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Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com>

Fri, Sep 25, 2020 at 9:36 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Cc: lori.parlin@edcgov.us

Please ensure the entirety of this correspondence is distributed via Legistar and posted to Item #1 of the 9/29/20 BOS agenda, corresponding to the **9/22/20 BOS minutes relative to Item #39 – Fork Fire/open flame campfires.**

*Melody Lane***Founder – Compass2Truth**

As history teaches us, if the people have little or no knowledge of the basics of government and their rights, those who wield governmental power inevitably wield it excessively. After all, a citizenry can only hold its government accountable if it knows when the government oversteps its bounds. ~ John Whitehead ~

From: Melody Lane [mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 11:05 AM**To:** 'EDC COB'; 'Lori Parlin'; Shelley Wiley**Cc:** 'The BOSFIVE'; 'The BOSONE'; bosfour; 'The BOSTHREE'; 'The BOSTWO'; 'Donald Ashton'; david.livingston@edcgov.us; brian.veerkamp@edcgov.us**Subject:** RE: Additional Public Comments - 9/22/20 BOS Agenda Item #39

Lori et al,

Kim Dawson, Don Ashton, Brian Veerkamp, and County Counsel are NOT your mouthpieces. They have no authority to create policies or procedures which are contrary to the Brown Act and Constitutional rights of the public.

You have a duty to publicly and transparently respond to my inquiry as to **who exactly authorized the illegitimate 10/1 CLAC meeting to be held at Earth Trek Campground owned by ARC President Scott Vail:**

On Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 9:00:21 PM UTC-7 jmi...@pcl.org wrote:

I venture to say that Scott Vail knows more about the subject of wildfires than all of us combined (probably by a factor of 10). Scott's experience includes U.S. Forest Service Hotshot Foreman, Helicopter Manager, District Fire Management Officer, Forest Fire Management Officer. After retiring from the Forest Service he served as deputy chief for fire administration with the California Office of Emergency Services. And he is the president of the American River Conservancy. I suggest this effort consult with him. For us his fee could be as high as two cases of Diet Coke.
Jonas

The public is entitled to honest services, and all public servants are accountable to EDC Citizens.

Pursuant to your oaths of office, you have a *moral, ethical and legal responsibility* to **transparently** respond to Citizen petitions for redress of grievances. Your failure to respond appropriately during Item #39 was in direct violation of your oaths of office, further indicating that you have something to hide. (See also USGC Title 18, Sections 241 & 242.)

This correspondence is a REFERENCE DOCUMENT relevant to Item #39 of the 9/22/20 BOS agenda, and that is where it needs to be posted for the public record. So quit with your discriminatory Bureaucratic Shenanigans. If you can post Bob Day's 9/21 letter as a **reference document**, you can post this one as a **reference document for the public record**:

<lori.parlin@edcgov.us> To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us> Cc: Shelley Wiley <shelley.wiley@edcgov.us> EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us> Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 4:56 PM
Can we attach it like the EDC and Placerville Ordinances are attached to the item on Legistar? It's not really a public comment, it is a **reference document**. And then I guess it does make sense to send to the board members as an fyi. **We may or may not want it displayed during the discussion**, so that is why I wanted to give you a heads up. I hope that makes sense. I'm working from home, so feel free to call my cell with any questions 530-391-8369

Lori Parlin El Dorado County District IV Supervisor

By the way, Bob and Amy Day live on Bayne Road across the road from the residence of Bill and Robin Center which is two miles beyond the Coloma Resort. The Day's are in gross error by stating in their 9/21 communication with you that the last fire in the Dutch Creek/Bayne area was in 1962. Cal Fire set up staging on my property for both the 2006 and 2007 fires that were ignited on Bayne Road at the foot of my property, and I have the photos & documents to prove it. Then there are several other reports of illegal fireworks at the Coloma Resort and Mt. Murphy fires, the most recent ones on Carvers Road and another on Mt. Murphy Road this past June.

