



COMPAS

Citizens Organized to Monitor Protect And Serve

M. Lane Addition of Agenda BOS 9/29/15

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Coloma, CA November 12, 2009 - *COMPAS*, a new citizens association has been formed in El Dorado County to do just what the name says - *Citizens Organized to Monitor Protect and Serve*. This very compelling mandate is the cornerstone of the newly formed group which dovetails perfectly with the Preamble of the CA Brown Act:

"The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people do not yield their sovereignty to the bodies that serve them. The people insist on remaining informed to retain control over the legislative bodies they have created."

COMPAS is comprised of concerned citizens, residents and dedicated volunteers. We believe that this statement and the hundreds of other legal requisites of the Ralph M. Brown Act and The Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act pertain to the River Management Advisory Committee (RMAC), the State Department of Parks & Recreation, Marshall Gold Discovery Historic State Park, and other affiliated organizations in El Dorado County that work closely with government agencies.

The mission of *COMPAS* is to sustain the high quality of life in El Dorado County, to educate residents and visitors while providing focused direction and assuring protection from the effects of unmonitored management and a general degradation of the wonders and benefits of this historic county.

The goal of *COMPAS* is to preserve the environmental and historic heritage of El Dorado County for present and future generations. Included in this goal is the method of accountability of funds used to maintain the historic environment that makes the western slope of El Dorado County a safe and desirable area for residents and tourists alike. This objective includes citing informed suggestions for more desirable methods of operation in addition to accountability for historic artifacts, natural resources and designated funds.

Long standing controversies associated with the El Dorado County River Management Plan and the Marshall Gold Discovery Park have captured the attention of Governor Schwarzenegger and other legislators in

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Sacramento. However few citizens fully comprehend the complexity of the controlling powers or how to effectively navigate these shark infested political waters. In a CA non-profit benefits corporation the anonymity of group members is protected from intimidation or retaliation for exposing illegal operations and/or abusive manipulation by all agencies and their affiliates.

A serious crisis of public safety and fiscal accountability lurks at the “world wide renowned Marshall Gold Discovery Park.” The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors and CA State Parks Director Ruth Coleman have continually turned blind eyes & deaf ears to concerned residents calls for action. *COMPAS* is calling for **investigation and action into these violations**, for which there are both Civil Remedies and Criminal Sanctions. We pledge to get this information properly disseminated to the general public, State & National government offices, watchdog organizations and the media. Consultants view this as significant breakthrough in undetected and/or underreported accounts of dreadfully serious malfeasance at the site where the 1849 California Gold Rush had its beginning.

COMPAS now has the tools and first-hand knowledge to expose many of the problems that for years have plagued this historic American River region. They may be partially summed up as: mislaid records, thousands of missing \$\$\$, lost artifacts, lack of code & law enforcement, private property encroachments, 5 recent arson fires, unethical business conduct, censorship and many serious public safety issues that have been swept under the rug of government bureaucracy. *COMPAS* provides the concerned citizens of El Dorado County a powerful venue to navigate conflicts and ensure that local and State government officials will no longer ignore those citizens in favor of special interest groups.

Since 1998 *COMPAS* President, Melody Lane has resided adjacent to the 500-acre Marshall Gold Discovery Historic State Park. She is Past President of the Bay Area Chapter of Executive Women International, has worked for El Dorado County Human Services as well as for the Executive Staff at Sacramento City Hall, and served as the 2001 President of the Gold Discovery Park Association. Her judicious record-keeping and deep concern for the area assures validity in forthcoming reports and materials *COMPAS* will bring forward. Additionally her wide experience involves several art organizations, an essential financial support to the area. She is currently the Public Relations/Membership Director for the International Association of Pastel Artists. Her home is ideally situated upon the historic Mt. Murphy overlooking the South Fork of the American River where the panoramic views have provided inspiration to artists of all mediums from throughout the world.

Melody is available for interviews of all kinds. 530-642-1670 • melodylane@calis.com Photo included.

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I DIDN'T SPEAK UP

“In Germany, the Nazis first came for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, but I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me, and by that time there was no one left to speak for me.”

~ Rev. Martin Niemoeller, a German Lutheran pastor who was arrested by the Gestapo and was sent to Dachau, a concentration camp, in 1938. He was freed by the Allied forces in 1945. ~

The Untold Story of EDC Ethics, Bullying & Accountability

11/5/13 Ethics & Bullying transcript:

Members of the Society of Professional Journalists believe that public enlightenment is the forerunner of justice and the foundation of democracy. The duty of the journalist is to further those ends by seeking TRUTH and providing a fair and comprehensive account of events and issues. Conscientious journalists from all media and specialties strive to serve the public with thoroughness and honesty. Professional INTEGRITY is the cornerstone of a journalist's credibility. Members of the Society share a dedication to ETHICAL behavior and adopt this code to declare the Society's principles and standards of practice.

Please give this the media attention it deserves...

The following is the November 5th El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Open Forum Transcript presented by Melody Lane, Founder of Compass2Truth:

As you know by now, the foundation of Compass2Truth is based upon Constitutional and biblical principles. The Founding Fathers worst nightmare is coming true. They believed that an overreaching government would naturally seek to control the freedoms of its people. That's why they put checks and balances into the system.

But one of the problems with representative government is that it only works when the citizenship is engaged. John Adams, Founding Father and second US President, said, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." The common thread here is the morality and character of leadership.

The US government was set up to serve the people. But now the government not only is served by the people, the politicians running it are conducting a war against us. Jesus reminds us in Matthew 24:4, "Take heed that no man deceive you."

