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Mt. Murphy Bridge CIP

Mr. Esposito:

The only thing worse than being lied to is being lied about. This piece of crappy journalism is yet another example why Noel Stack should be fired. Was Carla Hass her ghost writer???: <https://www.mtdemocrat.com/news/mt-murphy-bridge-replacement-moves-forward/>

There were only 8 people in the audience including myself, Rafael Martinez, Kris Payne, Laurel Brent-Bumb, Brian Mullen, two elderly men, and I presume that was Noel Stack seated directly to my right. Prior to the meeting commencing Laurel Brent-Bumb, Matt Smeltzer and Kris Payne were busy whispering together giving the impression their performance was planned in advance. Furthermore Payne purposely neglected to bring up the agenda item during Monday's Taxpayers Association meeting when Laurel Brent Bumb was present, so I found it necessary to broach the subject.

(Click on BOS Item #46 under the video to view that segment:

[http://eldorado.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=2&clip\\_id=1227](http://eldorado.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=1227). \*Note the erroneous minutes do NOT reflect Kris Payne's defensive public comments.)

After the agenda item concluded I confronted Matt Smeltzer about his evasiveness and lack of transparency, but he remained unwilling to address specific concerns. Matt appeared to be uncomfortable that my audio recorder was still on so he moved quickly away to confer with everyone gathered in the corner of the BOS lobby.

The following statement is untrue and totally misrepresents what actually transpired during Tuesday's BOS Agenda Item #46:

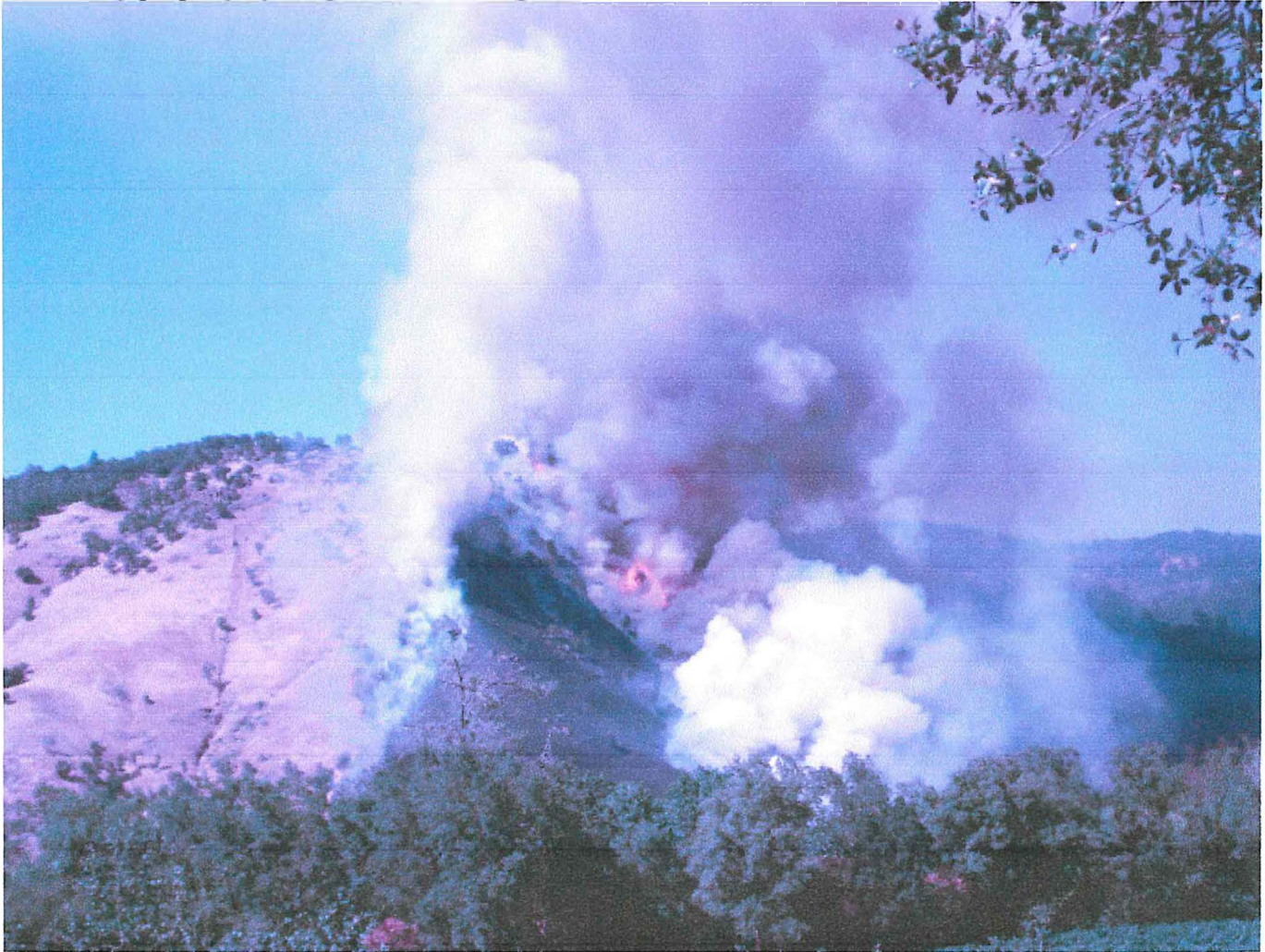
“Unhappy that the old bridge will come down, Coloma resident Melody Lane questioned the methods used to determine the preferred alternative. DOT and stakeholders initially reviewed nine alternatives, later narrowing it down to three and then determining the on-alignment alternative was the best option. Lane said former District 4 Supervisor Ron Briggs told her the old bridge would not be removed “but that’s exactly what they’re doing.”