It is expected of you to personally respond to the above public inquiry and ensure that the entirety of this correspondence is attached to the 9/22 BOS item #39 as a REFERENCE DOCUMENT.

Melody Lane

Founder – Compass2Truth

Any act by any public officer either supports and upholds the Constitution, or opposes and violates it.

From: EDC COB [mailto:edc.cob@edcgov.us]

Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 8:43 AM

To: Melody Lane

Cc: Lori Parlin; The BOSFIVE; bosfour; The BOSONE; The BOSTHREE; The BOSTWO; Donald Ashton

Subject: Re: Additional Public Comments - 9/22/20 BOS Agenda Item #39

Good Morning Ms. Lane - The procedure for the Clerk's office regarding public comment on a particular item on an Agenda is that once the item is heard additional public comment is not added as it was not part of the Board's consideration of the item. With that said, the Board's office is committed to transparency and if you speak in Open Forum at the September 29 Board meeting regarding this issue, we would attach it to Open Forum. If you would like to discuss further, I am happy to assist. Thank you, Kim

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El Dorado County
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On Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 12:12 AM Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com> wrote:

Please ensure the entirety of this message is included in the 9/22/20 BOS Agenda Item #39 – Open Flame Campfires.

Ms. Parlin,

The below email is a small sample of the hate mail that I received relative to this agenda item.

As you are aware, CLNews does NOT and NEVER has represented the greater community. CLNews is operated by American River Conservancy for their own purposes, and the majority of their members do not even live in EDC or California. In fact members of the Steering Committee have been very hostile towards many residents and created division and strife.

Furthermore, you are aware that the Earth Trek Campground is owned by the President of American River Conservancy where the October 1st CLAC meeting is being held. Brian Veerkamp is NOT your mouthpiece, and he had no authority to respond on your behalf when I again publicly asked **you** who authorized the 10/1 CLAC meeting at Earth Trek Campground. You know darn well that the public is not welcome to attend the CLAC meeting, and that they have never had any intention of abiding by the Brown Act, or being transparent and accountable. You are reminded that you are a public servant obligated pursuant to your oaths of office to respond to your constituents. Your failure to respond only aids and abets their surreptitious and unlawful conduct.

Melody Lane

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All authority belongs to the people...in questions of power, let no more be heard of confidence in man, but bind him down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution. ~ Thomas Jefferson
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From: Melody Lane [mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 11:36 PM
To: 'Jim Brandariz'
Subject: RE: Campfires, Coloma Resort, Public Safety issues

Mr. Brandariz,

Thank you for your comments. You are correct insofar that your opinion is meaningless to me.

For clarification, Compass2Truth never deals with opinions or play games. We only deal with truth, facts, evidence and valid law.

Best of luck on your exit from California. El Dorado County and CLNews is better off without your insults and liberal ideologies.

Melody Lane

Founder – Compass2Truth

"Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not his own facts." Daniel Patrick Moynihan, senator from New York, 1976-2000.

From: Jim Brandariz [mailto:jbrand@saralor.com]
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 6:38 PM
To: Melody Lane
Subject: Re: Campfires, Coloma Resort, Public Safety issues

Ms. Lane,

Please do not communicate with me directly via email or other form. Your opinions are as meaningless to me as mine are to you. Go play your game with the BOS just because your opinion matters more than others, Look up the term KAREN, or just look in the mirror.

