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Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com>

Mon, May 13, 2019 at 12:12 PM

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County personnel, including past & present District #4 Supervisors and the Coloma-Lotus Fire Safe Council members, **never appropriately responded** to these important public safety issues that were again discussed during this morning's Taxpayers Association meeting when Rafael Martinez was the guest speaker.

It is significant that Chief Ogan also failed to appropriately respond to resident's concerns during the 5/3/19 meeting and 5/6/19 C-L Fire Safe meeting held at Coloma Grange Hall causing nearly 80% of them to walk out of the meeting early in utter disgust.

It is a fact that Coloma Lotus residents have been retaliated against and routinely disenfranchised from the **CLNews run by American River Conservancy and their ultra-liberal affiliates.**

*Melody Lane***Founder – Compass2Truth**

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From: Melody Lane [mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com]**Sent:** Thursday, September 6, 2018 12:00 PM**To:** James Sweeney**Subject:** FW: ARC - Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Clearing Project

Jack,

I'm sure you've seen the attached already, but just in case here it is again. Note the pictures of ARC staff in the below email.

We would very much appreciate you putting some pressure on Todd White about the letter Taxpayers voted unanimously last week to send to the BOS about the ARC land acquisitions, item #30 on the 9/11 BOS agenda.

Melody

From: Melody Lane [mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 4, 2018 4:16 PM
To: deborahskruse@gmail.com; 'Tim Kulton'; Bill Deitchman
Cc: Michael Ranalli; sue.novasel@edcgov.us; brian.veerkamp@edcgov.us; shiva.frentzen@edcgov.us; john.hidahl@edcgov.us; barry.smith@parks.ca.gov; mark.hada@parks.ca.gov; Jason DeWall; Mike Howard; Paula Frantz; 'Donald Ashton'; Vern R Pierson; Duane Nelson; Pat Dwyer; bosfive@edcgov.us; bosfour@edcgov.us; bosone@edcgov.us; bosthree@edcgov.us; bostwo@edcgov.us
Subject: FW: ARC - Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Clearing Project

Ms. Kruse and CLFSC,

During one of the CL Fire Safe meetings held last year at the Grange Hall in Coloma I specifically questioned you about the source of your Power Point information. At first you claimed to have personally compiled the information. However afterwards you reluctantly admitted the truth, that your propaganda presentation was indeed prepared for you by the American River Conservancy.

During another CL Fire Safe meeting held in Coloma you attempted to prevent some of us from participating in the open dialog. When you were challenged, you claimed you didn't want the CLFSC to become "a free speech zone." All your comments were audio recorded, and neither you or FSC attorney John Driscoll have *any lawful authority whatsoever to restrict us from exercising our right to do so.*

Everyone knows that ARC controls the CL News which also happens to be frequently monitored and utilized by MGD and EDC staff, including Supervisor Ranalli. Every citizen has the right to live in peace and safety. However ARC and the 'River Mafia Mob' have proven to be very hostile towards several river residents, particularly women. Nobody has the right to harass, libel, slander, threaten, discriminate, or deprive us of our inherent sovereign rights.

Not only have these issues been tackled by the Taxpayers Association, we've had meetings with County Counsel, CAO Don Ashton, MGD staff and the BOS about our concerns.

The following is FYI. Note in particular the email sent 8/29/18 to Duane Nelson Wildland Services where I mentioned you specifically by name. Thus far I still haven't received notification in the mail regarding the clearing project, nor have you responded concerning how/where to obtain a consent form. What is your explanation for that???

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Sent 8/24/18 by Jack Sweeney to BOS: I am requesting that you not support any more of the shenanigans of the American River Conservancy (ARC)! Please, at least put item 31 on hold until you have a better understanding of how the ARC operates.

Look at the many properties they have caused to be removed from the property tax rolls of this county. Ask how much higher the price was when they resold them to the public agencies.

And ask who will be preparing the Fire Safe Plan

under General Plan Public Health, Safety, and Noise Element; specifically Goal 6.2?

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Alan Ehrgott, ARC Executive Director, trespassing



Dawn Infurna Bean, ARC member, trespassing @ 4:30 AM



2007 Arson Fire - 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 Parkways. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor & Mike Chrisman, Secretary of Resources.



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From: Melody Lane [mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com]

Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 5:18 PM

To: Duane Nelson

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Subject: FW: Mt. Murphy Fire Safe Vegetation Clearing

Hi Duane,

Below is the email distributed today by Deborah Kruse concerning the scheduled CL Fire Safe project. None of my neighbors with whom I've spoken received the letter that Deborah referred to below.

As stated during our conversation, you are welcome to cut limbs on the inside of my fence line, provided of course that I'm given appropriate notice and signed a right of entry form. Last year the CLFSC never provided any notification or obtained consent when they cut my fencing along Bayne Road, cut trees, dumped chippings on my property, and then absconded with the cut wood.

In light of past experience, all American River Conservancy and State Parks personnel are prohibited from entering my property under any circumstances. FYI, that includes ARC members Deborah Cruz and Tim Kulton, and MGD Park ranger Bill Deitchman.

Regards,

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From: clnews@googlegroups.com [mailto:clnews@googlegroups.com] **On Behalf Of** Deborah & Scott Kruse
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 11:23 AM
To: Coloma-Lotus News
Subject: [CLNews] Fire Safe Vegetation Clearing - Update

CL News readers - good morning

below is letter snail mailed to property owners who live along the 7 roads that will have vegetation management during Sept - Oct.

If you would like your neighborhood included in upcoming grant funded projects, we need you to participate in CLFSC activities.

There is another large round of grants opportunities from CALFIRE coming up this fall, to continue strategic vegetation management in our beautiful valley.

Your assistance is needed to apply for additional fire safe funding, coordinate a clean-up day or (easiest) a chipper project in your neighborhood.

See more ways to be fire safe - <http://www.edcfiresafe.org/>

As vegetation work progresses, we will post schedule updates on CL News.

Deborah

August 28, 2018

Hello Neighbors:

A huge community-wide thank you to **Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E)** for their generous \$97,450 vegetation management grant, to be used toward completing shaded fuel breaks along 7 roads in the Coloma Lotus Valley. The grant recipient, your local Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Council (CLFSC), together with the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council (fiscal sponsor) have awarded a contract to Foothill Tree Service of Diamond Springs CA. Work is planned to begin on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 and continue through mid-October, allowing completion before the PG&E funding deadline of October 31, 2018. You can help by:

Mark your calendars – proposed project roads and their tentative work days are listed below.

Minimize Traffic Delays – All seven roads are narrow and will require traffic control. Please plan ahead to avoid road travel during vegetation clearing work and/or expect longer travel times.

Claim Cut Wood – Some cut wood will be left on the side of road for landowner use. Please claim any wood left along the road next to your property – it belongs to you.

- **Bayne Road** 1.8 miles from River Rd uphill: September 19 - 28, 2018
- **Beach Court** 0.2 miles from Highway 49 to end: September 4, 2018
- **Carvers Road** 0.5 miles from Mt. Murphy Rd to end of public road: September 5 – 6, 2018
- **Coloma Heights Road** 0.3 miles from Highway 49 to Highway 49: September 7 – 10, 2018
- **Mt. Murphy Road** 2.1 miles starting at Carvers Road uphill: September 11 – 18, 2018
- **New River Road** 0.1 miles from Coloma Heights to end: October 1 – 2, 2018
- **River Road** 0.3 miles from Bayne Road to end: October 3 – 12, 2018

Project Work – A shaded fuel break is created by removing small trees and other vegetation less than 8-inches in diameter from the road right-of-way. Larger trees would be limbed up to 16 feet above ground level to allow better access by fire trucks. Some vegetation management work will extend upon to private properties, however this is limited to those property owners that have signed right of entry forms. Cost per acre for most vegetation management work has doubled and more, so please support fire safe efforts in the following ways:

Enlarge Your Home's Defensible Space – Leverage this PG&E vegetation management work by extending vegetation clearing and creation of defensible space into your adjoining property.

Maintain Fuel Breaks – Property owner clearing to maintain defensible space will extend your grant funding effectiveness into future years.

