

Matt Smeltzer has identified the Mt. Murphy Road Bridge CIP as the primary model for all the other historic bridges in EDC. As goes Coloma, so goes the rest of the county.

My purpose today is to confront the elephant in the room...

I'll begin by addressing the disturbing trend of burying pertinent information relevant to the Mt. Murphy Road Bridge under reams of paperwork. This includes the 1,000 pages of mostly irrelevant materials submitted in response to a CPRA involving this project. Whether it was deliberate deception, stonewalling tactics, or just plain incompetence of county staff, it is UNACCEPTABLE.

Furthermore I find it exceedingly difficult to believe that all 4 supervisors have thoroughly read the **40 documents comprising 701 pages** of attachments to this single agenda item. In 2012 Norma Santiago referred to it as *“information overload, black widow spiders, and too many moving parts.”* In a few months three supervisors will be replaced on this board. Those successors will have absolutely no comprehension of the significance of today's agenda item and the impact it has on El Dorado County citizens.

Additionally the Mt. Murphy Road Bridge Stakeholders Committee summaries do NOT accurately reflect the concerns of the residents affected by this CIP. On several occasions we've brought to your attention the Delphi Technique utilized during meetings which is designed to steer the consensus towards a predetermined outcome.

The real “stakeholders” on this committee are the Chamber of Commerce, the Coloma Resort, and CA State Parks. They all have **financial interests** that appear to supersede the rights of residents who live on the north side of the bridge and our concerns about the lack of an evacuation plan in the event of another disaster. You learned last week that NO EVACUATION PLAN EXISTS FOR COLOMA. It is irresponsible of this Board to put economic interests above concerns about public safety and the impacts upon residents.

Most disturbing of all was Bard Lower's insulting remarks made during the June 10th BOS agenda item #87 when he referred to an email exchange as “just words.” Mr. Lower was attempting to convince the Board that Don Spear has more credibility about the condition of historic Mt. Murphy than the residents who daily navigate the historic and poorly maintained portion of the one lane dirt road. His comments lacked wisdom demonstrating yet another example of burning bridges of communication and more “Bureaucratic Shenanigans”. Not only

were Mr. Lower's remarks disrespectful, it was indicative of the gross dysfunction that is undermining the leadership of EDC as identified in the recently published Grand Jury Report.

As representative for many of my neighbors I've repeatedly addressed the Board concerning issues of accountability, poor road conditions, censorship, public safety, and lack of an evacuation plan for our community. The response of the Board has been silence, obfuscation, or avoidance. Apparently our voices are meaningless, annoying, and "just words" as Mr. Lower claimed.

Meanwhile the wheels of bureaucracy keep grinding forward, business as usual. Construction on the Mt. Murphy Road Bridge project is scheduled to commence in 2016.

The wisdom of scriptures states in Matthew 15:14 we have leaders as the Pharisees of old who are "blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." It is impossible for this Board to make wise informed decisions when staff is providing false or deceptive information leading you into a very deep ditch. The potential legal repercussions and liability are enormous.

It is your fiduciary obligation and ethical duty to constituents to sort out the facts prior to taking action on these issues. Therefore my 2-part question for the Board today is:

- 1) *Will you work for us or against us?*
- 2) *What specific steps will you take to address our concerns before they spin further out of control?*

How you respond will determine whether EDC remains stuck in a rut...or if this board is capable of appropriately leading us towards a brighter future.

Mr./Madam Clerk: Please enter these documents into the public record:

1. This transcript
2. 6/15/14 @ 10:09 PM email from Jim Mitrisin re: 6/10 BOS Agenda item #87 - CIP

From: Jim Mitrisin - El Dorado County [mailto:jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us]

Sent: Sunday, June 15, 2014 10:09 PM

To: Melody Lane

Cc: EDC COB; The BOSFIVE; Kimberly Kerr; Terri Daly; The BOSONE; The BOSTHREE; The BOSTWO; Ron Briggs; Norma Santiago

Subject: Re: Please pull Item #1 from 6/17 Consent Calendar - 6/10 Minutes Item #87

Ms. Lane,

The comments you submitted at the June 10th meeting are indeed attached to the item, however county staff are in the process of bringing this agenda file (14-0141) back to the Board on June 24th rendering the file closed until the agenda for June 24th is ready for publishing later this week. As a result of a limitation of the county's agenda system, prior versions of a given agenda file are not viewable while a new version is being developed for future Board action. This limitation applies to a given file in its entirety, not just your comments.

Granicus is developing a permanent solution to this limitation and we've attempted to mitigate the problem by placing a note on files that are temporarily unavailable, reading:

El Dorado County staff are developing a new version of this agenda file. If you require immediate access to the previous version(s) of this agenda file, please contact the office of the Clerk of the Board.

Please contact my office if you require any or all prior versions of this file in hard-copy or electronic form.

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On Sun, Jun 15, 2014 at 12:15 PM, Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com> wrote:

Please pull Item #1 from the 6/17 Consent Calendar for public discussion relevant to the 6/10 BOS minutes.

1. [14-0807](#) Clerk of the Board recommending the Board approve the Minutes from

