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Mon, Feb 22, 2016 at 2:10 PM

To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Please add to public comment for Item 43 on tomorrows agenda. Thank you.

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Subject: Item 43 2-23-16

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Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

Item 43 BOS**2-23-16**

Please do not turn over control of our South Fork American River to either the State or the Feds!! That is precisely what the rafting community would like. You would absolutely remove any local control and divorce yourselves of any responsibility to property owners along the river!

We bought the property at Chile Bar so the County (not some squatter) could take proper management control of the river head!

The State and the BLM have shown very poor land use management along our river; they have not seemed to care about private landowners!

If anything, you should **raise the fees** charged of the commercial rafters to pay for the proper management of the river corridor.

If you do not believe the relationship between the State, Feds, and the rafters, look at the settlement between

them and SMUD on the relicensing; they ripped SMUD.

Jack Sweeney

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Public Comment 2/23/16 BOS Agenda Item #43

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Mon, Feb 22, 2016 at 2:59 PM

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Please post the entirety of this correspondence to Item # 43 of tomorrow's BOS Agenda.

As per the Thursday night RMP meeting held in Coloma, residents are left with choosing between two evils:

1. Out of control RMAC delegates and special interest groups, or
2. CA State Parks & BLM total Big Government control of the River Management Plan affecting mineral, water and private property rights.

3:30 P.M. - TIME ALLOCATION

43. 16-0032 Chief Administrative Office, Parks Division recommending the Board:

- 1) Receive a presentation on the update to the River Management Plan and process;
- 2) Direct staff to explore the opportunity with the Bureau of Land Management and California Department of Parks and Recreation of the potential feasibility and interest for input for more efficient and beneficial management of whitewater recreation on the South Fork by removing redundancies and reducing fees which may result in the County not needing to continue with its past level of management of whitewater recreation on the South Fork of the American River; and
- 3) Direct staff to return to the Board with a report on the discussions and recommendations from those meetings.

Melody Lane

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Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for dinner. Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote.



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In Matthew 7:19, Jesus said, "By their fruits you shall know them." In other words, actions speak louder than words; beware of wolves in sheep's clothing.

Last Monday RMAC held its first meeting since April. The pre-determined outcome was a repeat performance of the May 2010 Bureaucratic Shenanigans falsely portrayed in the Mountain Democrat as an "informal Brown Act seminar" orchestrated by former Supervisor Ron Briggs and County Counsel Mike Ciccozzi.

Mike Ranalli was present on both occasions to witness the assaults against the Constitutional liberties of citizens by the River Mafia, also known as the American River Conspiracy. The TRUTH is Sheriff D'Agostini, Supervisor Ranalli, Roger Trout, Vickie Sanders & County Counsel are all keenly aware of the significance of the correspondence and photographs being submitted into the public record. Their silence makes them AND the BOS complicit in depriving the public of their right-to-know relevant to the execution of the River Management Plan, the retaliation, bully tactics and harassment by what's become known as the River Mafia. (Pay particular attention to the names and faces in these photographs.)

What took place also has a direct bearing upon last Wednesday's Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Council when Supervisor Ranalli avoided the elephant in the room, namely the number of Mt. Murphy arson fires ignited on or near my property and eminent domain issues affecting river residents along the entire American River Trail corridor.

As you've heard before, it takes courage to persistently come up here to state grievances and seek resolution from the elected officials who's DUTY it is to ACT upon those issues in accordance with the Brown Act and your Constitutional oaths of office. Shiva, today would be a good time to start asking questions about your fellow workers complicity in these matters of public safety, transparency and accountability.

I've asked this before but I'll ask it again publicly: *Knowing what you know about the River Mafia Politics, would you silently tolerate your own wife or loved ones being treated with such blatant arrogance and disrespect?* You are either part of the problem or part of the solution. The distinct impression is Supervisor Ranalli is picking up where Ron Briggs left off in maintaining the highly unethical status quo of River Mafia Politics. Sheriff D'Agostini also has some explaining to do.

Examine the evidence carefully and you will discover the wolves have been pulling the wool over the eyes of an unsuspecting public via deceptive media and legal manipulations...business as usual in EDC.

Typically the audio and video of the monthly RMAC meetings are posted at the same time. In correspondence addressed to the BOS and staff I addressed issues regarding RMAC anomalies, specifically:

1. Why has the 9/14 RMAC audio but none of the documents or photos submitted with minutes into the public record not been posted to the BOS calendar?
2. Why wasn't there CSP or EDSO representation at the Monday night RMAC meeting?
3. Why have all RMAC meetings since April been cancelled?
4. Will the TRUTH be censored from the minutes by staff to suit the special interests of the RMAC bullies?
5. What is the criteria for Chamber of Commerce members such as the Coloma Resort to remain in good standing?
6. When can citizens expect you to "do the right thing" by honoring your Constitutional oaths of office and addressing these matters of transparency & accountability?