She suggested staff consider building the new bridge downstream. Smeltzer said building to the north of the current bridge would result in impacts to California State Parks property. He also pointed out that none of the agencies involved in the project want the responsibility of upgrading and maintaining the old bridge adding that should it collapse, the pieces moving downstream could damage the new bridge.”

First of all I want to emphasize that **Compass2Truth** could care less about the preservation of the historic one lane bridge that joins both sides of the Marshall Gold Discovery Park. The bridge apparently is sufficiently safe enough to transport long caravans of bus-sized RVs that regularly clog the bridge while entering or exiting the Coloma Resort. Additionally law enforcement has been reticent to respond to multiple reports of illegal firework displays at the Coloma Resort.

The primary concern of residents on the north side of the bridge has ALWAYS been about the **deplorable condition of the road and lack of egress/ingress in the event of yet another arson fire on the north side of the bridge.** There NEVER has been an evacuation plan and the county has consistently failed for decades to respond to our public safety concerns about this CIP. They've either lied to us or passed the buck to another department/agency.

It is even more disturbing that Chief Lloyd Ogan and his staff are equally reticent to address our public safety concerns. Just imagine the tragic consequences of yet another Mt. Murphy fire such as the one ignited at the base of my property by 3<sup>rd</sup> generation firefighter Ben Cunha:







## \$10 million bail Convicted arsonist Cunha arrested in stolen gun plot

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RON CUNHA

Former local firefighter Ron Cunha, who was convicted less than a year ago for arson, was arrested last week on suspicion of attempting a deal to sell stolen firearms.

Before his prior arrest, an El Dorado County judge set his bail at \$10 million.

Placer County police say there may, at least one or two copies of Cunha's, hospitalized a female the week of Nov. 23, and stole two guns.

Cunha, 36, while not involved in the burglary, allegedly

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held a steady about the stolen guns for sale, and discovered the transaction.

"I took out of the case of the guns," said Placer County police Sgt. Ken Natta. "He was in possession of the weapons prior to us contacting him. He's been out showing that day, and handled the weapons prior to the sale."

Terence Natta, 39, Nathan Piccolo, 38, and Matthew Trudon, 31, were accused of conspiring to perpetrate the burglary at a Placer County home.

"Mike Trudon, 39, was arrested for an suspicion of purchasing the stolen property from the store."

Natta said a citizen advised police that the guns were being sold, and gave police information about who was involved. Although not a March witness, she allegedly found the guns at a field near Cunha's house, said Natta.

"The suspects found out we were doing an investigation and hid the guns from us," said Natta.

At Cunha's arraignment Monday, Judge Douglas Brinkman said he set the bail at \$10 million because Cunha "is a high risk based on his prior case."

In March Cunha was accused of starting fires from throughout the county, including one in forest land near Sand Ridge Road that consumed 19 acres.

He was sentenced to a year in jail, and was given credit for the time he served in jail before his prior case.

Natta said Monday, "The big thing is that we are the gun off the street."

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Secondly, Ron Briggs attempted to prevent me from participating in the Mt. Murphy Bridge Stakeholders Committee because he was upset with *Compass2Truth* exposing him for fraud that would make him the subject

of a Grand Jury investigation. (Richard, you'll recall AOA consultant Dr. Dale Smith and I had more than one conversation with you about that subject.) Briggs comments about the bridge "never being removed" were publicly stated during a BOS meeting.

Following is the transcript that I submitted Tuesday into the public record along with the associated evidence. Note Lori Parlin refused to respond to my direct question about the perpetuation of government lies, lack of transparency and accountability. Sue Novasel unlawfully defended Lori's silent tactics. See *U.S. v. Tweel*, 550 F. 2d. 297. "***Silence can only be equated with fraud where there is a legal or moral duty to speak or where an inquiry left unanswered would be intentionally misleading.***"

*Melody Lane*

**Founder – Compass2Truth**

*"The man who never looks into a newspaper is better informed than he who reads them; inasmuch as he who knows nothing is nearer to the truth than he whose mind is filled with falsehoods and error." ~ Thomas Jefferson - Principal author of the American Declaration of Independence, Third President of The United States, 1743 – 1826 ~*

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to Agenda Item # 33