

RMP Matrix - Updates Summary

#	RMP Chapter	RMP Element or Section	Staff Recommendations as of 2025	CLAC Recommendations 8-7-25 (and CLAC Ad Hoc responses Nov 2025)	Staff Updates based on CLAC Recommendations	NEW UPDATES as of Jan 2026
1	Chapter I, Historical Water Development	South Fork American River Flow Regime	Updated to reflect the change in ownership and operation of the Chili Bar Dam which is now solely operated by SMUD and no longer has PG&E involvement.	Ad Hoc - Agrees	None	
2	Chapter III, River Management Plan Elements	Element 1, Education Programs, 1.8 Guide Education Programs, 1.8.2, 1.8.2.1	County will no longer host a day long pre-season guide orientation workshop each year. Outfitters will certify their guides have received orientation training including river safety, etiquette, and sensitivity to residents and merchants.	Ad Hoc - Agrees	None	
3	Chapter III, River Management Plan Elements	Element 6, Permits and Requirements, 6.2 Outfitter Requirements: 6.2.1.1	Update authority from Planning Commission to Parks Division for approving annual permits. Eliminate the 3-year permit term. Permits are reviewed annually and keeping track of separate 3-year terms for every outfitter can be unnecessarily time-consuming with no direct purpose.	CLAC Ad Hoc requests the original language not be modified as proposed on page 34 of the redline River Management Plan (RMP). Explanation: 6.2.1: We would like to keep the planning commission a part of this process to approve River Use permits for a three year term. We also believe the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors should be a part of the appeal procedure to allow for public input and remove complete oversight from the Parks and Trails division. 6.2.1.1: This language should stay the same, keep the review process on a three year term.	Removed the updates.	Remove 6.2.1.1 & 6.2.1.2 as it is text copied from Ordinance Sections 5.48.060 and 5.48.090.
4	Chapter III, River Management Plan Elements	Element 6, Permits and Requirements, 6.2 Outfitter Requirements: 6.2.1.3.5	Update to include language stating that current flex permits will remain, but no new flex permits can be created by lowering permit user days.	CLAC Ad Hoc: Retain Flex Permit language. Explanation: Keep the Flex Permit system as is, there is no need to change it at this time.	None	
5	Chapter III, River Management Plan Elements	Element 6, Permits and Requirements, 6.2 Outfitter Requirements: 6.2.1.3.6	Revise to clarify that user days can be transferred per section 6.2.1.4.2, but not loaned or borrowed.	Ad Hoc - Agrees	None	
6	Chapter III, River Management Plan Elements	Element 6, Permits and Requirements, 6.2 Outfitter Requirements: 6.2.1.4.1, 6.2.1.4.1.3, 6.2.1.4.2, 6.2.1.4.2.3	Revise this section to remove the need to go to the Planning Commission and instead process the transfer of river use permits ministerially through Parks Division.	Ad Hoc - Agrees	None	
7	Chapter III, River Management Plan Elements	Element 6, Permits and Requirements, 6.2 Outfitter Requirements: 6.2.1.4.3	Outfitters that hold multiple permit be required to consolidate their permits into a single permit.	Raise fees on permits instead of consolidating if the issue is staff time and resources to process multiple permits. CLAC Ad Hoc requests that multiple permits not be consolidated. The committee also requests section 6.2.1.4.3.3 on page 37 of the redline RMP be stricken from the RMP. Explanation: This raises serious concerns for outfitters holding multiple permits, as it affects their ability to operate. There is no reason to consolidate permits. Additionally, the committee requests the removal of section 6.2.1.4.3.3 "When a transfer or a permit is proposed", as that poses a concern for outfitters.	Removed the update. Not requiring consolidation.	