A proud member of the Exodus of CA

Jim Brandariz

From: Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 2:39 PM
To: lori.parlin@edcgov.us <lori.parlin@edcgov.us>
Cc: Tiffany Schmid <Tiffany.Schmid@edcgov.us>; barry.smith@parks.ca.gov <barry.smith@parks.ca.gov>; Sweeney, Trish <Trish.Sweeney@asm.ca.gov>; Hannah.Ackley@asm.ca.gov

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Subject: Campfires, Coloma Resort, Public Safety issues

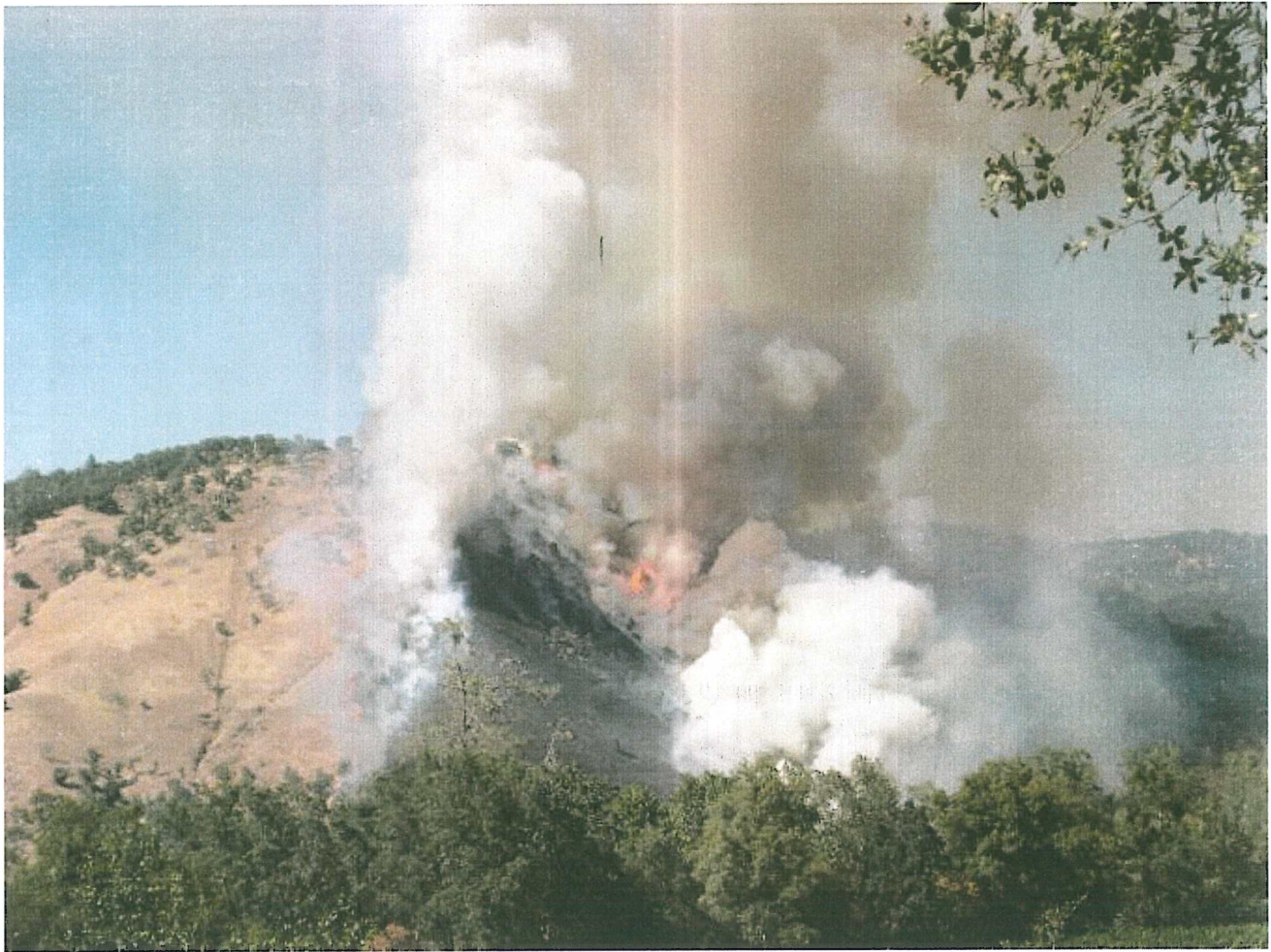
Ms. Parlin,

My remarks will undoubtedly raise the ire of many who are bcc'd on this message, but they need to know the facts, so permit me to cut to the chase.