Madam Clerk: Please enter these documents into the public record:

- 9/21/15 email re: RMAC audio & minutes
- 9/18/15 letter to CSP Barry Smith & EDC staff re: RMAC representation
- 7/31/15 Chamber of Commerce criteria re: Coloma Resort
- 3/9/10 AOA letter to R.Palacios re: RMAC
- 5/8/10 AOA letter to BOS re: Brown Act violations
- 5/20/10 COMPAS letter to Mtn. Democrat
- 9/14/15 ARC and Trespassing photos
- 9/9/15 Threat from Melanie Hill re: CLNews trespassing/RMAC bully tactics
- 2007 Mt. Murphy arson fire

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From: Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com>
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Subject: 9/14/15 RMAC audio, minutes & public comments
Importance: High

Typically the audio and minutes of RMAC meetings are posted at the same time.

In the interest of government transparency and accountability, please explain why the RMAC audio was immediately posted but there are no RMAC minutes or materials posted which were submitted into the public record.

BTW, it's rather peculiar how none of the 9/15/15 BOS Open Forum materials were posted to the BOS calendar until Friday afternoon only after I brought this to the attention of the COB. When I dropped by your office everyone had left early or was unavailable. Hmmmm???

Regards,

Melody Lane

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"It does not take a majority to prevail... but rather an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men." ~ Samuel Adams ~



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September 18, 2015

To: Barry Smith, Gold Fields Public Safety & Interim MGDSPH Superintendent

CC: Vickie Sanders, EDC Parks & Recreation
Roger Trout, Development Services Department
Supervisor Michael Ranalli
Sheriff John D'Agostini

Dear Mr. Smith,

The River Management Advisory Committee held a RMAC workshop at the Gold Trail Grange Hall in June of this year. The apparent lack of code and law enforcement was frequently expressed and documented by consultant Steve Petersen who conducted the workshop.

Then on Monday 9/14/15 RMAC held its first meeting since April 2015 in the BOS chambers where several blatant bully tactics and violations of the Brown Act again took place as witnessed by Vickie Sanders, Supervisor Ranalli, and DSD Director Roger Trout. The "River Mafia" tactics demonstrated by RMAC appointees were reminiscent of the May 2010 debacle described in the attached documents. (*Associated materials are not yet posted to the BOS calendar.)

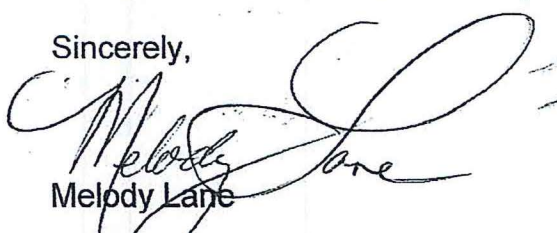
Please provide an explanation as to why neither CSP Representatives Bill Deitchman nor alternate rep Eric Carter was present at Monday's meeting as required under the River Management Plan.

Note this is germane to the Coloma-Lotus Fire Safe meeting held 9/16/15 at Grange Hall where you had addressed the group earlier in the year. Deborah Kruse mentioned the relevance of the River Management Plan. Of particular concern are the public safety aspects of the repeated Coloma Resort illegal fireworks, frequent traffic jams at the Mt. Murphy Bridge, and the pattern of lack of appropriate code and law enforcement putting Coloma valley resident's safety at risk.

As you are aware Mt. Murphy historically has been a hot spot for trespassing, arson fires and crime inherent with increased tourism to the Marshall Gold Discovery Park. Both CSP and EDC have been reticent to appropriately address Coloma resident's concerns over the years as required under the RMP. In light of current drought conditions, these concerns can no longer be averted.

Thanks in advance for your anticipated cooperation and prompt response to this matter.

Sincerely,


Melody Lane

Attachments: 1. Mtn. Demo Brown Act article 2. 9/15/15 BOS Open Forum - RMAC

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From: Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com>
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Subject: Chamber of Commerce Criteria
Attachments: Coloma Resort Libel.pdf; ARR CR SUPs Decible Levels.pdf

In light of recent postings to the CLNews regarding public safety issues, local citizens have been regularly expressing their concerns about the Coloma Resort's on-going lack of compliance with the law and the threat it poses to local residents.

We would like to know what the criteria is for businesses to become members of the Chamber of Commerce and to maintain their membership in good standing. Also, what venue is available to the public to report bad business practices, and what remedial steps are taken by the C of C to remove them for non-compliance? This information will be necessary for our meetings with county officials and the Fire Safe Council.

