoville, Garden Valley, Kelsey, Greenwood, etc., extremely vulnerable from an open camp fire in the 'non-designated' areas from with-in the forest.

As we have learned from the recent fire devastation, various insurance companies refused to cover damages to some homeowners and other companies refused to allow home owners to procure fire insurance for the coming year.

Fire prevention is a fraction of the cost of fire fighting. By requesting that 'open camp fires' in 'non-designated forest areas be put on hold until we are standing in mud, and are very sure the fire season is over, is a proactive fire prevention measure.

Conversely, allowing open camp fires in sensitive forest areas is a recipe for disaster, which generally comes with a multi-million dollar price tag !

To quote a famous proactive fire prevention spokesperson; 'Only you can prevent forest fires !'. That really means, all of us !

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assigned, is prejudiced against a party or attorney, or the interest of the party or attorney, so that the party or attorney cannot, or believes that he or she cannot, have a fair and impartial trial or hearing before the judge, court commissioner, or referee."

Buchanan was arrested at the high school he attended in Benicia on Oct. 1 in connection to the deaths of his father Adam Buchanan, his father's fiancée Molly McAfee and their 8-year-old son Gavin. The family was reported missing in September after the discovery of burned human remains in their cabin in Greenwood.

According to forensic evidence, the family was shot prior to the fire. El Dorado County Sheriff's officials are not releasing any information on other potential suspects, the cause of the fire or a motive for the killings at press time.

Nolan Buchanan is being tried as an adult and is scheduled to appear in court to be arraigned on Nov. 2 at 8:30 a.m. in Department 3. He is currently being held on no bail.

# Fire restrictions lifted

**USDA Forest Service**  
News release

Forest Supervisor Laurence Crabtree announced that fire restrictions in the Eldorado National Forest were lifted on Monday, Oct. 5. This means that forest visitors in possession of a valid California campfire permit may, once again, have open campfires outside of designated campgrounds. The permit is free from any Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management or California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) office.

"Although forest conditions have improved, the danger from wildfires is not over yet," said Crabtree. "Visitors need to know that the forest is still dry enough for a fire start. I expect everyone to be very careful with fire while visiting the national forest."

Please remember, Cal Fire continues to have a statewide burn ban. Contact the local Cal Fire office for more information.

People interested in camping outside of designated areas should contact the nearest Forest Service office for instructions, updated fire information, campfire permits and current restrictions. Contact information for the respective ranger stations can be found on the forest's website at [fs.usda.gov/eldorado](http://fs.usda.gov/eldorado).

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With illegal and unattended campfires the cause of over 90% of wildfires in the Lake Tahoe Basin, **new fire restrictions go into place on July 1, 2015.** Campfires and charcoal barbecues will be restricted to designated recreation sites, and other fire-related activities are prohibited until the end of fire season.

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When restrictions are in effect, campfires and charcoal BBQs are allowed only in exempted recreation sites and only in the USFS provided standing BBQ grills. Only gas stoves and lanterns can be used in the general forest.

On National Forest System land fire restrictions mean:

1. No open fires, campfires or charcoal fires are allowed outside of designated areas, even with a valid campfire permit. Lanterns and portable stoves using gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel are allowed, unless otherwise restricted, with a valid campfire permit. Campfire permits may be obtained for free at any Forest Service office or by visiting <http://www.preventwildfireca.org/Campfire-Permit>.
2. No possessing, discharging or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic or explosive device.
3. No smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, building, or designated recreation site.
4. No welding, or operating acetylene or any other torch with an open flame.
5. No operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed and maintained in effective working order.
6. Campfires are not permitted on National Forest beaches or in the general forest.

In addition, campfires will be prohibited in all semi-developed sites including Luther Pass, Blackwood Canyon, and Watson Lake campgrounds, as well as in other locations including the Meiss and Freel Peak road less areas on the southeast end of the Lake Tahoe Basin. Campfires are never allowed in the Desolation Wilderness.

For a full list of areas affected, please [visit this link](#) provided by the U.S. Forest Service.

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## Fire restrictions on federal land begin in Lake Tahoe Basin July 1

Submitted by paula on Tue, 06/30/2015 - 8:16pm



Smoking, campfires and fireworks included

Fire restrictions on National Forest System lands in the Lake Tahoe Basin begin on Wednesday, July 1, 2015, and will remain in effect until the official end of fire season.

## New fire restrictions in place for Lake Tahoe recreation areas and campgrounds



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## Letter: Laurence Crabtree, can you answer these questions?