Participate in CLFSC Activities – Your assistance needed to apply for additional fire prevention funding, coordinate a clean-up day or a chipper project in your neighborhood. See more info about volunteer efforts to be fire safe - <http://www.edcfiresafe.org/>

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Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Council – contact us at P.O. Box 404, Coloma CA 95613

- Tim Kulton, Chair
- Deborah Kruse, Co-Chair
- Bill Deitchmen, Project Manager

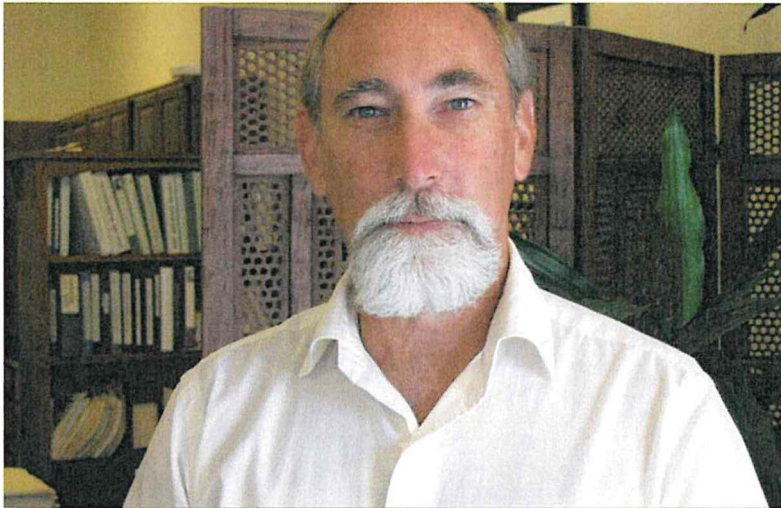
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My Turn — Local benefits to public trail acquisitions

By [Contributor](#)

By Alan Ehrgott

I want to thank the **El Dorado Taxpayers Association, Melody Lane and Jack Sweeney** for submitting their concerns regarding the El Dorado Ranch acquisition before the Board of Supervisors this past Tuesday, Aug. 28. Happily, I can report there is no basis for your concerns.

The American River Conservancy (ARC) has proposed the use of \$63,250 in Oak Woodland Protection funding for the purchase of 1,018 acres of the El Dorado Ranch, which fronts the North Fork and Main Stem of the Cosumnes River. Please note that these funds come from the collection of Oak Woodland impact mitigation fees and not the general fund. The subject El Dorado Ranch has been identified by El Dorado County as a Priority Conservation Area (PCA). Consequently, ARC would be using these funds for the specific purpose they were set aside for. I should also note that for each \$1 El Dorado County provides to this acquisition, ARC will provide \$73 from competitive grants and private donations toward the state approved purchase price of the El Dorado Ranch.

You addressed the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors about a second concern, namely that the American River Conservancy will purchase the property and then sell the property at a profit to a public agency. There is simply no basis for this concern. When ARC transfers land to a public agency we do so through a donation or gift and there is no cost to the public agency.

There is also the concern that purchasing the property would result in a net loss of property tax revenue to El Dorado County. There is no basis for this allegation. When ARC purchases undeveloped ranchland with a

relatively low tax assessment and then builds a public trail, as it has done on the 20 mile South Fork American River Trail system, this new recreational resource adds market value to the thousands of homes in the region. Simply put, equestrians are more likely to buy homes near public trails upon which they can ride their horses. The same is true with hikers, anglers, hunters and mountain bikers who also use these trails. When residential homes near popular, riverfront recreational trails are sold for a higher value, property tax revenue for El Dorado County increases and substantially exceeds the smaller loss in property tax from the purchase of the undeveloped public trails park. With the purchase of the El Dorado Ranch, ARC and its partners will build the first public trail system in the upper Cosumnes River drainage. The El Dorado Ranch will be very similar to the Cronan Ranch as a regional trails park and will increase market value to homes within the general region.

Another concern was expressed regarding a fire management plan for these acquired ranch lands. The American River Conservancy has consulted with Cal Fire on the management of the El Dorado Ranch and has a letter of support from Cal Fire for the project. The El Dorado Ranch is a working landscape. We lease El Dorado Ranch lands to the Howard Neilsen family for the express purpose of sustainable, grass-fed beef production and fire management. I think you will find that the Neilsen family is very happy to have ARC as a partner.

Lastly, I want to make clear that 100% of all grant funds and private donations raised for this acquisition will be applied towards the purchase price. ARC pays for fundraising and administrative support from other private donation revenue. While ARC raises millions of dollars for public land acquisition, its organizational overhead (fundraising and administrative support) rate is a very economical 6 percent of total budget. This in part, is why Guide Star, which monitors nonprofit tax returns and financial statements, has awarded ARC with the 2018 Gold Seal of Transparency.

Alan Ehgott is a conservation biologist and has served as the executive director of the American River Conservancy for 29 years. He is a resident of Coloma. Ehgott can be contacted at his email address ehgott@arconservancy.org.



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Although Chief Ogan agreed Mt. Murphy Road is in need of repairs and improvement, he never dialoged or addressed any of the issues as he falsely stated below. There was a lot of smoke, mirrors, bells and whistles during the 5/6/19 CL Fire Safe meeting at Coloma Grange Hall causing many people to walk out early in exasperation with the lack of substantive answers to their concerns.

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From: Melody Lane [mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com]**Sent:** Friday, May 10, 2019 7:28 PM**Cc:** mark.hada@parks.ca.gov; barry.smith@parks.ca.gov; Jason DeWall; Mike Howard; Richard Esposito**Subject:** FW: Coloma-Lotus Fire Tax

FYI...

Chief Ogan still didn't address the major issues below surrounding the \$96/parcel fire tax. And he certainly didn't "restate" anything either because he never "dialoged" with anyone about the hazardous condition of

Mt. Murphy Road in the first place!

Note only 5 minutes is allotted for each Items #35 & #36 on Tuesdays BOS agenda:

35. 19-0723 HEARING - The Board is asked to consider a request from the Garden Valley Fire Protection District ("District") to adopt and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution 075-2019 revising development impact mitigation fees for the District. (Est. Time: 5 Min.)

36. 19-0724 HEARING - The Board is asked to consider a request from the Mosquito Fire Protection District ("District") to adopt and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution 074-2018 revising development impact mitigation fees for the District. (Est. Time: 5 Min.)

-----Original Message-----

From: Lloyd Ogan [mailto:OganL@eldofire.com]
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2019 5:53 PM
To: Melody Lane
Subject: Re: Coloma-Lotus Fire Tax

Hello Melody,

I apologize for the information that you requested not being sent. Kathleen has been out of the office most of this week. River would not have access to the information, so she probably forwarded the request to Kathleen. I will double check on Monday and we will forward you the information by noon on Monday.

I will restate again the Fire District sympathizes and agrees that improvements are needed on the Mt. Murphy Rd. However, and I restate, the Fire District has no authority or jurisdiction to affect road repairs or upgrades. County DOT or CalTrans are the two agencies with authority and jurisdiction for the roadways in our District. We routinely make requests to each agency when we identify hazards. But, we have no ability to make the changes ourselves.

Wild land arson fires are investigated by Cal Fire in our area because it is part of the State Area Resource mission. We cooperate with them in those investigations, but they are the lead agency.

Thank you for the opportunity to dialogue regarding these issues. We will be in touch on Monday.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Ogan

Fire Chief

El Dorado County Fire Protection District

Sent from my iPhone

From: Melody Lane [mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com]

Sent: Friday, May 10, 2019 1:20 PM

To: Lloyd Ogan

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Subject: Coloma-Lotus Fire Tax

Chief Ogan,

During the 5/3/19 Fire Tax meeting I requested Kathy provide me a digital copy of the handouts. When I provided her with a business card containing my contact information, Kathy assured the info would be sent to me after the meeting. When I did not receive her promised email, I called after hours and left a message requesting a copy of the handouts be emailed to me.

Again in the afternoon of Monday 5/6/19 I called your office and left a message requesting the handouts. Shortly thereafter River returned my call. After I provided River with my contact information she assured me the materials would be promptly sent. As of this writing I have not yet received any of the requested data from your department.

As I expressed during the Taxpayers Association meeting as well as during the 5/3 Fire Tax Board meeting, residents on the north side of the Mt. Murphy Road Bridge have expressed to the county for many years their valid concerns about the hazardous road conditions, lack of emergency egress in the event of another catastrophic wildfire, and lack of law enforcement to respond to reports of illegal fireworks. It is another Paradise disaster waiting to happen. All it takes is one disabled vehicle to create a roadblock, trap evacuees, and lives would be lost. Even if Station 74 was to be reopened and fully staffed, what good would it do if the emergency equipment can't obtain timely egress?

Five arson fires, including the 2007 arson fire ignited by 3rd generation fire-fighter Ben Cunha, have been ignited either directly on my property or within ¼ mile from my home. For this reason I keep an impeccable defensible space. The Cunha arson fire claimed the life of my beloved golden retriever, and that tragedy also generated personal phone calls from Capitol legislators to my place of employment at Sacramento City Hall. Fire Marshal Ruben Grijalva was the first to call me after he received photos of Mt. Murphy ablaze and the helicopters landing in my back yard to disperse firefighters. Congressman Doolittle, Senator Cox and Ted

Gaines also took time to call me, and Governor Schwarzenegger sent me a personal letter. All these individuals recognized the significance of arson fire at the site of the Marshall Gold Discovery Historic State Park; however it was deliberately swept under the carpet of government bureaucracy.