For the record, the attached libelous letter signed by Daniela Faieta was provided to county staff during the last Mt. Murphy Road Bridge Stakeholders meeting. The letter was obtained via a Public Records Act request for public information. I had never met or spoken with Daniella until the Stakeholders Committee was formed. The last time I spoke with the Faieta's was about 14 years ago when Mariel threatened to file a restraining order against me for complaining about their excessively loud unpermitted events. It's obvious Daniella's parents put her up to writing this letter with the apparent encouragement of CA State Parks staff.

Howard Penn will recall one Community Clamor Committee (CCC) meeting held at the SNH when Sgt. Jim Browne advised us to refer all incidents to EDSO in order to avoid potentially dangerous confrontations. (The CCC was a sub-committee of RMAC re: noise issues in the Quiet Zone of the SFAR. I served as Secretary.) The Coloma Resort was the only campground that refused to participate in the CCC.

Harassment and libelous bully tactics cannot and will not be tolerated in EDC.

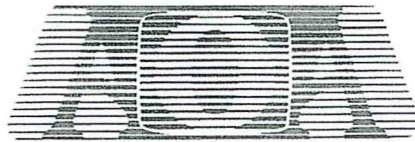
Thanks in advance for your timely reply.

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President Ronald Reagan said it best, *"We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each*



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March 19, 2010

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Mr. Palacios,

After seeing you once before at an RMAC meeting and hearing your odious recorded outbursts against Melody Lane, under such circumstances, your request of Ms. Lane certainly will not be fulfilled. I have advised her NOT to send anything to you from *COMPAS* or have any contact whatsoever with you.

Because of the past, it would not be prudent for you to speak to Ms. Lane at any time by any means or for any reason.

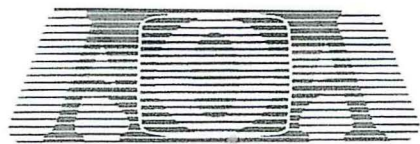
If you want to find out about *COMPAS*, you can read the newspapers or make your request to me and I will consider it.

Any kind of harassment of Ms. Lane by you at any time or location would be especially irresponsible. To be sure, not only is *AOA* watching and listening very carefully but also other organizations which monitor the actions of public agencies have been apprised of this unacceptable state of affairs in a number of departments in El Dorado County.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Dale Smith

Cc: Bill Deichtman, RMAC Chair & Employee, Marshall Gold
Discovery Historic State Park
Greg Stanton, El Dorado County, Environmental Management
Noah Rucker-Triplett, El Dorado County River Recreation
Bill Salata, Public Safety & Enforcement – CA State Parks
Melody Lane, President, *COMPAS*
Area media and other interested parties



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Saturday, May 08, 2010

Letter by email sent to all five members of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors and to the EDC BOS Clerk of the Board for insertion into the BOS Agenda Book for the 5-11- 2010 meeting.

Honorable Supervisors of El Dorado County

This letter is written to fulfill my duty and responsibility, first to the LORS¹ of California and El Dorado County, and secondly to my Client, COMPAS, Inc., whose President is Melody Lane. One law in particular is of absolute concern to me, and after you read this letter, I hope you will also have that same vital concern.

§ 54954.3. Public's right to testify at meetings. (c) The legislative body of a local agency shall not prohibit public criticism of the policies, procedures, programs, or services of the agency, or of the acts or omissions of the legislative body. Nothing in this subdivision shall confer any privilege or protection for expression beyond that otherwise provided by law. Care must be given to avoid violating the speech rights of speakers by suppressing opinions relevant to the business of the body.

I allege that on April 27, 2010 this and other Brown Act provisions were violated by three of the Sitting Supervisors, Santiago, Briggs and Sweeney. My client called me as soon as possible after this BOS Meeting and I advised her to immediately write a full account of what happened. She did, and the document was reviewed by me and other COMPAS advisors.

The document was finalized on May 3, 2010 as a **SWORN AFFIDAVIT**, a very extraordinary action in response to an even more astonishing public violation by the three supervisors named in the above paragraph. I have selected only three paragraphs from that Affidavit, but all are very important, to demonstrate to you, how serious this violation is. Ms. Lane wrote:

“(4) As I approached the podium on April 27th, Supervisor Ron Briggs arose from his chair and walked to the back of the room where a Sheriffs Deputy was stationed near the door. Approximately 2 minutes into my presentation Supervisor Briggs returned to his chair at the dais, leaned over and began conversing with Chairman Norma Santiago. I found this to be very distracting but continued my presentation.