Laurence:

*This fall, while under your supervision, approximately 16% of the Eldorado National Forest burned due to the King Fire. You are entrusted to protect and maintain the health of this critical forest/watershed. Given the extreme drought and high fire risk conditions we experienced this summer, what fire restrictions, ranger alerts, precautionary measures, were in place the week of Sept 07, 2014? Arson yes, but could we have been more alert?*

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Today I'm representing: South Fork American River Intercessors.

What I'm about to share may not be politically correct but it is BIBLICALLY correct.

You may know me as founder of COMPAS; but you may not know:

- I've been honored to host retreats & conferences at my home for artists, missionaries & evangelists from all over the world.
- Some are my own relatives, on staff and founders of renowned Christian institutions throughout the US.

One of my most memorable guests was Pastor Mike Kingsley from Uganda. Mike, his wife and 17 month old son were guests at my home when the freak snowstorm hit Coloma in December 2009. Power was knocked out for 8 days and 9 downed trees on Mt. Murphy road blocked their escape.

Pastor Mike & his father have the largest church in Uganda and are close friends with the President of that nation. It was tyranny that drew them together when Mike's dad was kidnapped and tortured by Idi Amin. He was miraculously released when the people of that nation united & prayed for God's intervention.

I've been privileged to work with Mike through various Capitol ministries and conferences, some with as many as 35,000 on the Capitol lawn in Sacramento.

However we have our own brand of tyranny here in EDC. You've heard me say God will not bless or save EDC as long as politicians call evil good, or good evil. On numerous occasions Jesus addressed them as hypocrites and a brood of vipers...and for very good reason.

Acts 5:29 is paraphrased on Thomas Jefferson's presidential seal, "**Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God.**" Tyranny will continue until citizens find the courage to speak up and do what is right in God's eyes...and that's why I'm here today.

Ray, you'll recall the 2010 National Day of Prayer on the County Court House steps. I took photographs of the event as I do nearly every year. You were requested by the event host to pray on behalf of the BOS. Instead of praying, you used the opportunity to stand behind the Star of David to promote your

own political agenda. Not once did you mention Jesus Christ and the Holy God of Israel or even say amen.

Afterwards, you took me aside to share information specifically about Jack Sweeney and Ron Briggs making a veiled threat if I revealed the source of information. Recall your comments about your fellow board members?

***“None of them do what they say. They’re ALL crooked hypocrites and I can’t stand working with any of them.”***

Ray, what you shared was already common knowledge. Needless to say, we concluded it was shamefully hypocritical and opportunistic for you to use the County Courthouse steps as your own political pulpit.

A true civil servant requires character, humility, and integrity. He must be willing to lay his own life down for others. If we are to see real change in EDC and our nation, then we need authentic leaders who are willing to pay the price for freedom like our founding fathers who served a Holy God.

With that being said, I’d like to take this opportunity to invite the BOS to the NorCal Tea Party this Thursday in Auburn to meet Idaho legislator Curtis Bowers, producer of **Agenda: Grinding America Down**.

This award winning documentary should be required viewing for all Patriots & public servants. It is the most powerful expose of the communist, socialist, progressive attempt to take over America so far. We’ve been promoting it nationally over the past 18 months for public & private viewings. I even shared it recently with CA State Parks personnel at the Marshall Gold Discovery Park.

**Madam Clerk:** for the public record.

Do you have any questions or comments?

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My purpose this evening is to address for the record repeated RMAC representative's violations of LORS (Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Statutes) for which there are both Civil Remedies and Criminal Sanctions.

Specifically the Brown Act § 54954.3 - **Public's right to testify at meetings states:**  
*(c) The legislative body of a local agency shall not prohibit public criticism of the policies, procedures, programs, or services of the agency, or of the acts or omissions of the legislative body. Nothing in this subdivision shall confer any privilege or protection for expression beyond that otherwise provided by law. Care must be given to avoid violating the speech rights of speakers by suppressing opinions relevant to the business of the body.*

For years there has not been an authentic Resident representative to RMAC. As I appropriately expressed during my presentation at last month's agenda discussion, Faith Cushman lied about her attendance at RMAC meetings prior to appointment during the 2011 Annual meeting held in the Marshall Gold Discovery Museum. The detailed seating maps and audio recordings reveal Faith never attended a single RMAC meeting.