Although Cunha was held under \$10 million bail bond, same as the King Fire arsonist, he only spent one year incarcerated and was then shipped out of state to spare his family further embarrassment. It is significant all the photos of the entire Cunha family were removed from the walls of the Fire House Café in Shingle Springs for the same reason.

Thirty minutes was allotted for public comment during the 5/3/19 Fire Board meeting. At that time I stood for 12 minutes waiting at the podium as you droned on with responses to inquiries *from your board*. Growing weary, I finally interrupted and asked whether this was still public comment? However when I had a chance to speak you never answered my question: ***How do you plan to mitigate the hazardous conditions in Coloma surrounding the Marshall Gold Discovery Park?*** As you are aware, this region is inundated with tourists during fire season. I had to leave for an appointment, but it is my understanding that most of the other citizens were not permitted the opportunity to speak. Apparently the outcome of the \$96/parcel tax increase was predetermined by your Board rendering public comments irrelevant and an exercise in futility.

During the 5/6 Coloma-Lotus Fire Safe meeting at the Coloma Grange Hall the majority of the residents left in exasperation at the dog-n-pony show. The ultimate question was: ***What do Coloma Lotus residents actually get for the \$96/parcel tax increase?*** The only thing made clear was that Coloma-Lotus is NOT going to get station 74 re-opened, nor were we provided any viable options. The few who stayed afterwards to ask questions were obviously upset by the smoke-and-mirrors and avoidance tactics of your staff.

During the 5/3 Board meeting you stated that you are a political entity, but distinctly separate from the county. In short, you are a public servant whose salary is paid via resident's property taxes. That means you are accountable to "we the people." What is most disturbing is the overall reluctance of your department to provide substantial data and straight answers to our direct questions. We ran into the same problem last year after we met with Assemblyman Frank Bigelow at his Capitol office. I highly suggest you closely examine the attached notification of legal responsibility addressed to Assemblyman Bigelow and note the photos. Read as well this article distributed on national news:

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/california-lawmakers-traveled-to-hawaii-with-utility-executives-as-wildfires-raged>

"Those in attendance at the Wailea conference included California Assembly members Frank Bigelow, Bill Brough, Ian Calderon, Jim Cooper, Tom Daly, Heath Flora, Jim Frazier, Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Freddie Rodriguez and Blanca Rubio. State Sens. Ben Hueso and Cathleen Galgiani also attended, nonprofit Consumer Watchdog reports. Bigelow and Brough are Republicans. The rest of the group are Democrats.

A major question still on the minds of Coloma residents requires a direct answer: ***Are residents with one-acre parcels going to be charged the same as someone who owns 1,000 acres?***

Another concern is that 70% of El Dorado County is public land owned by American River Conservancy, BLM and CA State Parks. Government is exempt from property taxes, so essentially that means residents are subsidizing those entities with increased taxes. ***To coin a phrase from history, "Taxation without representation is tyranny." So how would you respond to that statement?***

Since this correspondence is relevant to items on the 5/14/19 BOS agenda, the courtesy of your timely written response is greatly appreciated in order that it may be disseminated to all interested parties.

Sincerely,

Melody Lane

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AFFIDAVIT/DECLARATION OF TRUTH

To: Assemblyman Frank Bigelow
State Capitol, Room 4158
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0005

I, **Melody Lane**, the undersigned, hereinafter: Affiant/Declarant, make this Affidavit/Declaration of Truth of my own free will, and I hereby affirm, declare and solemnly swear, under oath, before a certified California Notary Public, that I am of legal age and of sound mind and hereby attest that all the information contained in this Affidavit/Declaration is true, correct and admissible as evidence.

This Affidavit/Declaration of Truth is lawful notification to you, and is hereby made and sent to you pursuant to the Federal Constitution, specifically, the Bill of Rights, in particular, Amendments I, IV, V, VI, VII, IX and X, and The Declaration of Rights of the California Constitution, in particular, Article 1, Sections 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 21, 23, and Article 3 Section 1, and requires your written rebuttal to me, specific to each and every point of the subject matter stated herein, within 30 days, via your own sworn and notarized affidavit, using true fact(s), valid law and evidence to support your rebuttal.

You are hereby noticed that your failure to respond, as stipulated, and rebut, with particularity and specificity, anything with which you disagree in this Affidavit/Declaration, is your lawful, legal and binding tacit agreement with and admission to the fact that everything in this Affidavit/Declaration is true, correct, legal, lawful, and fully binding upon you in any court in America, without your protest or objection or that of those who represent you. See: *Connally v. General Construction Co.*, 269 U.S. 385, 391. Notification of legal responsibility is “the first essential of due process of law.” Also, 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.*”

Affiant/Declarant hereby affirms that the following actions and events took place:

On January 11, 2018, another El Dorado County citizen and I met with you, Frank Bigelow, in your Capitol office. The issues we discussed were fire, water, government land acquisitions, threats and retaliation for whistleblowing. You were presented with factual evidence, including photos and other documentation relevant to El Dorado County corruption, particularly those involving the S. Fork American River, the Marshall Gold Discovery Historic State Park, and graphic acts of violence reported to El Dorado County Sheriff John D’Agostini and District Attorney Vern Pierson. As we reported to you, law enforcement has been uncooperative and unresponsive to our concerns. **(See Exhibit A)**

Also discussed were the many similarities to the Cliven Bundy situation that garnered national media attention. Not only did you acknowledge your participation in the Bundy conference calls, you

clearly appeared to understand your moral and ethical responsibility to act upon the issues that were presented to you. Therefore you *voluntarily offered your political leverage* to persuade EDC officials to lawfully respond to CA Public Record Act requests for information. You also invited us to return for another appointment to discuss the issues in greater depth. Subsequently you summoned your Chief of Staff, Katie Masingale, into the room and ordered her to close the door while you gave her specific directions to assist us which were all captured on audio.

Constitutionally secured rights are intended to empower citizens to push back against those who would stifle the ardor of citizens who present their grievances to government, arbitrarily silence critics and impede efforts to ensure transparency in government. These issues have escalated to a crisis level. After you betrayed our trust, on May 21, 2018, I sent you, Assemblyman Frank Bigelow, via USPS certified mail, a letter which you received on June 8, 2018. That letter, attached hereto and marked **Exhibit B**, was sent to inform you of these events and statements made by you, and also as an inquiry to ascertain whether you, Assemblyman Frank Bigelow, support and uphold them or would rebut them.

Pursuant to the lawful notification contained in that letter, as I originally stated therein, and as cited and included by reference herein, you were required to respond to and rebut, *with specificity*, anything contained in the May 21st letter with which you disagreed, within thirty (30) days of receipt thereof. The charges contained therein were about *your own un-constitutional actions, or lack thereof*.

On June 26, 2018. I received from you an obtuse letter, dated June 21, 2018. in which you again diverted and obfuscated the specific purpose of our January 11th meeting. However, in your letter, you failed to rebut anything stated in my May 21st lawful notification. Therefore, pursuant to the referenced lawful notification, you tacitly admit to all of the statements, charges and claims contained therein, fully binding upon you in any court, without your protest, objection or that of those who represent you.

Simply put, you are either part of the problem or part of the solution. You were not recently re-elected just to collect a paycheck and to maintain the bureaucratic status quo, nor do your public obligations cease to exist once a constituent walks out of your office with a complimentary copy of the **California and U.S. Constitutions** tucked under their arm. As President Jefferson once said, you are “bound by the chains of your Constitutional Oath of Office.”

Your actions demonstrate you to be a fraud and a domestic-enemy-traitor to the national and state Constitutions, to California and to the people. Loyal American public officers uphold their oaths and take the concerns of their constituents seriously and thus respond in kind to constituents' communications, which, clearly, you did not. In your capacity as a legislator, pursuant to your oath, committed *"legislative violence"* upon a constituent by failure to properly and constitutionally use your legislative authority to resolve my complaints and charges, based on violations of the Constitutions committed by members of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors and other local public officials. Furthermore, your betrayal of our trust encourages the perpetration of EDC *threats and physical acts of violence* against women, senior citizens and conservative political activists such as me. Thus your hypocrisy and abuse of the public trust damaged this constituent and my inherent secured rights.

