

RMAC Meeting - 1-8-18

Nate and Adam's suggestions for changes in the BOS resolution re RMAC.

First, obviously there would have to be a change in the "Whereas" section reflecting the new RMP and any other changes that the BOS determines should happen.

Second, under "Item II. Composition of Representatives" we actually like the current composition but would like to add an "Alternate" individual for the following positions: Business Rep, Outfitter Rep, Non-commercial Boater Rep, Landowner/Resident Rep and the already existing State Parks Rep.

We also note that we are strongly urging the BOS to keep our committee and appointed standing committee. We've heard all of the reasons why staff and, at least, some of the BOS would like us to be an ad-hoc body. But the bottom line is that we believe our constituencies, and the interests that we represent, are best served by utilization of a standing committee. We would also note that we are, or at least can and should be, self funding via the River Trust Fund. There really is no other reason to make our committee ad-hoc if, in fact, our members and our communities wish us to stay appointed.

Under section G of that same set the current River Manager should be substituted for the "Airport, Parks and Grounds Manager" copy.

Under Section "IV. Appointment and Conditions" we'd like to suggest a 3 year term for all representatives. We'd like to start with a fresh slate, and have half of the appointees given 2 year terms, the other half 3 year and then all terms about those expire would be 3 years. Our rationale for 3 years is that 4 years is a long commitment, and also that if someone is doing a subpar job it would make it easier to the BOS to put another individual in his or her place.

Under "Section V. Powers and Duties" we would like to keep the same advisory powers and duties as they relate to the BOS and the Planning Commission, but also add in those advisory duties to the Parks and Recreation Commission. We note that the BOS has stated they are not disbanding RMAC, and that they are still interested in our input. Keeping this same language is one way for them to attain just that.

Under "Section IX. Communications" we note there has been a lack of consistency in how that has taken place. We would suggest that the RMAC Chairperson appoint a member of the committee to make certain that recommendations and communications that should go to the BOS, Planning Commission or Parks and Rec Commission do just that.

Another note we'd like to make is a suggestion to hold our monthly meetings at an appropriate location in the Coloma-Lotus Valley. If there's a cost involved in that we are fine with that choice and would utilize the River Trust Fund for such expenditures.

One last note we'd like to make is that whilst we think it's fine for our Committee to make these suggestions, we also feel it's important to run these suggestions by our larger community in the Coloma-Lotus Valley at an upcoming meeting. All of us should be seeking to make this Committee as effective and useful a tool as possible for staff, the three Commissions and Boards that we will advise and, finally, the citizens of our County that we all serve. We're sure that we are far smarter collectively than we are as individuals or even small groups.

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