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Winston Churchill once said, “Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.”

I’ll stand up and speak while you sit, listen and learn...then I expect you’ll respond *appropriately* to your constituents about the many tentacles of Sustainable Development invading every aspect of our society.

After last month’s BOS meeting I read the Mtn. Democrat article about the SACOG MOU written by Chris Daley, Press Reporter to the BOS. The picture he painted didn’t bear any resemblance whatsoever to my audio recording of that meeting. I listened to it again and again, yet what I read didn’t jive with what I’d witnessed:

- “*Dirty words* flying in both directions..?”
- “John Knight, the board’s representative at SACOG, tried to *mellow* the atmosphere by countering Briggs’ assertion..?”
- “...unleashed a floodgate of *invective and suspicion...*?”

What his article *lacked* was just as disturbing:

- What about the content of the dialog between Jack Sweeney and County Counsel regarding the *liability* associated with the Regional Water Authorities? That’s a big issue.
- Several probing questions were asked pertaining to the history and process of the SACOG MOU, as well as the binding authority of SB375 & AB32.
- How about the consequences of NGOs that take over leadership without the liability? That’s another huge issue of concern.
- Or Norma Santiago’s revealing comment, “When the public is presenting one view, and I’m understanding something totally different, *that disconnect bothers me tremendously.*”

Obviously what goes in is *not* what comes out in print. Is it any wonder the public perception is so skewed by the media?

In fact, Publisher Richard Esposito and I have had several dialogs about the business of politics, truth and ethical journalism. I’ve posed several questions to him in writing. His reply (2/11/11):

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*“Let me make one thing clear. **This newspaper** decides what will publish and what will not. And we **determine** headlines based on what we **believe** best defines the subject matter... We reserve the right to edit content as we deem necessary.”*

There’s another “disconnect” that should bother every El Dorado County citizen. We need to stand up, speak out and challenge the toxic media giants for infringing upon our freedoms.

Informed people are empowered citizens, but there are too many meetings and so little precious time to attend them all. What’s a person to do?

We can begin by asking probing questions of our elected officials and demanding transparency and accountability. For instance:

The Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency are major components of the SACOG Partnership for Sustainable Communities. The tentacles of their infrastructure are already in place in Coloma, site of the Marshall Gold Discovery Historic State Park and headquarters of American River Conservancy.

*Stakeholder*

The Conservancy is an NGO that works in close partnership with local, state and federal agencies such as DOT, Environmental Management, CA State Parks, BLM and the Department of the Interior. Although the process is far too complicated to explain now in detail, in the interest of time I’ll provide a very simplified overview.

In a nutshell grant funded land acquisitions such as Cronin Ranch, Kanaka Valley and additions to the Marshall Gold Discovery Park remove tax revenue from our county. The land is then handed over to BLM where they become an integral part of the American River corridor Parks and Trails Master Plan.

Approximately 70% of EDC is now federally owned public land that is poorly managed due to a collapsing economy. *Govt is not the solution.*

The re-routing of Highway 49 and the retrofitting of the bridge across the S. Fork American River in Coloma is a minimal \$12M DOT project designed to accommodate a bike and hiking trail from Sacramento to Coloma all the way to Tahoe and beyond.

What the general public doesn't realize, these government facilitated public meetings are a mere façade to placate the legal requirements of the Bagley-Keene and Brown Acts—which by the way—are frequently violated. Advisory Boards – like RMAC—are tailoring their recommendations to the BOS to fit their private agendas. Most of the real decisions are made behind closed doors like an unaccountable shadow government.

This insidious integration of Big Government is the “Re-wilding of America” also known as Sustainable Development or Agenda 21.

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~~My~~ question is, “What are you going to do to stop it?”

**“Word Government” Ideas from Agenda 21 and the Biodiversity Treaty formed  
“Sustainable Development”**

Ideas officially presented to world leaders that all government, on every level, needed to be transformed into top-down control over housing, food production, energy, water, private property, education, population control, gun control, transportation, social welfare, medical care, and literally, every aspect of our lives, including creating U.N.-mandates on abortion, child rearing, and government interference on families.

In 1993, President Clinton created the President's Council on Sustainable Development.

Cabinet officials just changed some wording of existing programs to begin to implement the agenda - without Congress, and without debate.

Commerce Secretary Ron Brown said he could implement 67 percent of the Sustainable Development agenda in his agency with no new legislation, EPA, HUD, and more, did the same thing. See below for list of some of these programs. We do not need more, so:

Please do not sign on to this HUD funding/regional control.

**Note:** Transportation funds are from the Department of Transportation, not HUD.

**A list of Sustainable Development Programs**

- Walkable communities
- mass transit, bicycle trails,
- Wildlands Project”, destruction of dams,
- closure of roads,
- prohibition of resource extraction of timber and oil,
- the reintroduction of wild animals,
- management of forest to allow catastrophic fire,
- centralized control over water,
- global warming,
- clean air.

Dictates like AB 32 and SB 375 that stem from Sustainable Development are anti-economic, anti business; and remove the opportunity for us to exercise “local control” that best fulfills their economic needs.

Bernard Carlson, June 14, 2011

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El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

Good morning Members of the Board

My name is Irene Morehouse.

I am a resident of El Dorado County. I am here today to ask for your help. I am asking for your continued representation of us, your constituents, in that you not give up your ability to represent us . I am refering to Agenda Item 11-0513. In your decision to sign a Memorandum of Understanding,(a contract) with SACOG (Sacramento Area Council of Governments), you will relinquish, to a non elected organization the decision making process for your fellow, residents. Control in the areas of land use, transportation, air quality, regional housing, and planning efforts related to environmental protection and land use planning. The aforementioned items you will find listed in SACOG's own published, "Responsibilities."

I understand that SACOG can deliver a variety of federal, state and local programs to its member governments, but is the money we would receive with these programs, worth the freedom to make our own decsions?. Government kept local is the best form of government. El Dorado County is a gem, to have it bogged down with regulations of this magnitude and to this extend, by a non elected agency, would indeed be a great disservice to our community. Thank you in advance for choosing to maintain your and our independence.

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