On October 22nd I provided feedback to the BOS regarding California Public Records Act requests and AB1234 Ethics Training. You'll recall that was the day Chairman Briggs DISRESPECTFULLY shut off the microphone and stormed out of the room again when I held his feet to the fire for UNETHICAL BULLY TACTICS. Among other things, he had falsely accused me of "fibbing to the people...you're wrong and you're misleading them."

That also happened to be 2 days prior to my flight back to my home state of Wisconsin to attend my mother's funeral. I just returned to California yesterday at 1:30 AM. It wasn't until last night that I had the opportunity to view the video of the October 29th BOS meeting, specifically Item #20 concerning AB1234 Ethics Training and its relationship to BULLY TACTICS by our government officials.

Supervisor Veerkamp, I want to acknowledge your comment regarding AB1234 as it pertains to biblical principles to first remove the planks from your own eyes before you criticize others.

In that regard, while I was attending to family business in Milwaukee I submitted a request to pull Items #13 & #14 from the October 29th Consent Calendar for public discussion. That request was ignored.

You should also be aware the items I'd submitted into the public record on 10/22 were glaringly MISSING from the minutes that were unanimously APPROVED by the BOS on the 29th of October. I've said it before but I'll say it again-- such political tactics Jesus referred to as a hypocritical brood of vipers.

As a former HR professional and public servant for EDC, I can assure you that harassment, slander, intimidation, bully tactics, censoring and corruption cannot and will not be tolerated by the citizens of EDC. In case you need a reminder, you work for us...

In light of the subject matter of those two highly controversial meetings Chris Daley referenced in the Mountain Democrat, I'd like to provide the BOS the opportunity to give a public explanation about the legality of your rationale.

Who has the CHARACTER to speak up first and give an account for the BOS permissive bully actions?

(BOS response was deafening silence.)

Melody: "Supervisors, your silence speaks volumes about the character of the Board of Supervisors."

One last question for you to ponder: What's so wrong about the BOS simply doing what's RIGHT?

Mr. Clerk: I ORDER you to ensure these documents are entered into the public record:

1. October 27, 2013 @ 9:14 PM Request to Pull Items #13 & #14 from 10/29 Consent Calendar
2. 9/24/13 CPRA – American River Resort & Coloma Resort TSUPs
3. 9/28/13 EDSO CPRA – Coloma Resort
4. 10/22/13 Transcript
5. 11/5/13 Transcript (4 min. 10 sec.)

October 22, 2013 BOS Open Forum Transcript:

In a government of the people, by the people and for the people, the citizens own the public lands, the roads, and their freedom. The government has been entrusted with stewardship of those citizen-owned assets and the protection of them, but we see our rights abused regularly by government representatives.

Freedom of speech has become governed by political correctness. Our elected representatives refuse to respond to constituents. The government has no right to punish its citizens because the representatives of the people are trying to hold government accountable.

Chairman Briggs: Permit me to refresh your memory about false accusations you made against me not long ago:

"You're fibbing to the people. You're misleading them. You do it every week. You are inaccurate. How does it feel? We do a pretty good job up here and the county is really responsive in the Public Records Act. I have never known them not to be responsive and you come up here every week and you call our staff...uh, pardon me...you say that we're not responsive, we don't listen, silence is golden...blah, blah, blah...and you're wrong and you're misleading people. That's the last words you're going to get out of me."

I'd like to provide you a little feedback about recent some CPRAs submitted to the BOS demonstrating El Dorado County's government BS (that's PC for Bureaucratic Shenanigans):

- 1) The CPRA submitted to the BOS on 8/27/13 was incomplete and transmitted electronically 2 days late by the Clerk of the Board.
- 2) The specific CPRA submitted to the BOS on 9/24/13 regarding the American River Resort was never received at all. Note it was due October 8th.
- 3) Here's my favorite example: On October 1st I submitted a very specific CPRA to the Sheriff's Office requesting an appointment to view 2 case files. A response was due 10/15/13. The response I received from Lt. Golmitz was dated September 23rd prior to my CPRA submission on 10/1 yet it was postmarked the very day I submitted it to the BOS.

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Additionally his letter included 2 other CFS numbers that I did NOT request via that CPRA. (BTW, CFS numbers have no physical file to contain documentation. That's how the Sheriff manages to keep the crime statistics down.)

On October 8th I received another response to the same CPRA from Lt. Golmitz. This one was dated October 4th. In his letter he refers to Government Code Section 54985 and an El Dorado County Resolution 113-95 dated May 16, 1995. That resolution no longer exists on the EDC Resolution website because it was superseded by AB1234 which was signed by the Governor October 7, 2005.

AB1234 is the Ethics Training bill that stipulates agencies may charge the direct cost of producing a copy of a record.

The direct cost of duplication includes the pro-rata (proportionate cost) of copying equipment as well as the pro-rata cost of the person running the equipment.

The direct costs of duplication do not include costs affiliated with the research, retrieval, or redaction of a record as Sheriff D'Agostini claimed on September 18th when he addressed a group of us in El Dorado Hills.

The theory is that these costs must be borne by the agency as part of its duty to serve the public. In other words, charging \$10 for a report requested via a CPRA that actually costs 10 cents per page is referred to as Unjust Enrichment.

There is about as much government transparency and accountability as a black cat at midnight. As a reminder, YOU work for US. Who is really pulling the wool over the eyes of constituents? Your response, please.

(BOS response)

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CC: D.A. Vern Pierson & Sheriff D'Agostini

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