You are reminded that you are not mere volunteers to RMAC; rather you are an extension of the BOS and County. However unlike county employees or elected officials, taxpayer funded county resources cannot be lawfully used to defend you in the legal arena. You are entirely on your own. That is likely the reason former chairmen Martin Harris and Dave Martinez stormed angrily out of the room and quit after a COMPAS consultant laid down the (Brown Act) law on the table during the March 17, 2010 RMAC meeting. Demonstrative of my point I am submitting into the record the attendees at that meeting and their positions at the table on this floorplan.

You are also reminded it is a crime to falsify public records which are subject to FOIA and CA Public Record Act requests for information including audio manipulations. Tim Lasko, Nate Rangle and Adam Anderson's egregious behavior is a prime example of artificially maintaining the status quo thus earning RMAC the reputation of River Mafia Politics.

Please enter these documents into the public record:

1. This transcript
2. 10/12/15 @ 11:42 AM email re: discrimination/status quo
3. 3/17/10 RMAC meeting seating
4. 7/16/09 RMAC meeting w/Ron Briggs

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M. Lane Open Forum BOS 10/13/15

Melody Lane – Founder Compass2Truth

10-13-15 RMAC Arrogance & Brown Act Violations

My purpose this morning begins with a quote from Frederick Bastiat, ***“When law and morality contradict each other the citizen has the cruel alternative of either losing his sense of morality or losing his respect for the law”.***

Laws, ordinances, regulations and statutes were put in place by our founding fathers based on biblical principles. Although you can't regulate morality, the past and present BOS has consistently demonstrated its opposition to common law by making a mockery of leadership, liberty, and justice by their refusal to respond appropriately to constituent concerns or requests for public information.

Citizens would be remiss if they did not hold their elected officials accountable. My point was made glaringly apparent during the 9/29 BOS meeting after Chairman Veerkamp had just given the invocation. He asked for God's *“wisdom, guidance, courage and strength...to make decisions that reflect what are right and good... for those who've placed their trust and confidence in us...to lead with integrity and humility.”*

Shortly thereafter CAO Larry Combs commended the BOS on a terrific job of censoring the public's right to request items be pulled from Consent. The ultimate insult was during Open Forum when Brian refused to respond directly to a question, shut off the mic, and called a break as I stood my ground. To Supervisor Frensdren's credit, she was the only one who remained seated as the others exited the room.

Take heed from Ray Nutting's experience on the materials just handed out to you. Chairman Veerkamp's misuse of his position is the epitome of hypocrisy and a classic example of tyranny previously demonstrated by Supervisors Briggs, Sweeney and Santiago. In Matthew 23 Jesus said *“Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.”* He even referred to them as serpents and a brood of vipers. At least Nutting never turned off the mic on me.

Just because a course of action may appear to be legal doesn't make it ethical or what one ought to do. What one ought to do is typically tied to a series of values: trustworthiness, compassion, respect, loyalty, responsibility, fairness.

Blatant lawlessness and lack of leadership have set the tone for county staff to act with arrogant impunity and total disrespect for the laws that govern society. There are no longer consequences for unethical behavior and Brown Act violations such as during last night's RMAC meeting.

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The BOS remains deliberately blind, deaf and dumb to how illegitimately these special interest groups and even county employees have been operating like Mafia thugs until it ends up in Closed Session. It's business as usual in EDC. Something is very wrong with this picture...

It is worth noting that individual persons can move to void actions taken during an unlawful meeting. (Gov. Code Sections 11130.3, 54960.1.) Public entities may attempt to cure a violation before an individual brings a lawsuit. The right to cure applies to violations of some of the Acts' requirements. (Gov. Code Sections 11130.3(a), 54960.1(b).)

This is not intended to be a threat in any sense of that word. Lawsuits should be a last resort. The BOS is either part of the problem or part of the solution. Lord knows how many county resources have been wasted on unnecessary lawsuits when you could have just done the *right thing* in the first place.

It is my duty as a citizen to make you aware that county staff members Vickie Sanders, Roger Trout, Noah Rucker and RMAC representatives have been deliberately misrepresenting what actually takes place at these meetings. There is nothing legal or ethical about the kangaroo courtroom, falsified records, or River Mafia bully tactics conducted under the guidance of County Counsel. It is your fiduciary duty to avoid liability and a lawsuit. Supervisor Ranalli, how do you propose to remedy the situation?

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

1. This transcript (*4.5 minutes*)
2. 6/5/12 BOS Open Forum transcript
3. 10/12/15 RMAC transcript

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