Some of the things to which you admit include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1) All actions by public officers conducted in the performance of their official duties either support and defend their Constitutional oaths of office, or oppose and violate them. Any enterprise, undertaken by any public official, such as you, who tends to weaken public confidence and undermines the sense of security for individual rights, is against public policy. Fraud, in its elementary common-law sense of **deceit**, is the simplest and clearest definition of that word. You failed to provide honest public services pursuant to your oaths, and in so doing, you perjured your oath by violating my Constitutionally guaranteed Rights, in particular those secured in the Bill of Rights, including but not limited to my 1st Amendment Rights. *See United States v. Dial, 757 R2d 163, 168 (7th Cir 1985) includes the deliberate concealment of material information in a setting of fiduciary obligation. See also USC Title 18, § 2071 - Concealment, removal, or mutilation generally.* By your unlawful actions, you acted in sedition and insurrection against the Constitutions, both federal and state, and in treason against the People, in the instant case, me.
- 2) The purpose of our January meeting was not to seek your advice. The purpose was to bring to your attention evidence of unlawful and criminal actions by the “River Mafia Mob” and other county officials, including law enforcement. If a public officer, such as you, fails to act and correct the matter, then, he condones, aids and abets criminal actions, and further, colludes and conspires to deprive me and other Citizens of their Rights guaranteed in the Constitutions, as a custom, practice and usual business operation of his office and the jurisdiction for which he works. This constitutes treason by the entire jurisdiction against me, and based upon the actions taken and what exists on the public record, it is impossible for any public officer to defend himself against treason committed. *See: 18 USC § 241 - Conspiracy Against Rights. See also: U.S. v. Guest, Ga. 1966, 86 S.Ct. 1170, 383 U.S. 745, 16 L.Ed 239.*
- 3) Under FPPC regulations and AB1234, ethics laws are a floor for officials’ conduct, and not a ceiling. Just because a course of action is legal, doesn’t make it ethical or what one ought to do. Your knowledge of collusion and failure to lawfully respond to constituent concerns, or take corrective measures, permits the continuation of government corruption thus encouraging retaliation and bully tactics. The First Amendment guarantees the Right of free speech and the Right to petition government for redress of grievances, which, the oath taker, pursuant to his oath, is mandated to uphold. You failed this requirement, thus, you violated two provisions of the First Amendment, the Public Trust and perjured your oath.
- 4) It was brought to my attention during a recent Taxpayers Association meeting that you are working with Assemblyman Kevin Kiley to assist Dr. Dale Coco concerning similar stonewalling of Public Record Act requests for information involving the El Dorado Irrigation District. Jack Sweeney, father-in-law to your Field Representative, Trish Sweeney, participated in that discussion which has been a subject investigated by the Grand Jury. Your failure to honor your Constitutional Oaths and appropriately respond to the specific concerns we brought to your

attention during our January 11th meeting, demonstrates your discrimination and lack of due process. Anytime public officers, such as you, pursuant to their oaths, violate Rights guaranteed to Citizens in the Constitutions, they act outside their limited delegated authority, thus, perjure their oaths, and by their own actions, invoke the self-executing Sections 3 and 4 of the 14th Amendment; thereby vacate their offices and forfeit all benefits. In so doing, I was again harmed by your actions and deprived of due process.

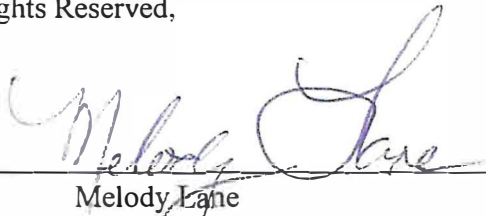
- 5) The First Amendment guarantees the Right of free speech and the Right to petition government for **redress of grievances**, which, the oath taker, pursuant to his oath, is mandated to uphold. If he fails this requirement, then, he has violated two provisions of the First Amendment, the Public Trust and perjured his oath. By your own actions, pursuant to your oath, you have violated these First Amendment guarantees. By not responding and/or not rebutting, such as you have demonstrated, you, the oath taker denies the Citizen remedy, thus, denies the Citizen constitutional due process of law, as stated within the Bill of Rights. There is no legitimate argument to support the claim that oath takers, such as you, are not required to respond to correspondence or other public inquiries, which, in this case, act as petitions for redress of grievances, stating complaints, charges and claims made against them by Citizens injured by their actions. All American Citizens, can expect, and have the Right and duty to demand that you and other government officers uphold their oaths to the Constitution(s) and abide by all constitutionally imposed mandates of their oaths. This is an un-enumerated Right guaranteed in the Ninth Amendment, which I hereby claim and exercise.

Lawful notification has been provided to you stating that if you do not truthfully and factually rebut the statements, charges and averments made in this Affidavit/Declaration, then, you agree with and admit to them. Pursuant to that lawful notification, if you disagree with anything stated under oath in this Affidavit/Declaration of Truth, then rebut that with which you disagree, with particularity, within thirty (30) days of receipt thereof, by means of your own written, sworn, notarized affidavit of truth, based on true specific, relevant fact and valid law to support your disagreement, attesting to your rebuttal and supportive positions, as valid and lawful, under the pains and penalties of perjury under the laws of the United States of America and this state of California. An un-rebutted affidavit stands as truth and fact before any court.

Your failure to respond, as stipulated, is your agreement with and irrevocable admission to the fact that everything in this Affidavit/Declaration of Truth is true, correct, legal, lawful, fully binding upon you, Assemblyman Frank Bigelow, in any court of law in America, without your protest, objection or that of those who represent you.

Further Affiant sayeth naught.

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By: 
Melody Lane

Date: 7/11/18

*Melody Lane, Founder
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(See attached California Notarization)

Attachments:

- Exhibit A – MGDPA Arson fire photos at foot of my property & weapon Case File EG18-0098
- Exhibit B - May 21, 2018 letter received by Frank Bigelow on June 8, 2018

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COUNTY OF El Dorado

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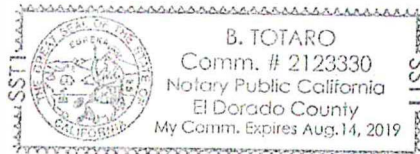
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proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

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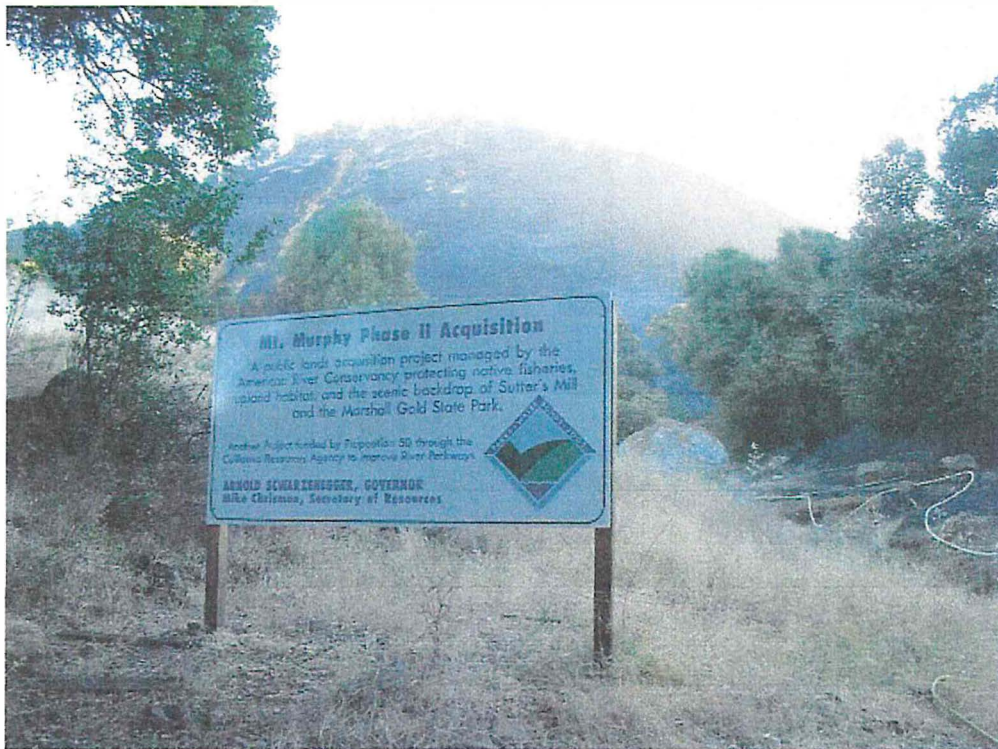
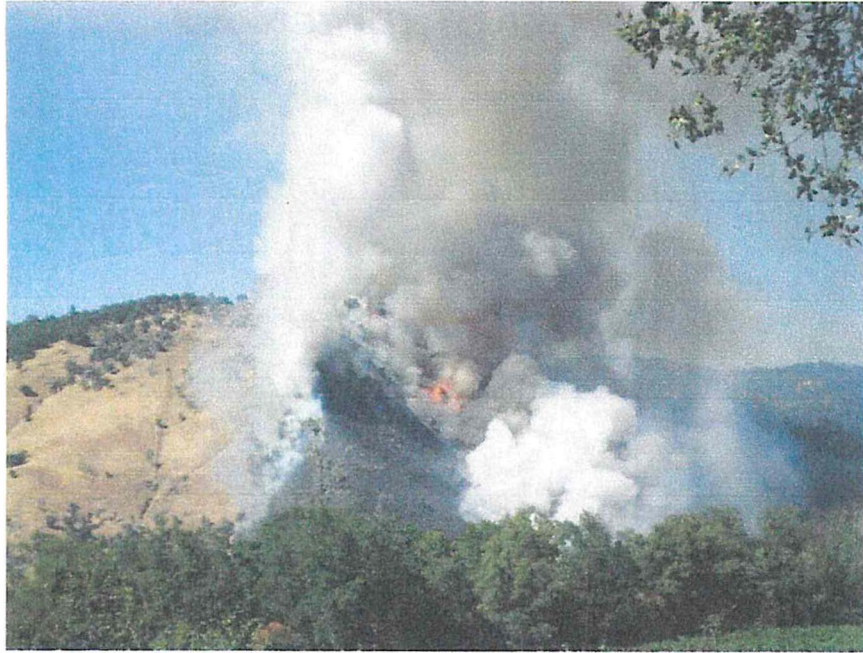
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Mt. Murphy Phase II Acquisition -- A public lands acquisition project managed by the American River Conservancy protecting native fisheries, upland habitat, and the scenic backdrop of Sutter's Mill and the Marshall Gold State Park -- Another project funded by Proposition 50 through the California Resources Agency to improve River Parkways. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor & Mike Chrisman, Secretary of Resources.