(5) Near the end of my 5 minute presentation, Chairman Santiago cut me off. I asked for 30 seconds to wrap up my comments. It was at that time Supervisor Jack Sweeney arose from his chair, walked over and indicated to Chairman Santiago where to shut off the audio to censor my comments.

(6) The audio was shut off but I completed my presentation, noting particularly that during the April 14th meeting, RMAC representatives unanimously endorsed my recommendation for an

¹ Laws, Ordinances, Regulation and Statutes

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investigation by the Board of Supervisors and County Counsel into RMAC irregularities and violations of the Ralph Brown Act. Greg Stanton from Environmental Management and three members of the Sheriffs Office were present for a total of 14 people in the meeting." (RMAC)

Careful questioning of Ms. Lane was whether or not she was over the 5 minute mark when interrupted by Supervisor Santiago. Ms. Lane vehemently denied she had used the full 5 minutes.

"One of the most important duties for elected officials to perform is to be open and honest about their actions and to maintain their compliance with the minimal disclosure requirements of the Brown Act (and the Bagley-Keene Act). It really isn't that hard. The basic premise of these two Acts is that all business of a public agency, with a few select and specific exceptions, must be conducted in public view.

It is amazing how many public agencies, and the staff supporting them, fail to take these basic tenants seriously. To many the requirements of the Brown Act are seen as a nuisance, rather than a responsibility; an annoyance, rather than an opportunity for accountability." *(2 paras. not my words they are found at:)*

<http://www.theliberoloc.com/2010/02/01/investigation-finds-more-brown-act-violations-by-ggusd/>

This is an extremely serious matter, one that could bring some severe consequences when reported to the Agencies and Organizations that watch over these matters. In the second paragraph I mentioned my duty and responsibility to existing LORS, and that includes making full reports of this incident.

Beyond that, I instructed Ms. Lane to immediately obtain an audio & video tape of the 4-27-10 BOS meeting which she did. It seems apparent that there was some kind of editing of the video tape as where there are normally cameras covering the Supervisors, during this time when Ms. Lane was speaking, but there is no such footage. I respectfully request a sworn, notarized statement from the EDC Staff person in charge of this audio/video operation as to whether or not this tape was edited, and if so by the orders of whom?

At the very least the EDC Board of Supervisors could have given a public apology to Ms. Lane for cutting the audio off during that time span of about one minute at the end of her Public Comment at the Apr. 27 2010 BOS Meeting. You are well aware that Melody always records her presentations to the BOS which is her legal right. All those audio tapes are evidence for the public record.

However, this whole thing only gets more bizarre, and this particular incident on May 4, 2010 cannot go without full exposure. Ms. Penny Arnold, representing Victims of CPS was the first to speak on that date, and that tape is available to listen to. A CD will be sent to you for your careful listening.

Bearing in mind the Brown Act citation with which I started this letter, it is even more imperative for each Board Member to listen carefully when you get this CD to what is nothing more or less than a tirade against Ms. Arnold by Supervisor Sweeney. I will have an official transcript of this completed at AOA expense to send with complaint letters to be filed with a number of agencies. I was very much embarrassed by Mr. Sweeney's invective which is not becoming to the office of Supervisor, but demeans that office and I allege that this is a violation of § 54954.3 of the Brown Act.

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Three short paragraphs from Ms. Lane's address to the BOS on May 4, 2010 are very important as they capsule the very serious problem within the EDC Board and EDC operations in general.

"Last week I expressed concerns about the intimidation tactics, camouflage and censoring of information during RMAC and BOS meetings. This is information the public has every right to know. My purpose again this morning is to address public safety, transparency, and accountability. I fully expected to see that reflected in the BOS minutes rather than an obtuse reference to 'COMPAS issues.'

The BOS has consistently demonstrated opposition to COMPAS principles and made a mockery of leadership, liberty, and justice by their refusal to respond to concerns about public safety and accountability. Vital information has been made obscure and difficult for the public to obtain as evidenced by this correspondence with Chairman Santiago.

Citizens would be remiss in their civic duties if they did not hold their elected officials accountable for their abuse of power and authority. My point was made glaringly apparent during last week's BOS meeting when Chairman Santiago refused to answer a direct question pertaining to the River Management Plan, public safety and accountability.

The question was, '...is silence your answer to the absolute need for government transparency?'"

Apparently SILENCE was the answer, but that is just not acceptable to the general public and you can be sure that the groundswell of this dissatisfaction by the general public is growing larger every day. The question is, does this Board have the courage to face this problem and deal with it, or is the upcoming election more important to keep certain Supervisors in power?

My mandate is not to interfere in local politics, but the more important mandate comes from the laws by which the Board of Supervisors must operate. I've mentioned the Bagley-Keene Act before in this letter, and not unusual, it seems to be a forgotten law.

