

RE: RMAC Meeting March 21, 2016
Comments on Item #2 Consent Calendar from
Hilde Schweitzer

The consent item 16-0264 reads:

Chief Administrative Office, Parks Division recommending the Committee recommend the Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Budget Transfer increasing the use of fund balance and operating transfers out by \$25,000 in the River Trust Fund and increasing operating transfers in and professional services by \$25,000 in the River operating budget to fund a consultant to meet with Bureau of Land Management and California Department of Parks and Recreation regarding the County's management of whitewater recreation on the South Fork of the American River, **per the Board's direction of February 23, 2016.**

Reviewing the video of the 2-23-2016 Board of Supervisors meeting where this was discussed, there is no mention of funding a consultant with River Trust Fund monies to meet with BLM and State Parks to discuss the above.

The motion states that “staff”, meaning El Dorado County staff, is authorized to meet with these organizations to discuss options. Ms. Sanders indicated that she would be the one meeting with the two groups and the Board requested that the Economic Development Officer also attend. Below is the BOS motion and the funding clearly states “NA” which I take to mean that there is no direct cost associated with the motion aside from staff salary.

Chief Administrative Office, Parks Division recommending the Board:

- 1) Receive a presentation on the update to the River Management Plan and process;
- 2) Direct **staff** to explore the opportunity with the Bureau of Land Management and California Department of Parks and Recreation of the potential feasibility and interest for input for more efficient and beneficial management of whitewater recreation on the South Fork by removing redundancies and reducing fees which may result in the County not needing to continue with its past level of management of whitewater recreation on the South Fork of the American River; and
- 3) Direct staff to return to the Board with a report on the discussions and recommendations from those meetings.

FUNDING: N/A

Public Comment: N. Rangel, K. Payne, M. Lane, B. Krishman, J. Cirocozzi, K. Mulvaney

A motion was made by Supervisor Ranalli, seconded by Supervisor Veerkamp to Approve this matter.

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The attached budget transfer request document is also very confusing. The total on the top of the document shows \$100,000. What are the other \$75,000 in funds associate with? There is no written explanation attached to the request

I am opposed to using the River Trust Fund to pay for the meeting with BLM and State Parks as it is clearly within the scope of staff duties and abilities and should be covered by their County salaries.

I would also request that the contract between the County and Steve Peterson for the Update to the River Management Plan be made public and published.

Questions I have regarding this contract are:

What is the consultant tasked to provide and what is the timeline for these services?

What is the cost of the contract?

Who authorized the contract?

Have the goods and services agreed to in the contract been provided to the County?

Are there provisions for cost over-rides and increases to the scope of the contract and what triggers them?

Why are the interview comments and individuals that were interviewed by the Consultant not made available to the public in the Draft red-line edit of the RMP Update?

I would also request that the above questions be discussed and if possible, answered during the RMAC meeting on March 21, 2016 since I am not available to attend the meeting in Placerville.

Thank you for your consideration,

Hilde Schweitzer