EXHIBIT A-1

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EXHIBIT A-2

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May 21, 2018

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Assemblyman Bigelow,

This letter is lawful notification to you, and is hereby made and sent to you pursuant to the national Constitution, specifically, the Bill of Rights, in particular, Amendments I, IV, V, VI, VII, IX and X, and the California Constitution, in particular, Article 1, Sections 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 21, 23, and Article 3 Section 1. This letter requires your written rebuttal to me, specific to each claim, statement and averment made herein, within 30 days of the date of this letter, using fact, valid law and evidence to support your rebuttal.

You are hereby noticed that your failure to respond within 30 days as stipulated, and rebut with particularity everything in this letter with which you disagree is your lawful, legal and binding agreement with and admission to the fact that everything in this letter is true, correct, legal, lawful and binding upon you, in any court, anywhere in America, without your protest or objection or that of those who represent you. Your silence is your acquiescence. See: *Connally v. General Construction Co.*, 269 U.S. 385, 391. Notification of legal responsibility is "the first essential of due process of law." Also, 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.*"

What I say in this letter is based in the supreme, superseding authority of the Constitution for the United States of America, circa 1787, as amended in 1791, with the Bill of Rights, and the California Constitution, to which all public officers have sworn or affirmed oaths, under which they are bound by Law. It is impossible for an oath taker to *lawfully* defy and oppose the authority of the documents to which he or she swore or affirmed his or her oath. My claims, statements and averments also pertain to actions taken by you since our January 11, 2018 meeting in your office at the Capitol. When I use the term "public officer(s)", this term includes you.

EXHIBIT B

Since America and California are both Constitutional Republics, not democracies, they are required to operate under the Rule of Law, and not the rule of man. The Supreme Law and superseding authority in this nation is the national Constitution, as declared in Article VI of that document. In Article IV, Section 4 of that Constitution, every state is guaranteed a republican form of government. Any "laws", rules, regulations, codes and policies which conflict with, contradict, oppose and violate the national and state Constitutions are null and void, *ab initio*. It is a fact that your oath requires you to support the national and state Constitutions and the rights of the people secured therein.

You swore an oath to uphold and support the Constitution of the United States of America, and pursuant to your oath, you are required to abide by that oath in the performance of your official duties. You have no Constitutional or other valid authority to defy the Constitution, to which you owe your LIMITED authority, delegated to you by and through the People, and to which you swore your oath. No public officer, including you, has the constitutional authority to oppose, deny, defy, violate and disparage the very documents to which he or she swore or affirmed his or her oath. All actions by public officers conducted in the performance of their official duties either support and defend the national and state Constitutions, or oppose and violate them.

"The Oath of Office is a quid pro quo contract in which clerks, officials, or officers of the government pledge to perform (Support and uphold the United States and State Constitutions) in return for substance (wages, perks, benefits). Proponents are subjected to the penalties and remedies for Breach of Contract, conspiracy under Title 28 U.S.C., Title 18 Sections 241 and 242, treason under the Constitution at Article 3, Section 3., and intrinsic fraud..."

Whenever constitutional violations are committed by public officers, there are constitutional remedies available to the people. Such remedies make those who violate their oaths, such as you, accountable and liable for their unconstitutional actions conducted in perjury of their oaths. When public officers take oaths, yet are ignorant of the constitutional positions to which they are bound by their oaths, and then fail to abide by them in the performance of their official duties, this suggests that they may have had no intention of ever honoring their oaths, and their signatures upon the oath documents constitute fraud. Fraud vitiates any action.

In order for America to survive as a Constitutional Republic, it is imperative that all aspects of government, including you, abide by all Constitutional requirements while conducting your official duties. When you and other public officers violate the Constitutions, at will, as an apparent custom, practice and policy of office, you and they subvert the authority, mandates and protections of the Constitutions, thereby act as domestic enemies to these Republics and their people. When large numbers of public officers so act, this reduces America, California and the County of El Dorado to the status of frauds operating for the benefit of governments and their corporate allies, and not for the people they theoretically serve.

Officials at all levels of government, including you, have unlawfully insulated themselves from their constituents through the unconstitutional use of tactics that run afoul of the First Amendment's safeguards for free speech, public assembly and the right to petition the government for redress of grievances, as well as all aspects of due process of law. Constitutionally secured rights are intended to empower citizens to push back against those who would stifle the ardor of citizens, arbitrarily silence critics and impede efforts to ensure transparency in government. This was the explicit purpose of our January 11, 2018 meeting in your Capitol office. In that regard you have fraudulently deprived me, and other El Dorado County citizens, of civil liberties, to wit:

On October 25, 2017 Diana Knoles scheduled a one-hour meeting for January 11th at your Capitol office to discuss issues relevant to fire, water, and government land acquisitions. Diana informed me that your Legislative Director, Hannah Ackley, would be joining us. Despite numerous attempts in January to reach anyone in your office by phone, it wasn't until the afternoon of January 10, 2018 that I was finally able to contact your new scheduler, Maria Heredia, to confirm our January 11th meeting. However Maria stated our meeting had been inexplicably reduced to only 30 minutes. Since our time was limited, I prepared the attached agenda in order to keep us focused on the most critical issues facing El Dorado County and the site of the historic California Gold Rush that changed the face of our entire nation. **(See Exhibit A)**

While waiting for you to arrive for our 11 AM appointment, Maria encouraged us to help ourselves to complimentary copies of the books lining your shelves which significantly included ***"The Constitutions of California and the United States with Related Documents."***

After brief introductions were initially made, we quickly got down to the purpose of our meeting and related concerns about government retaliation, threats and corruption. As a rural rancher, you quickly grasped the similarities to the government conflict experienced by the Bundy's and what we are perpetually wrangling with in El Dorado County. Having captured your attention, you enthusiastically expressed willingness to schedule another meeting to further discuss the issues in greater detail. Recognizing the serious nature of the situation and the graphic evidence we laid out on the table, you then summoned your Chief of Staff, Katie Masingale, to join us and requested she close the door behind her. Following is a partial transcript of that conversation:

Bigelow: I'm actually one of those who understands some of this stuff. So I need to know how far I have to go because now I have to report this. And, uh, I have to figure out which department and where, uh, who's going to be doing what. If the local Sheriff and local District Attorney are on board and they're handling it...

Melody: They're NOT on board. That's the problem. We've met with...

B: They have a case file. You should have a number.

M: Yes.

B: Actually you should have two case numbers.

M: I've got SEVERAL cases. They were not only provided to the Grand Jury and the District Attorney, but to the Department of Justice, and I'll even go so far as to say to the FBI.

B: OK.

M: There have been twelve of us who've gone down to the FBI about El Dorado County corruption. That's basically what we're here to let you know about the issues, but it's going nowhere. What IS happening is the retaliation. Carol, would you like to put your two cents in about the...?

C: Well my issues about the land acquisitions...(Katie Masingale enters room)

Bigelow: Katie, help us out here. *Close the door real quick.* Um, we need to have some follow up with both ladies. They've both had crimes that have been committed that are violent in nature. One, she had a weapon found on her property, and the second was an actual gun, uh, she had bullets fired at her, or in the vicinity of her property, uh, or towards her.