It seems to me from what I have seen over the past ten years that **AB-1234** has not made much of a penetration in El Dorado County. I ask the Board when is the last time you had a course on **Open, Ethical Leadership as required by AB-1234?**

One Bagley-Keene paragraph will show you why I am so concerned.

"If efficiency were the top priority, the Legislature would create a department and then permit the department head to make decisions. However, when the Legislature creates a multimember board, it makes a different value judgment. Rather than striving strictly for efficiency, it concludes that there is a higher value to having a group of individuals with a variety of experiences, backgrounds and viewpoints come together to develop a consensus. Consensus is developed through debate, deliberation and give and take. This process can sometimes take a long time and is very different in character than the individual-decision-maker model."

The purpose of this letter is to alert the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors that you cannot continue to do business as usual. You are the leaders, you set the pace, and you must show the honesty and integrity necessary for local government to do the job, to operate correctly. What more

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can one say, except to tell you that this record will go out to the very people who have the ultimate responsibility in these matters, and beyond that there is not much one can do, but hope and pray.

It is very rare that I ever take such matters forward, but my observations over the past year and a half makes me keenly aware of my duties as explained in my opening paragraph about LORS and while I am not an attorney, I can and do read the laws. I remind the EDC Board that both the Brown and Bagley-Keene Acts give individuals the right to file civil lawsuits for injunctive, mandatory or declaratory relief for violations of the Acts. (Gov. Code Sections 11130, 54960.)

It is also worth noting that individual persons can, in addition, move to void actions taken during an unlawful meeting. (Gov. Code Sections 11130.3, 54960.1.) Public entities may attempt to cure a violation of either Act before an individual brings a lawsuit. The right to cure applies to violations of some of the Acts' requirements. (Gov. Code Sections 11130.3(a), 54960.1(b).)

A plaintiff who prevails in a suit for Brown or Bagley-Keene violations may recover attorney's fees. (Gov. Code Sections 11130.5, 54960.5.) Public entities, however, can only recover attorney's fees under Bagley-Keene, for example, when the plaintiff's case is "clearly frivolous and totally lacking in merit." (Gov. Code Section 11130; *see also* Gov. Code Section 54960.5 (similar standard under Brown Act).)

This letter is not intended to be a threat in any sense of that word. Lawsuits should be a last resort. However, as I wrote earlier, it seems to me that it is time to hold classes soon for the EDC Supervisors and Staff on . . . **Open, Ethical Leadership as required by AB-1234.**

I allege that cutting off the audio on a public speaker and severally rebuking a member of the public from the BOS dais constitute violations of the Brown Act § 54954.3 on open meetings. This kind of unethical behavior can not and should not be tolerated by the citizens of El Dorado County. Go the record of the BOS meeting of 4-13-10 and you will find one woman speaking over 10 minutes, and Sweeney did not pull the plug. The LORS cited in this letter and many which were not cited - do prevail and I ask you respectfully, Honorable El Dorado County Supervisors, to uphold all LORS in every situation.

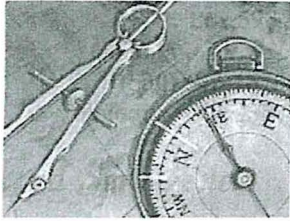
Sincerely yours,

/s/ Dale Smith

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(Further distribution by Melody Lane as necessary)



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May 20, 2010

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RE: COMPAS UNMASKS RMAC

Dear Editor:

The lengthy editorial published in the May 17th edition of the Mountain Democrat was falsely portrayed as an informal Brown Act seminar tutored by County Counsel Mike Ciccozzi during the May 13th River Management Advisory Committee meeting. The truth is the kangaroo court consisted primarily of county employees who had met prior to the RMAC meeting to be prepped for a staged performance to fool the public. Instead of an educational process, in actuality it was a defensive legal posture manipulated by Ron Briggs to prevent the exposure of his role in the RMAC cover-up that would make him the focus of a Grand Jury investigation.

The fact is that *COMPAS* President Melody Lane and one of the organization's consultants literally laid down the law during the Public Comments segment of the March 17th RMAC meeting. We'd brought along "The Brown Act Open Meetings for Local Legislative Bodies." That document set the legal wheels rolling. As a result, RMAC representative Dave Martinez angrily stormed out of the meeting and former Chairman Martin Harris submitted his resignation.

The name *COMPAS*, Citizens Organized to Monitor Protect And Serve, describes our purpose, namely to ensure public safety, transparency and accountability of El Dorado County's natural and historical resources. The preamble of the Brown Act is the very foundation of our CA non-profit organization.