8	Chapter III, River Management Plan Elements	Element 6, Permits and Requirements, 6.2 Outfitter Requirements: 6.2.2 6.2.2.1	Update to clarify the number of boats in a group will not exceed 63 people per group (increase from 56), and removal of the term "pod".	added to the RMP. Explanation: Agree to change size from 56 to 63 people, however we disagree on wording for spacing and instead would recommend the following language: All groups from an outfitter must meet one of the following conditions: 1) There must be a 5 minute separation per outfitter 2) The lead boat of a same company must stay out of eyesite of the sweep boat from the same company 3) There must be a private boater or commercial group in between who is not controlled, managed, operated, or owned by the same individual, group, or corporation regardless of DBA or RUP name or number on the South Fork. The reason for this is to prevent multiple pods piling up on each other and causing unnecessary congestion. Additionally, we are requesting the following language be added: El Dorado County River Staff "MAY" use pictures and metadata as evidence of Maximum Group Size pod violations	None. Modifications of density and spacing would require the CEQA environmental process.	
9	Chapter III, River Management Plan Elements	Element 6, Permits and Requirements, 6.2 Outfitter Requirements: 6.2.6.1.2, 6.2.6.1.3, 6.2.6.1.4	Revise this section to make it clear that payment of user day fees is part of the required monthly operating report and failure to submit payment will result in class II violation.	CLAC Ad Hoc: Agree, with additional language added to the RMP. Explanation: We recommended adding the following language to page 40 of the redline RMP "Where user day fees are received after the deadline stipulated above, a late penalty charge will be added to the amount due (10%). The late penalty charge cannot be appealed. If fees are not received within 30 days of the due date, all RUP's held by the outfitter will go into suspension and a class 1 violation will be assessed. If fees are not received within 90 days of the due date, the fees and fines will be referred to the Treasurer Tax Collector Revenue Recovery Division for collection, which may result in additional penalties and a class 2 violation will be assessed. An outfitters RUP's can be immediately reinstated upon payment of original fees plus late charges up until 90 days past due. After 90 days, even upon payment, outfitter will be required to reapply and go before the planning commission".	Update late penalty fee language in accordance with County practice.	Move 6.2.6.1.1 through 6.2.6.2 for Monthly Operating Reporting procedures to Ordinance Sec 5.48.170 as Chap 5.48 governs river management procedures.
10	Chapter III, River Management Plan Elements	Element 6, Permits and Requirements, 6.2 Outfitter Requirements: 6.2.7.2	Revise to state that outfitters will be required to sign a statement verifying their guides will comply with County Safety and Etiquette Standards and will submit the statement with their annual permit application.	Ad Hoc - Agrees	None	
11	Chapter III, River Management Plan Elements	Element 6, Permits and Requirements, 6.2 Outfitter Requirements: 6.2.10.3.2	Revise four violations to three violations as the number of violations required in any one category to result in a recommendation of suspension of the River use Permit for up to 10 consecutive days.	Include the process for residents to report violations to Parks Division. CLAC Recommendation: The Ad Hoc Committee requests changing the penalty schedule to the following: Class I Violation Penalty Schedule- Element 6.2.10.3.1 First violation: \$500 Second violation: \$1,000 Third violation: \$1,500 Fourth violation: Becomes a Class 2 violation Class II Violation Penalty Schedule- Element 6.2.10.3.1 First violation: \$3,000 and 3 weekday suspension Second violation: \$5,000 and 1 week suspension Third violation: \$5,000 and 1 week suspension and a revocation hearing Explanation: The current penalty structure is insufficient, and there is no established penalties for Class II violations. These penalties are fair, and austere enough to encourage compliance.	None. Note: The penalty schedule is per State Govt Code 25132 and County Ord. Chapter 1.24.	Move 6.2.10 through 6.2.10.6.2 to Ordinance Chap 5.48 which governs river management procedures and to align with County practice. Move 6.2.11 to 6.2.9 Outfitter Requirements.

12	Chapter III, River Management Plan Elements	Element 6, Permits and Requirements, 6.2 Outfitter Requirements: 6.2.10.4.2, 6.2.10.4.4	Change Hearing Officer to Parks Manager. This has been the County's practice in the past for who an outfitter would submit an appeal of a violation to.	CLAC Ad Hoc requests the language remain the same, with some additional changes to page 44 of the redline RMP. Recommendation: Section 6.2.10.4, the committee requests the language stay the same, and that "hearing officer" should be designated as a County staff person outside the Parks and Trails Division. Additionally, we recommend that the following language "The decision of the Parks Manager shall be final" is clarified so that appeals to the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors is possible.	Update Hearing Officer to the Assistant CAO.	Move 6.2.12 to Ordinance Sec 5.48.150 to include in the violation schedule.
13	Chapter III, River Management Plan Elements	Element 6, Permits and Requirements, 6.2 Outfitter Requirements: 6.2.10.5.1, 6.2.10.5.2, 6.2.10.5.3	Change Hearing Officer to Parks Manager. This has been the County's practice in the past for who an outfitter would submit an appeal of a violation to.	CLAC Ad Hoc requests the language remain the same, with some additional changes to page 44 of the redline RMP. Recommendation: Section 6.2.10.5 replace "Parks Manager" with "Hearing Officer" and also define "Hearing Officer" as a County staff person outside the Parks and Trails Division.	Update Hearing Officer to the Assistant CAO.	
14	Appendix C	RMP Data and Standards	Updated costs for River Use application fees, and the penalty and violation schedules.	Update to include a class II violation penalty schedule. CLAC Recommendation: Agree with most changes except for a few. Recommendation: In Elements 6.2.6.3.1 on page 102 of the redline RMP, we recommend that the permit renewal cost should remain at \$200. Future increases should be incremental. Additionally, the we recommend a change from \$50 to \$500 penalty in Element 6.2.10.1.1 Item 7 should be \$100.	Removed updates. No longer making these updates due to State Govt Code 25132 which establishes the penalty schedule, and County requirements for a nexus study to update fees.	Remove penalty schedule to align with Ord Sec 5.48.150.
15	Chapter 5.48 Streams and Rivers Commercial Boating	Sec. 5.48.050 Permit issuance procedure, Sec. 5.48.060 Permit term, annual review, fees, Sec. 5.48.070 River use plan contents, Sec 5.48.080 Limitation on allocations, Sec. 5.48.100 Revocation, denial, or non-renewal of permit	Change the river use permits issuance procedure to be conducted by the Parks Division instead of the Planning Commission, updating the river use permit term from a 3 year term to 1 year term, added Safety & Etiquette requirement to river use plan, and updating the staff position from Hearing Officer to Assistant CAO Parks Manager as the staff position that can revoke a river use permit.	CLAC Ad Hoc requests the original language not be modified Explanation: We would like to keep the planning commission a part of this process to approve River Use permits for a three year term. We also believe the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors should be a part of the appeal procedure to allow for public input and remove complete oversight from the Parks and Trails division.	Removed the updates for permit approval procedure and permit term.	Update Sec 5.48.140, and add Secs 5.48.150, 5.48.160, and 5.48.170 to align with updates in the RMP and County practice. Update 5.48.100 to include reapplication provisions and changed "river management advisory committee" to "planning commission".
16	Chapter 5.50 Specific Regulations for the SFAR	Sec. 5.50.020 Definitions	Update the institutional group definition to reflect the definition as described in the RMP, which clarifies the meaning of institutional as accredited academic programs and removes the inclusion of nonprofit organizations.	No comment received.	N/A	Update Sec 5.50.090, and add Secs 5.50.091 and 5.50.092 to align with updates in the RMP and County practice.
17	Chapter 4330 Sec 12.64.070	Sec. 12.64.070. Use of personal flotation devices required.	Update to clarify language.	N/A (New update, not part of the CLAC presentation).	N/A	
18	Chapter III, River Management Plan Elements	Element 6.3 Non-commercial / Private, 6.3.1.1, 6.3.2, 6.3.2.1		N/A (New update, not part of the CLAC presentation).	N/A	Update 6.3.1.1 to reference Ord. Sec 5.50.040, 050, 060. Update 6.3.2 to reference Ord. Sec 12.64.070. Remove 6.3.2.1 which is text copied from Sec 12.64.070.