Katie: OK.

Bigelow: So we have to report crimes committed, um...

Katie: Have you guys contacted the local law enforcement?

M & C (simultaneously): Oh yeah. Yes! You better believe it.

B: They have cases and made documentations, but we're supposed to, at least when I was Supervisor we were supposed to report all of that, uh, when people make that to us. Second issue that they have that we need to help identify, and we've got some information here, they've made Public Information Requests to state agencies but they've not responded...

M: State AND local agencies.

B: State and local. So what we can do to assist them is, just, we send a letter saying, hey, we've met with, we're aware they've made an information request, can you please follow up on it. That's a simple letter and so that kind of rocks their boat a little bit.

M: Thank you!

B: But if you can do that, by the way Katie is my Chief of Staff, Hannah is my Legislative Director. But if you can follow up with the letter aspect then, I don't know because I've not had this in the five years while I was supervising, but here I don't know. So I need you to find out who we have to report this to and how it's to be handled, uh, because these are serious.

K: OK. Uh, can you make sure you get their contact information, and I'll get in touch with you guys. (Katie exits)

M: Yeah, sure. I'm going to leave this with you too. This is from Jack Sweeney that, uh, has to do with a former El Dorado County public employee who has since left to work in Placer County, Claudia Wade, over a lawsuit with American River Conservancy. That's also about retaliation as well, to the tune of over \$60,000 but that's another one you can read. I'm just going to leave this with you too as the documentation. I think you'll find that helpful when you have time to look into it. **(See Exhibit B)**

B: (Looking at the documentation) Sure. Some of the innuendos about, and allegations at the Republican Central Committee, you know, that there was just a little snippet about, uh, just kinda going out there but not enough to, uh, but yeah, I heard it.

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On January 12, 2018 I mailed you a letter via USPS in follow up to our January 11th meeting which included photographs and other pertinent information relevant to the subjects discussed with you, Hannah Ackley, and Katie Masingale. **(See Exhibit C)**

Then on February 5th @ 5:54 PM I emailed additional substantiating documents to you which included this pertinent excerpt:

"The government was out to bury Cliven Bundy and his sons for daring to challenge the all-powerful federal government...Before the rise of radical environmentalism and the passage of the National Environmental Policy Act in 1969, other federal environmental acts in the early 1970's and UN's Agenda 21 in 1992, the BLM had a symbiotic relationship with ranchers and farmers... This all sounds benign and friendly, except that their actions on the ground don't comport with their mission and gloss over their hidden radical environmental agenda and evil intent. If the BLM doesn't comply with strict environmental law or the FLPMA, wealthy, powerful environmental groups sue them. Who pays when environmentalists win? The taxpayer. And environmentalists win all the time... Today, ranchers and farmers are in a constant battle almost to the death with the BLM, the Environmental

Protection Agency, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Agency and the Department of the Interior. Many landowners are driven out of business. Many have committed suicide. (That's right, suicide)... Ladies and gentlemen, all this is why we formed the National Association of Rural Landowners in 2005 to act as advocates for the beleaguered rural landowner. We provide products and services to the landowner to defend against government abuse and illegal trespassing. Over 7,000 of our powerful, legally intimidating 18" x 24" No Trespassing signs have been installed on rural lands all across America, blunting trespassing by government agents and law enforcement."

Due to the sensitive nature of the confidential information we would be sharing, I had specifically requested that Diana Knoles schedule our meeting with you at the Capitol in order to bypass your Field Representative, Trish Sweeney. As you are aware, former Supervisor Jack Sweeney is Trish's father-in-law. Jack Sweeney figured predominantly in our discussions with the FBI about El Dorado County corruption. Needless to say, we were appalled to see Katie Masingale responded on your behalf and included Trish on the February 5th email correspondence. What Katie stated was totally contrary to the purpose of our January 11th meeting and how you directed her to assist us. In so doing you violated your Oaths, betrayed our trust and further jeopardized our safety by setting us up for more government retaliation. **(See Exhibit D)**

Any enterprise, undertaken by any public official, such as you, who tends to weaken public confidence and undermines the sense of security for individual rights, is against public policy. Fraud, in its elementary common-law sense of **deceit**, is the simplest and clearest definition of that word. My claims, statements and averments also pertain to your actions taken regarding your failure to provide honest public services, pursuant to your oaths.

You've been made aware of numerous unlawful government practices within your district, yet you've failed to take any remedial action as you professed to do. You have been unresponsive to communications and/or relegated your responsibility to staff that obfuscated and diverted any meaningful replies whatsoever. (See U.S. versus Tweel above.) Consequently you've aided and abetted the perpetuation of government fraud, and are therefore culpable, complicit and liable.

You are also cognizant that Public Service Ethics training is mandatory of all elected officials as required by the Political Reform Act and AB1234. The ethics manual published by the Institute for Local Government repeatedly emphasizes the following:

- Public officials cannot retaliate against those who whistle-blow.
- Prohibitions deter betrayals of the public's trust by creating penalties for such betrayal.
- Ethics laws are a floor for officials conduct, not a ceiling.

- Even though a course of action may be lawful under state law, it may not be lawful under federal law.
- The law provides only minimum standards for ethical conduct. Just because a course of action is legal, doesn't make it ethical/what one ought to do.
- Transparency is an important element of public service.

By your actions it is clear that you have violated each and every one of these provisions. When you and other public officers violate the Constitutions, at will, as an apparent custom, practice and policy of office, you and they subvert the authority, mandates and protection of the Constitutions, thereby act as domestic enemies to these Republics and their people. When large numbers of public officers so act, this reduces America, California and the County of El Dorado to the status of frauds operating for the benefit of governments and their corporate allies, and not for the people they theoretically serve.

Yet, by your actions against me, you've deprived me and other Citizens their rights to address public officers, provide testimony or allow due process. It is apparent the public's access to elected officials and their input has been reduced to irrelevancy, thereby demonstrating that our meeting served little more than to portray a false impression of government transparency and accountability, while providing neither. Thus you and associated staff have perpetrated fraud against the people who pay your salary and who you are required to serve.

Anytime public officers, pursuant to their oaths, violate Rights guaranteed to Citizens in the Constitutions, they act outside their limited delegated authority, thus, perjure their oaths, and by their own actions, invoke the self-executing Sections 3 and 4 of the 14th Amendment; thereby vacate their offices and forfeit all benefits thereof, including salaries and pensions.

Depriving the public of honest services is a federal crime. My claims, statements and averments also pertain to your actions taken regarding your failure to provide honest public services, pursuant to your oaths. All public officers within whatever branch and whatever level of government, and whatever be their private vocations, are trustees of the people, and accordingly labor under every disability and prohibition imposed by law upon trustees relative to the making of personal financial gain from a discharge of their trusts. That is, a public officer occupies a fiduciary relationship to the political entity on whose behalf he or she serves and owes a fiduciary duty to the public. The fiduciary responsibilities of a public officer cannot be less than those of a private individual. You have failed your fiduciary responsibilities and duty.

Furthermore, any enterprise undertaken by the public official who tends to weaken public confidence and undermine the sense of security for individual rights is against public policy. Fraud, in its elementary common-law sense of **deceit**, is the simplest and clearest definition of that word [483 U.S. 372] in the statute. See *United States v. Dial*, 757 R2d 163, 168 (7th Cir 1985) includes the deliberate concealment of

material information in a setting of fiduciary obligation. See also USC Title 18, § 2071 – Concealment, removal, or mutilation generally.

It is the duty of every Citizen to demand that elected officials, such as you, specifically perform pursuant to the constitutional mandates contained within their oaths, thereby uphold and protect the rights of the people, as opposed to upholding and promoting the profits of a rapacious, destructive association that perniciously violates the rights of the people as its apparent routine custom, practice and policy.

As stated previously, actions by a public officer either uphold the Constitutions and rights secured therein, or oppose them. By your stepping outside of your delegated authority you lost any "perceived immunity" of your office and you can be sued for your wrongdoing against me, personally, privately, individually and in your professional capacity, as can all those in your jurisdiction, including anyone having oversight responsibility for you, including any judges or prosecuting attorneys and public officers for that jurisdiction, if, once they are notified of your wrongdoing, they fail to take lawful actions to correct it, pursuant to their oaths and their duties, thereto:

"Personal involvement in deprivation of constitutional rights is prerequisite to award of damages, but defendant may be personally involved in constitutional deprivation by direct participation, failure to remedy wrongs after learning about it, creation of a policy or custom under which unconstitutional practices occur or gross negligence in managing subordinates who cause violation." (Gallegos v. Haggerty, N.D. of New York, 689 F. Supp. 93 (1988)).