However few citizens, or even the Board of Supervisors for that matter, have read or understand the content of this important law affecting every US citizen. It's information that the government prefers you not know, because informed citizens are empowered people. This is especially important during an election year and central to the many safety, economic and accountability issues affecting the historic river community in District 4.

Over the course of 15 months *COMPAS* has methodically exposed unlawful RMAC operations that have deprived the public of their right-to-know relevant to the execution of the River Management Plan. It's a many headed Hydra involving Environmental Management, Law Enforcement, and the Marshall Gold Discovery Park, to name just a few of the government agencies involved in this complex scheme with tentacles reaching to the Capitol.

Minutes have been altered and information purposely eliminated to falsely portray what actually transpires at RMAC meetings. Likewise, the editorial by reporter Chris Daley followed the pattern set by Ron Briggs leading the unwary public down a rabbit path of deception. The falsehoods in his Civics lesson are far too

numerous to list in one letter, but suffice it to say they are reminiscent of Hitler's media tactics to control the minds of the people.

Volumes of incriminating documentation, videos and audios of RMAC meetings indisputably reveal who the real culprits are. Disruptions, shouting, disrespect, slander and intimidation tactics were generated primarily by male RMAC representatives appointed by Ron Briggs as advisors to the Board of Supervisors.

Many citizens, women especially, have been threatened in order to dissuade them from attending public RMAC meetings. Another common bully tactic is the humiliation or deliberate slander of a person as a means of retaliation for whistle blowing. The individual is then directed towards the bureaucratic merry-go-round set in perpetual motion by the Board of Supervisors. Issues are either diverted or obfuscated in the hope the victim will give up in frustration and go away. The silent treatment is their ultimate weapon. Their goal is to prevent the public from participating in the democratic process and accessing their political powerbase.

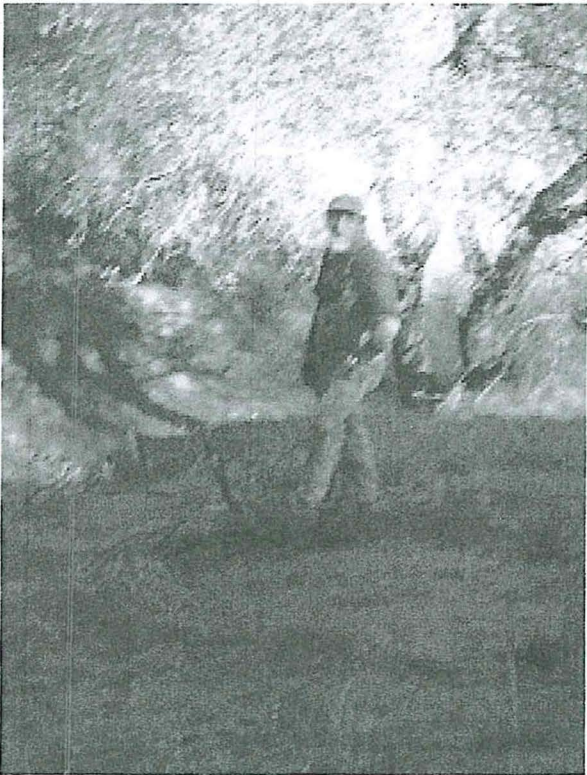
Ron Briggs not only modeled but also encouraged RMAC representatives to emulate all of the above tactics. In legal language, it is called "re-victimizing the victim," an unethical manipulation of the legal system used to selfishly promote special interests. The victim in this case is COMPAS and our Constitutional liberties. It begs the question: who's really in control of RMAC and our local government?

Values voters beware. Wake up before it's too late. Do your homework and know exactly where your candidates stand on issues like public safety, accountability and ethics. For more information direct inquiries to compas_inc50@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

/S/ MELODY LANE

Melody Lane
President – COMPAS, Inc.
Citizens Organized to Monitor Protect And Serve.