I specifically addressed my communications to *you* for a reason; pursuant to your Constitutional oath of office, you are required to respond to petitions for redress of grievances. You are also again reminded that Shelly Wiley and county counsel are not your mouthpiece. This morning I received a cryptic response from Shelley Wiley that circumvented the public safety issues delineated in my email to you:

Thank you for your input and concern for fire safety in our county. Supervisor Parlin takes your concerns seriously and has reached out to County staff and to the El Dorado County Fire Chief to start the discussion regarding the potential for a fire ban to coincide with the Forest Service closures and Bureau of Land Management fire ban.

First of all, American River Conservancy and BLM work hand-in-hand with Forestry and CA State Parks. The EDC Fire Chief, BLM, and Forestry and are a big part of the problem. Reaching out to them is like asking the fox to guard the henhouse--**government has never been the solution**. You are aware of what happened after we presented these matters to Assemblyman Frank Bigelow at his Capitol office: *we were retaliated against and our safety put in greater jeopardy when he betrayed our trust and confidence*:





Secondly, the attachments are just a small sample of the factual evidence entered into the public record over the years, so they should be very familiar to you and county staff. Here are a few facts for those who are new to the area or don't subscribe to CLNews. The owners of the Coloma Resort don't even live in Coloma – the Faieta's live miles away near Lake Arroebe. The Faieta's and campground manager Sherry Fabella have been arrogant, unreasonable and extremely hostile when approached by us. They have threatened, harassed, slandered and libeled many residents because we have exercised our rights by *lawfully* reporting **amplified noise, overcrowding, and illegal fireworks** to law/code enforcement and by documenting the incidents as per the River Management Plan. However county staff remain unresponsive to our demands for action which includes issuance of substantial citations and SUP revocation.

Thirdly, you've been apprised by numerous constituents about the traffic jams and egress problems at the Mt. Murphy Bridge. Frequently large caravans of RVs entering/leaving the Coloma Resort and crowds of pedestrians fail to give residents right of way sometimes causing delays for 20 minutes or more. Add to that the fact there is no evacuation plan in the event of another emergency, and you have a recipe for disaster akin to the Paradise Camp Fire tragedy.

Keep in mind not all CA fires were due to lightning. Illegal fireworks, campfires, and arson contributed to many of the fires burning throughout the western US: <https://www.lawenforcementtoday.com/sources-series-of-wildfires-may-be-coordinated-and-planned-attack/>

Fourth, there is no excuse for anyone having any type of open flame such as those reported at the Coloma Resort this past weekend. The below photo was taken just hours before it was posted to CLNews. Note the unhealthy, heavy smoke and the crowded conditions near the Ropes Course (which by the way, was unpermitted when it was initially constructed = i.e. don't ask for permission, just ask for forgiveness.) The vacant property with tall weeds directly across Bayne Road is that of my next door neighbor, an area that is rife with trespassers, illegal parking, vandalism and suspected drug activity (as reported by the real estate agent):



Prior to your election, you participated as a witness in many of the meetings we had with county and State Parks officials concerning the unique public safety issues affecting Coloma residents. At the time you shared our concerns and even sought counsel with Compass2Truth affiliates. But just like your predecessors Briggs and Ranalli, you have circumvented the public safety issues relative to the Coloma Resort's abuse of their Special Use Permit that especially puts Mt. Murphy residents in peril on the northeast side of the bridge. It is **our** property, loved ones, and quality of life that is impacted by those who arrogantly act as if they are above the law.

Please Lori, no more excuses or manipulations by counsel. Don't pass the buck or kick the can down the road like Ranalli and Briggs did. Transparency and accountability are paramount in the EDC Core Values. It is incumbent upon you to take responsibility and ensure that the

matter of public safety in Coloma is properly addressed and resolved once and for all. That's what you were elected for.