If those superiors referenced above fail to act and correct the matter, then, they condone, aid and abet your criminal actions, and further, collude and conspire to deprive me and other Citizens of their Rights guaranteed in the Constitutions, as a custom, practice and usual business operation of their office and the jurisdiction for which they work. This constitutes treason by the entire jurisdiction against me, and based upon the actions taken and what exists on the public record, it is impossible for any public officer to defend himself against treason committed. See: 18 USC § 241 - Conspiracy against rights and 18 USC § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law. See also: U.S. v. Guest, Ga. 1966, 86 S.Ct. 1170, 383 U.S. 745, 16 L.Ed 239.

Your choice is very simple. You can either uphold your oath and the rights and best interests of the people, or violate your oath and your duties to the people. As stated previously, anytime you perjure your oath, defy the authority of the Constitutions and step outside of the lawful scope of your duties and authority, you are personally liable. In fact, the national Constitution provides remedy for the people when public officers, such as you, perjure their oaths, which remedy, in part, can be found at the referenced Sections 3 and 4 of the 14th Amendment.

Pursuant to the constitutional mandates imposed upon them, by and through their oaths, there is no discretion on the part of public officers to oppose the Constitutions and their oaths thereto, nor to be selective about which, if any, mandates

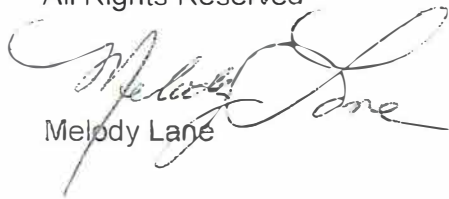
and protections in the Constitutions they support. The mandates and protections set forth in the Constitutions are all-encompassing, all-inclusive and fully binding upon public officers, without exception, as they are upon you.

If you disagree with anything in this letter, then rebut that with which you disagree, in writing, with particularity, to me, within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter, and support your disagreement with valid evidence, fact and law.

Your failure to respond, as stipulated, is your agreement with and admission to the fact that everything in this letter is true, correct, legal, lawful, and is your irrevocable agreement attesting to this, fully binding upon you, in any court in America, without your protest or objection or that of those who represent you.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

Exhibit A – 1/11/18 Bigelow Meeting Agenda

Exhibit B – 5/5/15 Jack Sweeney letter to BOS re: Wade v. ARC & EDC

Exhibit C – January 12, 2018 letter to Bigelow

Exhibit D - February 5th & 6th, 2018 email correspondence

January 11, 2018 @ 11 AM
Assemblyman Bigelow
Legislative Director, Hannah Ackley

- I. BLM Land Acquisitions
 - A. American River Conservancy
 - B. CA State Parks, Recreation & Historical Resources

- II. Sierra Watershed
 - A. American River Corridor
 - B. River Management Plan
 - C. Department of Natural Resources

- III. CA Fires - Public Safety
 - A. Causes
 - B. Legal Issues
 - C. Fire Marshall – Fire Safe Councils

- IV. Other Issues

EXHIBIT A

J. Sweeney Open Forum BAS 5/15/15

Statement to Board of Supervisors at Open Forum by James R. "Jack" Sweeney Date May 5, 2015

Subject: County Property at Chili Bar

On March 12, 2015 the American River Conservancy (ARC) advertised that they were seeking a Park Aide to work at Chili Bar. This raised my curiosity and prompted the following remarks. It also raises the question as to whether the ARC disregards the authority of the County and if they will continue to get away with such disregard?

When the American River Conservancy sold the property to the County all previous reserved rights merged and no rights were reserved upon that sale. Hence, the ARC retained absolutely no authority nor authorization to remain on the property. Since that sale, the ARC has been squatting on the Public Property owned by the County. ARC refused agreements for occupancy offered by the County.

Unless there has been an agreement made between the County and ARC since January 2013, they are still squatters and should not be offering employment on County Property. I have not seen any such agreement on the open public agenda! The County should immediately stop ARC from using Chili Bar or reach an appropriate agreement that is considered through the public agenda process.

While this matter was rising to the filing of a lawsuit, the County DOT Staff had reached a solution that would have been amicable to all parties; the Board was not given that solution!

The County is already involved in one lawsuit over the ARC misuse of Chili Bar and has countersued for use of an easement to which the County has absolutely no rights.

The County should withdraw the countersuit for the easement; I consider that action to be inappropriate and/or illegal!

The County should settle the original suit out of court.

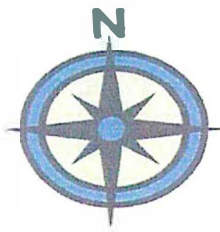
I would be willing to work with the County to seek these solutions!

The case is Wade v. County of El Dorado and American River Conservancy PC20120264 —
Eminent Domain & retaliation

James R. Sweeney

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January 12, 2018

Assemblyman Frank Bigelow
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Dear Assemblyman Bigelow,

Thank you for the time and concern that you and Legislative Director, Hannah Ackley, afforded us during our brief meeting yesterday. It was encouraging to see the complimentary copies of *The Constitutions of California and the United States* and other related books lining your bookshelves. They tied in perfectly to the purpose of our meeting. You'll recall our topics focused primarily on government land acquisitions, water and fire issues along the S. Fork American River, and El Dorado County's lack of compliance with government transparency laws and due process requirements described under AB1234, specifically the Brown Act and CA Public Record Act requests for information.

As I mentioned, the Marshall Gold Discovery Historic State Park and the South Fork American River are the heart and lifeblood of El Dorado County. BLM, CA State Parks and American River Conservancy are major components of the River Management Plan (RMP) aka 'River Mafia Politics.' The materials we left with you provide only a few examples of their highly unethical, unconstitutional, and aggressive legal tactics employed against Citizens living adjacent to or near rural public lands. The acts of retaliation we described speak volumes about local government corruption.

The situation that is unfolding in El Dorado County parallels the BLM vs Bundy situation, and we are fearful it will soon escalate into a similar legal nightmare for many of us: <https://www.lewrockwell.com/2018/01/roger-roots/nevada-bundy-prosecution-collapses-the-federal-government-spent-a-quarter-billion-dollars-but-couldnt-convict-the-bundys-of-a-single-crime/> ***"For two years, more than a thousand FBI agents combed through Facebook comments, posed as supporters or journalists, or surfed the internet to concoct a case against the Bundys."***

I failed to mention that I lost my beloved golden retriever in the 2007 Mt. Murphy arson fire that was ignited at the foot of my property by third generation firefighter Ben Cunha. He was sentenced under \$10 million bail bond, same as the King Fire arsonist. State Parks made sure the media obfuscated the facts of the matter. It is significant that I was either contacted on the job at Sacramento City Hall, or I received personal calls at home and letters from each of the legislators and other agencies on the enclosed 2007 letter, including one signed by Governor Schwarzenegger. I'm confident you'll agree the mainstream media cannot be relied upon to honestly

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address these politically-charged and financially-driven topics. Consequently the public cannot vote intelligently unless they are truthfully informed about the real issues behind the news and the candidate's Constitutional position on legislative matters.

We are soon approaching the anniversary of James Marshall's January 24, 1848 discovery of gold in Coloma that changed the face of our entire nation. (See the enclosed **2009 COMPAS News Release**) Little has changed since the Gold Rush, except the issues have become much more sophisticated and litigious. As 2018 is also an election year, we're hopeful your proactive support of our concerns will help garner the media attention and potentially spark a 'revival fire' of Constitutional governance in El Dorado County, and perhaps ignite like 'wildfire' across the rest of California...

Your recognition of the serious nature of the topics we discussed, and more importantly your willingness to leverage your authority to apply pressure to El Dorado County officials to comply with the CA Public Record Act, is a giant step in the right direction. In that regard, please refer to the attached documents which should prove helpful in addressing your correspondence to EDC public officials as we discussed on Thursday.

Thank you again for your pledge to support El Dorado County concerned citizens and adherence to Constitutional governance. Should you have any questions, or wish to schedule another appointment to discuss these issues in greater depth, please feel free to contact me, (530) 642-1670.

Sincerely,

Melody Lane
Founder, *Compass2Truth*

CC: Hannah Ackley, Legislative Director

Attachments:

- 1) CAO Don Ashton Affidavit
- 2) 10/7/07 Cal Fire Grijalva/Coleman State Parks letter & photos
- 3) 1/9/18 BOS Open Forum presentation/CPRAs
- 4) COMPAS News Release

From: Melody Lane [mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 10:36 AM
To: 'Masingale, Katie'; Frank.Bigelow@asm.ca.gov
Cc: 'Ackley, Hannah'; 'Sweeney, Trish'
Subject: RE: Follow up to BLM/Fire/Water meeting with Asm. Bigelow last week

Katie,

Apparently you still don't get it. We came to the Capitol office in confidence that the Assemblyman could be trusted to do the right thing and abide by his Constitutional Oaths of Office.