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Harrassing Trespasser

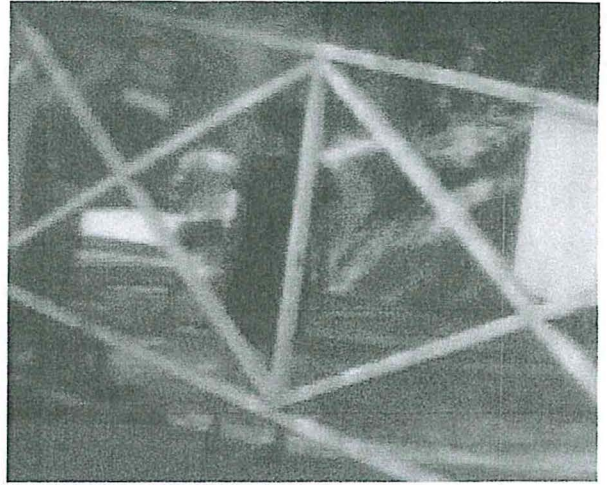


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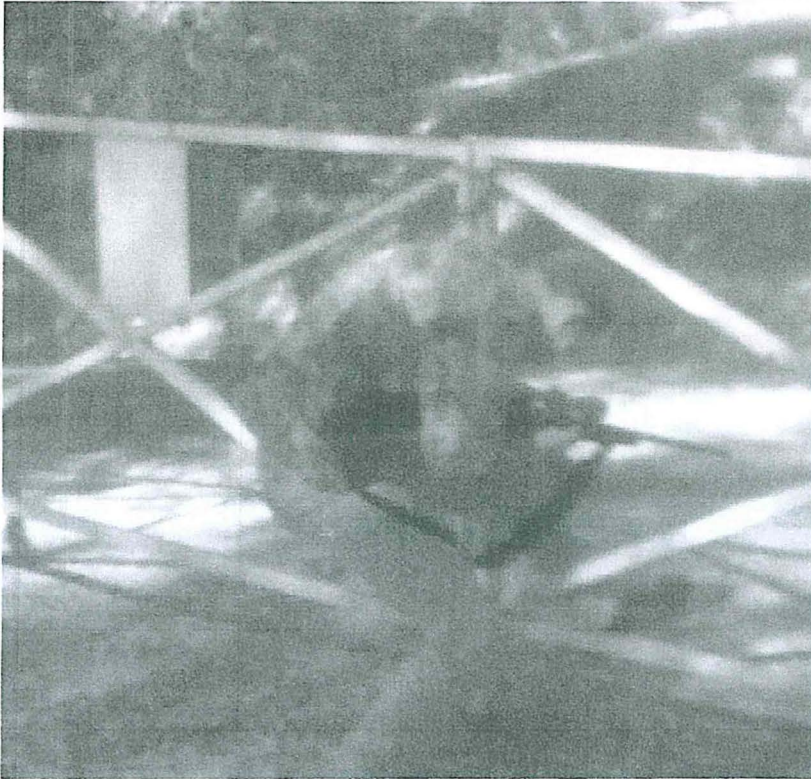
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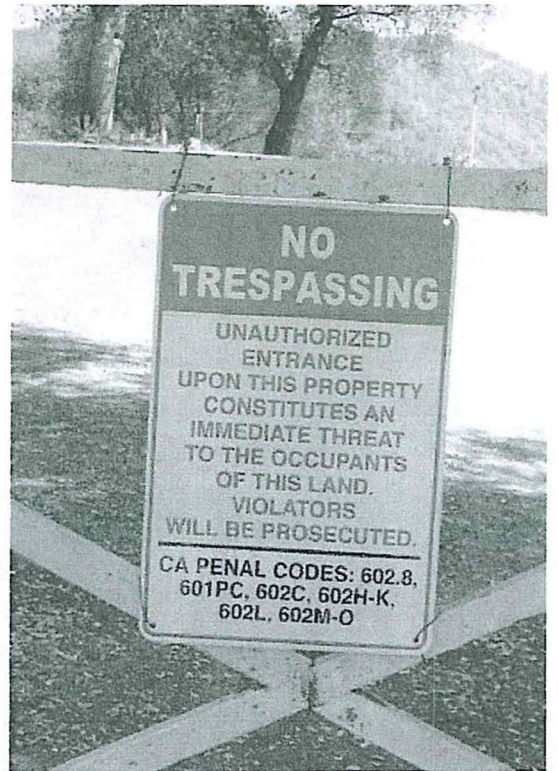
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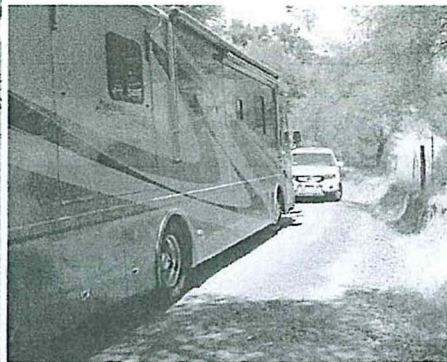
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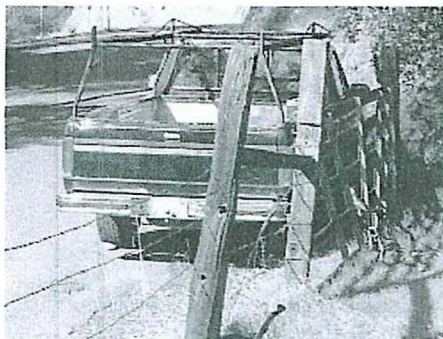
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FREQUENT
ILLEGAL PARKING

From: Melanie Hill [mailto:melanienhill@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 5:05 PM
To: Melody Lane
Subject: RE: [CLNews] Trespassers & Law Enforcement...

