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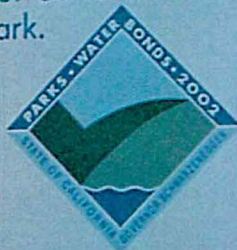
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## Mt. Murphy Phase II Acquisition

A public lands acquisition project managed by the American River Conservancy protecting native fisheries, upland habitat, and the scenic backdrop of Sutter's Mill and the Marshall Gold State Park.

Another Project funded by Proposition 50 through the California Resources Agency to improve River Parkway

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News

Fireworks are illegal

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El Dorado County Sheriff's Office

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Sheriff John D'Agostini wants to remind everyone that fireworks of any kind are illegal in El Dorado County. Any person caught possessing, transporting, purchasing, selling or even storing fireworks could be cited or arrested and booked into the El Dorado County Jail for violating the misdemeanor county ordinance.

Illegal fireworks in El Dorado County even include sparklers or those sold in Sacramento County as "Safe and Sane." All fireworks will be confiscated as evidence, rendered safe and properly disposed of. Thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks every 4th of July, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Despite the danger, few people understand or respect the associated risks such as devastating burns, severe injuries to eyes, ears and extremities, structure fires, wildland fires and even death. Yet many who use illegal fireworks do so without fear of repercussions or consequences.

Have a fun and safe holiday weekend in El Dorado County, without the fear of fire or injury. Pyrotechnics can be enjoyed by the whole family at several venues over the weekend. Events are planned at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds, South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado Hills Town Center.

Make your celebration a safe one without endangering yourselves or your neighbors. With dry conditions due to heat and the drought, safety should be paramount for everyone.

If you see others using fireworks, report it to law enforcement immediately. You may be saving someone's life, home, neighborhood or forest lands.

## Melody Lane

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**From:** Melody Lane  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 05, 2015 11:56 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Residents Awakened by Illegal Fireworks Display at Coloma Resort

At 12:15 AM residents were awakened by a spectacular treetop display of illegal fireworks set off by campers at the Coloma Resort. Deputy Genai responded at 1 AM but reported he was not able to speak with a campground manager. Illegal fireworks is a very serious crime. If you have any information please contact EDSO and refer to Case File 15-5698.

Firecrackers were heard in the same vicinity on Thursday evening as well. All night partying under the bridge and the risk of yet another arson fire have become regular events. Last year neighbors reported viewing fireworks in the Ropes area of the Coloma Resort which the owners blamed on another campground across the river.

To compound the matter, at approximately 1 PM yesterday I was stuck in a huge traffic jam at the Mt. Murphy Road Bridge. Cars—not motorhomes—were lined up bumper to bumper on Hwy 49, across the bridge, and backed up on the opposite side of the bridge to Carvers Road. People were getting out of their cars to see what the hang-up was. MGDPR ranger Eric Carter appeared to be giving citations to cars parked along Mt. Murphy Road across from the Coloma Resort.

Meanwhile a group of 25-30 teenage boys carrying inner tubes but no life preservers were making their way down the middle of Carvers and Mt. Murphy Roads towards the beach, refusing to allow traffic to pass while heckling drivers trying to get past the logjam. Ranger Eric appeared to be frustrated by the chaos and lack of control over a potentially dangerous situation. Just imagine the scene had it been necessary to implement an emergency evacuation...

To make matters worse, another very intrusive and obnoxious karaoke event at the Coloma Resort yesterday evening disturbed residents within the Quiet Zone throughout the Coloma valley. Neighbors reported audibly discerning every word over a mile away. This morning I spoke with campers who were smoking cigarettes amidst dozens of booze bottles stacked on their picnic tables. They decided to party on the river instead of participating in the karaoke last night.

Obnoxiously loud and out of control parties have become the norm during tourist season which opens the door to other business establishments that likewise abuse EDC laws, codes and ordinances—not to mention specific violations of the River Management Plan (RMP). This adversely affects quality of life and property values of local residents.

All outdoor amplified events in EDC require a fee for a temporary special use permit (TSUP) issued by the Sheriff's Office. Public Record Act requests have revealed that the campgrounds and other private parties have NOT obtained the necessary permits via EDSO.

Many of these events and parties are known to get wildly out of control, an element that the Coloma Lotus valley can ill-afford. Although EDSO encourages citizens to report such incidents, typically code and law enforcement is reticent to respond due to lack of staffing and "higher priorities." There are only 2 deputies on duty to cover over 350 square miles on the Georgetown Divide (including Coloma.)

It is significant that during our regular monthly meetings with Supervisor Norma Santiago we were informed CA State Parks is considering the eventual acquisition of the Coloma Resort. Equally significant, the MGDGP has no authority to enforce the law on private property. The lack of law enforcement opens the door to abuse by competing establishments and "house party fund raisers" who circumvent the policies, codes & ordinances. They rely on EDSO to turn a blind eye and deaf ear to reports of violations.

Several residents besides me have been libeled, slandered, threatened and bullied for reporting safety/code violations to law enforcement. Law, order and public safety are community concerns, NOT individual vendettas. Rather coincidentally the last 5 Mt. Murphy arson fires have started either on my property or within ¼ mile of my home. My golden retriever died as a result of the 2007 Mt. Murphy arson fire ignited by 3<sup>rd</sup> generation firefighter Ben Cunha, yet this tragic fire was minimized by the media. Growing concerns about trespassing, crime and vandalism are frequently brought up during BOS meetings.

Public safety was a heated subject expressed by several residents during the recent RMAC Workshop held at Grange Hall as well as the Fire Safe council. We certainly don't want another Sand Hill or King Fire to ravish what once was a historic, tranquil river valley.

The Chamber of Commerce, Marshall Gold Discovery Historic State Park and BOS all need to carefully examine the adverse impacts of large crowds and events that threaten the quality of life and safety of all citizens residing adjacent to Parks and other public lands. The necessary infrastructure must be established to ensure public safety, and that includes improving the deplorable condition of Mt. Murphy Road to ensure proper egress.

Contrary to libelous rumors, petitions on file with the county contain several pages of signatures of neighbors as well as Park staff supporting the revocation of specific campground SUPs. EDC needs public servants who are willing to do the right thing, especially when it involves public safety. No one is above the law. If the campgrounds refuse to comply, then they need to be cited and their SUPs revoked. This requires the cooperation and coordination of EDSO, Planning and MGDSP staff.

Serving the community,

*Melody Lane*  
*Founder - Compass2Truth*

~ By identifying the people's sovereign will not with its latest but its oldest expression, the Framers succeeded in identifying the people's authority with the Constitution, not with the statutory law made by their representatives. ~