I will reiterate again that we did NOT expect your office to handle public record act requests on our behalf!!! Assemblyman Bigelow VOLUNTARILY OFFERED to use his influence by writing a letter to the appropriate local entities urging them to COMPLY WITH THE LAW concerning CPRAs. That is his duty as an elected official.

We explained the more serious issue was the RETALIATION we have been experiencing at the hands of local government. It was further explained that District Attorney Vern Pierson and Sheriff D`Agostini have made it clear they will NOT protect and defend citizens from such retaliation and breach of the public trust.

Instead of being part of the solution, you exacerbated the problem. By forwarding the specific information you were provided to EDC government representatives you seriously compromised the safety of ALL the individuals whom we represent. In so doing we were betrayed by your office and set up for even more government retaliation.

With help like that, who needs enemies???

Melody Lane

Founder - Compass2Truth

"Government is not reason, it is not eloquence, it is force. And force like fire, is a demanding servant and a fearful master. A fire not to be quenched, it demands a uniform vigilance to prevent its bursting into a flame, lest instead of warming it should consume. Never for a moment should it be left to irresponsible action." ~

George Washington ~

From: Masingale, Katie [mailto:Katie.Masingale@asm.ca.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 9:53 AM
To: Melody Lane
Cc: Ackley, Hannah; Sweeney, Trish
Subject: RE: Follow up to BLM/Fire/Water meeting with Asm. Bigelow last week

Melody,

I want to reiterate my sincerest apologies for not being able to do more. As I said, after looking into this situation and going over our options, it seems that you have done the due diligence necessary to move this along. Unfortunately, it is our office policy to not handle public records requests on behalf of our constituents. Outside of that, our hands are tied. We have forwarded your information to the appropriate local entities and they are aware that we have been working with you.

Assemblyman Bigelow will always work on behalf of his constituents, and will always do everything in his power to facilitate their needs and the needs of the 5th Assembly District. With this specific situation, our contacts at State Agencies will not be able to facilitate any assistance as this is a local issue.

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Thank you, and please let us know if we can ever be of assistance in the future.

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Office of Assemblyman Frank Bigelow
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From: Melody Lane [mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com]

Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 5:12 PM

To: Masingale, Katie; Bigelow, Franklin

Cc: Ackley, Hannah; Sweeney, Trish

Subject: RE: Follow up to BLM/Fire/Water meeting with Asm. Bigelow last week

Hi Katie,

Thanks for responding. We are disappointed to learn that the Assemblyman has rescinded his voluntary offer of support to write a strong letter influencing EDC government officials to lawfully respond to CPRAs.

On January 11th we carefully described the serious nature of the issues on our prepared agenda and subsequent retaliation many EDC citizens have been experiencing for whistleblowing. Assemblyman Bigelow clearly understood his duty to report the retaliation and to act upon it. It was for that reason you were summoned into the room and asked to close the door behind you.

California, and our entire nation for that matter, is at a point of crisis in government transparency and accountability. As I'm sure you are aware, AB1234 involves mandatory ethics training for public officials. However just because something may be legal doesn't mean it is ethical. Under the Political Reform Act, federal anticorruption law broadly guarantees the public "honest services" from public officials. Depriving the public of honest services is a federal crime. Virtually all government officials rely on an army of lucratively paid and publicly funded lawyers to defend them against the citizens to whom they are accountable.

Hiring an attorney as you suggested is out of the question. Too many citizens are systematically victimized by the **corporate law and injustice system**. Nobody—not even the Bundy's—have the financial resources to fight these governmental Goliaths in the legal arena.

The First Amendment guarantees the Right of free speech and the Right to petition government for redress of grievances, which, the oath taker, pursuant to his oath, is mandated to uphold. If he fails this requirement, then, he has violated two provisions of the First Amendment, the Public Trust and perjured his oath. One of the purposes of the oath is that it is given in exchange for the Public Trust, which essentially was the purpose of our January 11th discussion. We recognize the futility of legal assistance, but we did expect the Assemblyman to exercise his influence on our behalf as he promised.

During this morning's lively Taxpayers Association meeting former Supervisor Jack Sweeney agreed with comments I made. In essence, *"Corporate law is not the same as Constitutional law. However our government is run by corporate legal bureaucrats with no apparent intention of honoring their Constitutional Oaths of Office. Just recently the Board of Supervisors suspended the 1st Amendment during public meetings. Their intent was to silence public input. The solution to our problems is to restore Constitutional governance and accountability to the people where it belongs."*

In case you are interested in Constitutional methods that have proven successful throughout the nation, more information is available this site: <http://citizensoftheamericanconstitution.net/>

Respectfully,

Melody Lane

Founder – Compass2Truth

As history teaches us, if the people have little or no knowledge of the basics of government and their rights, those who wield governmental power inevitably wield it excessively. After all, a citizenry can only hold its government accountable if it knows when the government oversteps its bounds. ~ John Whitehead ~

From: Masingale, Katie [<mailto:Katie.Masingale@asm.ca.gov>]
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 12:40 PM
To: melody.lane@reagan.com
Cc: Ackley, Hannah; Sweeney, Trish
Subject: RE: Follow up to BLM/Fire/Water meeting with Asm. Bigelow last week

Hi Melody,

Thank you for providing support and background information on your situation. After looking into this a bit further, it seems that there isn't much our office can do moving forward.

Unfortunately, it seems that you have reached out to the same entities we would have typically forwarded your request to. It is our office protocol to have constituents handle public records requests themselves, as they are coming from you, not the Assemblyman. Your situation is very focused, and should be handled by the appropriate local entities. It doesn't seem that there is an opportunity for us to help you at the State level.

Further, if you need assistance beyond local law enforcement, we would recommend hiring an attorney. We are unable to provide legal counsel from this office.

I'm sorry we are not able to be of more assistance for your situation.

Katie Masingale, Chief of Staff

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From: Melody Lane [<mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 5:44 PM
To: Ackley, Hannah
Cc: Assemblymember Bigelow
Subject: Follow up to BLM/Fire/Water meeting with Asm. Bigelow last week

Hi Hannah,

A hard copy of the attached letter and associated documents should have already reached your office. For the purposes of a follow up letter pressuring lawful compliance with CA Public Record Act requests for information, you will find the names of the EDC public officials listed on the CAO Don Ashton Affidavit to whom Asm. Bigelow's letter should be addressed. I would appreciate receiving a copy for my records.

To date there are numerous outstanding CPRAs that the County and State Parks refuse to respond to involving the River Management Plan, code and law enforcement. Since we met last Thursday, Sheriff D'Agostini has directed staff NOT to pick up the weapon found on my property, view additional evidence of retaliation, or to complete investigation of several related incidents. The goal is to run anyone who dares to challenge the

government out of the county. Consequently I addressed the subject of EDSO cover up during Monday's Taxpayers Association meeting when District Attorney Vern Pierson was the guest speaker. Pierson's response was less than satisfactory causing the meeting to be abruptly adjourned.

In that regard I believe you will find this related article to be of interest. It will better help to connect the materials we left with you concerning the similarities to the Bundy situation and that of other El Dorado County rural residents: <https://newswithviews.com/just-how-bad-is-the-blm/> (also attached as a Word.doc)

Excerpts: "The government was out to bury Cliven Bundy and his sons for daring to challenge the all-powerful federal government... Before the rise of radical environmentalism and the passage of the National Environmental Policy Act in 1969, other federal environmental acts in the early 1970's and UN's Agenda 21 in 1992, the BLM had a symbiotic relationship with ranchers and farmers... This all sounds benign and friendly, except that their actions on the ground don't comport with their mission and gloss over their hidden radical environmental agenda and evil intent. If the BLM doesn't comply with strict environmental law or the FLPMA, wealthy, powerful environmental groups sue them. Who pays when environmentalists win? The taxpayer. And environmentalists win all the time... Today, ranchers and farmers are in a constant battle almost to the death with the BLM, the Environmental Protection Agency, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Agency and the Department of the Interior. Many landowners are driven out of business. Many have committed suicide. (That's right, suicide)... Ladies and gentlemen, all this is why we formed the **National Association of Rural Landowners** in 2005 to act as advocates for the beleaguered rural landowner. We provide products and services to the landowner to defend against government abuse and illegal trespassing. Over 7,000 of our powerful, legally intimidating 18" x 24" **No Trespassing signs** have been installed on rural lands all across America, blunting trespassing by government agents and law enforcement."

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss these issues in greater depth, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

Melody Lane

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"Government's first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives." ~ Ronald Reagan ~