

July 30, 2017

Dear El Dorado County Planning Commission,

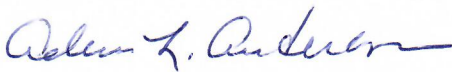
The River Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) met on July 25th 2017 and voted unanimously to submit to the Planning Commission the attached changes or restorations to the draft River Management Plan (RMP) being submitted to the PC on Aug. 10th 2017. We feel passionately and have heard countless testimonies from the river corridor community that the RMAC is a valuable conduit for communication between the river corridor community and the County. Our community's voice and representation at the County would be significantly diminished if this responsibility was turned over to the Parks and Recreation commission (PRC).

Below are just five of the many reasons why the RMAC should be restored into the new RMP:

- The RMAC is fully financially supported by the River Trust Fund (RTF) and, as such, has no impact on County General Funds or County taxpayers.
- The RMAC is a 7 member committee that includes representation from residents, business owners, State Parks, commercial and private boaters and two at-large positions. These individuals provide valuable and diversified insights into the complex and changing river corridor community.
- The RMAC has a rich and decades long history of dealing with issues of concern for all stakeholders on this most remarkable and unique resource - the South Fork of the American River.
- Commercial outfitting is the largest pure-tourism based industry on the Western Slope. Taking RMAC out of the draft RMP effectively takes away their voice in how this resource is managed.
- At numerous public meetings held in the Coloma-Lotus Valley there has been nearly unanimous and overwhelming support for the RMAC to continue in it's traditional role. Acceptance of the staff and consultant's suggestions regarding removing RMAC and substituting the PRC in those traditional responsibilities would effectively ignore our community's strongly stated desires.

Thank you for your service and consideration of these important changes being submitted to your Commission.

Respectfully,



Adam L. Anderson

Chairman - RMAC