

**APPLICATION FOR
COUNTY OF EL DORADO
BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE**

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INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete each item below. Be sure to enter the title of the Board, Commission, or Committee (only one per application please) for which you desire consideration. For more complete information or assistance contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors' Office. This application shall be maintained for a period of one year only. After one year it is necessary to file a new application for another year of eligibility. **Please print in ink or type.**

1. Board/Commission Applying for: River Management Advisory Committee (RMAC)	2. Today's Date: 11-30-2014
3. Name: Tahl Marilyn D Last First Middle	4. E-Mail Address: _____
5. Address: _____ Number Street _____ City Zip Code	6. Telephone: _____ Home _____ Business
7. Occupation/Title: User Experience and Usability Consultant	Employer: Self
8. List all County board, commissions or committees of which you are now or have been a member. Indicate dates of service. RMAC: 2006-present; Vice-char 2012 Chair 2012 and 2013	
9. Summary of qualifications related to group(s) listed above. (What experience or special knowledge do you bring to your area of interest?) See attached.	
10. Affiliations with professional and/or community groups: American River Conservancy CFS (California Floaters Society- a federation of private boaters)	
11. Why do you seek appointment? See attached.	
12. Additional Information: Give any information explaining your qualifications, experience, training, education, volunteer activities, community organization memberships, or personal interests that bear on your application for above Board, Commission, or Committee. Attach additional sheets as necessary. See attached.	
13. Indicate Supervisor who will receive a copy of this application: Ron Briggs, Supervisor for District 4	

Appointees to Boards, Commissions or Committees are not considered to be County employees for purposes of benefits, such as Workers Compensation, health insurance, etc.

electronic signature by email for Marilyn Tahl



Dec 4. 2014

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Additional answers for Marilyn Tahl

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I have boated on the SF American River for over 25 year, guiding both commercially and institutionally, as well as boating privately. I have a good perspective over time of how changes in river practices and governance impact the overall experience of local residents and visitors.

I understand and have a deep respect for the various constituencies and points of view represented on the RMAC. Additionally, I am committed to the resource for itself- what it takes to protect and manage it so that it continues to be a jewel in El Dorado County- and not just another bought, sold and negotiated commodity.

I am professionally trained as a facilitator and experienced in change management. These skills have come in handy on the RMAC and enable me to listen closely and find paths for agreement between positions that otherwise appear to be diametrically opposed.

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The RMAC has gone through a number of challenges and changes - particularly during the last 4 years. With the upcoming update to the River Management Plan, I want to help bring a lot of hard work to fruition in a thoughtful way that a. builds consensus and b. doesn't leave the same sorts of gaps of clarity that have created loopholes and bogged down decision-making/ made it more contentious than it needed to be.

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Each RMAC representative is chartered to advocate for their individual constituencies. I see the member-at-large my role as one to look more broadly, holistically at what is best for the resource over the long term.

Goaded by increasing on-river tension between commercial and institutional users, I facilitated an arduous process that resulted in a solid and detailed proposal for bringing Institutional boating into better alignment with management practices for commercial users. The process brought all parties into frank and open discussion in public working meetings. Most issues have urgency, but this reconciliation had the luxury of time – made longer because, since points of view were contentious, the adhoc committee did not move discussion forward in the greater RMAC unless all 3 ad hoc members were present at meetings. This resulted in a proposal that was broadly supported, advocated and understood.

Ultimately, the next year or so present an opportunity to bring the work of the last 4 or so years –work on many fronts- to fruition with the update of the River Management Plan. I would like to help finish what we started.