			<p>Changes to Class I Violations</p> <p>CLAC Recommendation: Amend violations and add additional violations. We recommend the following constitute Class I violations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Violation of Quiet Zone Requirements 2) Violations of the Maximum group size limit (63) 3) Operating after sunset 4) Violations of boat marking requirements 5) Exceeding approved permit capacities, including additional penalty per extra passenger of \$50. 6) As determined by the River Program, violations of any requirements set forth in the river management plan or the county ordinance code that are not specified in class II violations 7) Any violation of current food storage, food preparation, sanitation, and human waste guidelines established by the Environmental Management Division. Health permits shall be obtained as required. 8) Violations when 30 days past on the Operating Report and Fees submission requirement. 	None	
			<p>Changes to Class II Violations</p> <p>CLAC Recommendation: Amend violations and add additional violations. We recommend the following constitute Class II violations.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Violations of the land use requirements pursuant to the County Stream and River Boating Ordinance Section 5.48.060, including any unauthorized, non-emergency use of land along the river. 2) Improper sale, loaning, borrowing, or transferring of user days. 3) Violations when 90 days past the Operating Report and Fees submission requirements. 4) Violations of insurance requirements 5) Fraudulent reporting of user day usage 6) PUC Violations 	None	
			<p>Additional Recommendations</p> <p>Transparency of River Trust Fund</p> <p>We request language in the RMP that requires the County to provide CLAC access to financial information relating to the River Trust Fund.</p> <p>Example: An annual accounting of The River Trust Fund for the prior fiscal year will be made public to the Coloma Lotus Advisory Council by December 31st of each year. The report will show detailed accounting of the money in the river trust fund, income and expenses.</p>	The River Trust Fund financial information is reported in the RMP annual report every year and the County-wide annual budget book.	
19	Chapter IV RMP Review and Revision Process	Five-Year Periodic Review	<p>Additional Recommendations</p> <p>CLAC Participation in RMP Updates</p> <p>We recommend adding language that ensures CLAC advises on any updates to the RMP.</p> <p>Example: When updating the RMP, the annual report summary and county staff recommendations will be submitted to the Coloma Lotus Advisory Committee to solicit input and comments. The information will then be submitted to the County Parks and Recreation Commission to further solicit input and comments. Thereafter all comments will be submitted to the planning commission for review before being submitted to the Board of Supervisors for review and approval.</p>	Update the review process to include CLAC per Resolution 078-2019.	

			<p>Additional Recommendations</p> <p>Standardize Public Complaints We recommend designing and posting standardized complaint forms and making them available to landowners, residents, and river users.</p> <p>Staff Contact Information We recommend the County provide landowners, residents, and visitors with a directory of services and contact numbers to report emergencies, problems, and annoyances.</p>	Parks Division is currently working on a project to provide standardized complaint forms.	
			<p>Additional Recommendations</p> <p>Law Enforcement We recommend the County increase the presence of the Sheriff on the Coloma to Greenwood section of the river, as well as increase number of El Dorado County Parks and Trails staff on the river.</p>	Parks Division is continuing conversations with the Sheriff's Office, and will also be addressing with increased education.	