I look forward to your personal written response to each of the subjects addressed to you.

Regards

Melody Lane

Founder – Compass2Truth

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From: clnews@googlegroups.com [mailto:clnews@googlegroups.com] **On Behalf Of** diana greer

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 10:55 AM

To: amy@maddogmesa.com

Cc: cjmone@gmail.com; Coloma-Lotus News

Subject: Re: [CLNews] Re: The horrible destruction that people are creating in this community

Just to be clear. When I wrote this original post, my intention was not speaking about campfires. It was about spirit. We're a small community. Be nice. Talk to your neighbors. Too many people are so willing to call each other out on social media and not go knock on your neighbors door and speak directly to them. There are a lot people in this tiny area who dont even know each other. Make it important to get to know each other as we continue to grow.

As far as the campfires are concerned, I'm happy to hear that most of the campgrounds have already ceased having campfires. It is a bad year and our tension is high. We don't need to add that to our list of worries.

Respectfully,

Diana Greer

On Mon, Sep 14, 2020, 10:33 AM Amy Bridge Day <amy@maddogmesa.com> wrote:

CATHERINE,

IS THIS EMAIL TO YOU THE OFFICIAL NEWS TO THE COMMUNITY? I BELIEVE THEY SHOULD SPEAK DIRECTLY TO THE COMMUNITY AND AM NOT SURE WHO SHERRY FABELA MIGHT BE, PERHAPS FROM THE OWNERS WOULD BE BETTER.

THANK YOU

From: clnews@googlegroups.com [mailto:clnews@googlegroups.com] **On Behalf Of** Catherine Mone

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 8:35 AM

To: Coloma-Lotus News <clnews@googlegroups.com>

Subject: [CLNews] Re: The horrible destruction that people are creating in this community

Sherry Fabela from Coloma Resort sent me an email saying they have banned campfires for the rest of the season, so if you see anything there, please call the resort at 800-238-2298. It might help to call any resort or outfitter directly if you see something wrong on their property (and a fire of any type is extremely wrong). All these companies need to manage their visitors in order to maintain their fire insurance and their livelihoods, so do reach out directly. If the discussion goes nowhere, call the fire department.

I'm reminded that several years ago my neighbor mowed an irrigated lawn on a red flag day, went in the house to shower, and one tiny ember from that mower set the dry grass 30' from his lawn on fire. If the neighbor further down hadn't seen it, and didn't have a tractor and dirt handy to put it out, his house and mine could have burned. There's no such thing as a safe fire right now, and as it cools off in fall, while the ground is still parched, many woodstoves and chimneys will present fire danger. Stay safe, folks, and call offending parties directly. A formal ban throughout every fire season is a good idea. With a little effort, the resorts can find safe ways for kids to have s'mores.

Catherine

On Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 10:17:51 PM UTC-7, diana greer wrote:

First, I just have to say that the negative stuff that people are dishing out is NOT something I've ever known within our, my, community. I haven't been here for as long as some. About 18 years. I'm still a newcomer.

In those 18 years I haven't seen too many rocks thrown. We are friends and neighbors. If we have a bone to pick, we knock on our neighbors door and address it. That's what good people do. It's called communication.

This attack of our neighbors and allies is self serving bullshit. I love this valley and I'm happy to see new folks coming to the area, however it's disturbing to see the interruption of our life here because it's not conducive to what people expect when they come in from the city.

I walked down to look at that fire pictured which blew this whole thing out of proportion. It was below my knees, in a fire ring on DG (granite, ya know) and the trees were way off to the side of it. It was totally safe. They wanted to make s'mores.

The owners and manager live within a mile. They don't want their homes to burn either and are responsible people.

I am so heartbroken by the way you are all responding here. Kind of makes me want to get the heck out of here if this is what we have to look forward to.

Jeff, I loved your comment. btw.

Thanks for reading this. Its just heartbreaking to see this in what has always been such a lovely community. I guess it's about time to move on.

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