YOU DO NOT NOR HAVE YOU HAD MY PERMISSION TO USE MY EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE WITH YOU AT ANY PUBLIC MEETING OR MEETING FOR THAT MATTER.

YOU WILL ALSO BE HEARING FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT IF YOU DO BECAUSE I WILL ALSO BE CONTACTING THEM ALONG WITH MY ATTORNEY.

TAKE YOUR OWN ADVICE!

 Melanie Hill	RE: [CLNews] Trespassers & Law Enforcement...	Wed 9/9/2015 4:21 PM	55 ...
 Marty' via Coloma-Lotus News	[CLNews] Trespassing	Wed 9/9/2015 3:51 PM	18 ...

From: Melody Lane [mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 4:57 PM
To: 'Melanie Hill'
Subject: RE: [CLNews] Trespassers & Law Enforcement...

I stand corrected. You don't sound young and immature. More like you spent time recently in the PHF unit.

Your emails, along with a few others, have been forwarded to law enforcement and will be included in the 9/14 RMAC meeting agenda Discussion items.

CEASE AND DECIST ALL FURTHER LIBELOUS PUBLIC POSTINGS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS.

Melody Lane

SO FAR Watchman

South Fork American River Intercessors

James 5:16 - "Confess your trespasses to one another that you may be healed. The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

From: clnews@googlegroups.com [mailto:clnews@googlegroups.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 3:51 PM
To: clnews@googlegroups.com
Subject: [CLNews] Trespassing

I have heard that trespassing used to mean someone had come onto your property and done damage, or had come with malicious intent. Back in the day, simply passing through someone's property was not a crime.

When someone repeatedly enters our news group with the intention of spewing hateful accusations...is this not a trespass on our right to enjoy peaceful harmony here in the valley?

You received this message because you are subscribed to the "Coloma-Lotus News" Google Group.

From: Melanie Hill [mailto:melanienhill@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 4:21 PM
To: Melody Lane
Subject: RE: [CLNews] Trespassers & Law Enforcement...

No we have not though again many have had plenty to say about you. I in the past without knowing have tried to defend your behavior and suggest people try to have discussions with you rather than bashing you. I have sat back and kept quiet after reading many of your ridiculous post and as I sat in the hospital this morning reading your most recent felt compelled to finally say something. I sound young and immature? Is that not a form of the below you accused me of? You continue to put the community and it's members down you care so much for vs working with people. If I were your neighbors I would be spending all of my time to have you removed from the neighborhood. Luckily I just have to here about you and read your ridiculous post. If you didn't complain over everything maybe people would take you seriously .You really come off as a miserable human being with no life. Threaten away women no one fears you or your threats.

On Sep 9, 2015 12:09 PM, "Melody Lane" <melody.lane@reagan.com> wrote:

Melanie,

I don't believe we've ever met. You sound very young and immature.

Therefore I don't appreciate your unnecessary cynicism and what can easily be interpreted as public libel, slander, harassment and cyber bullying.

Don't contact me again.

Melody Lane

Founder – **Compass2Truth**

Conservatives Serving God in Truth and Liberty

"The further society drifts from truth, the more they will hate those who speak it." ~ George Orwell ~

From: clnews@googlegroups.com [mailto:clnews@googlegroups.com] **On Behalf Of** Melanie Hill
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 7:41 AM
To: melody.lane@reagan.com
Cc: Laura Lyons; michael.ranalli@edcgov.us; barry.smith@parks.ca.gov; Sheriff DAgostini; Roger Trout; clnews@googlegroups.com
Subject: Re: [CLNews] Trespassers & Law Enforcement...

They look more like why are you taking a photo. Ever heard the story about the boy crying wolf? I don't even know you only have heard about you and your post attacking the community and law enforcement over mostly petty things seems to be how you choose to spend your spare time. Yes there are laws, yes I wouldn't want strangers on my property for many reasons, but you just sound crazy when you make a post about young boys not familiar with the area ending up on your property. Why not be a nice lady and show them their way back safely to their camp. Also remind them of dangers going onto people's property around the area. No instead you tried to apprehend children while you took law enforcement officers from catching drunk drivers over the

holiday weekend because you had children wonder onto your property. Not sure the laws, but you seem to know them all. I would be extremely upset if I were their parents that you have now posted their photos and names. Oh and once again proving to those of us that do not know you how truly wacko you are. Find better things to do with your life or join law enforcement so you can start handling yourself :)

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

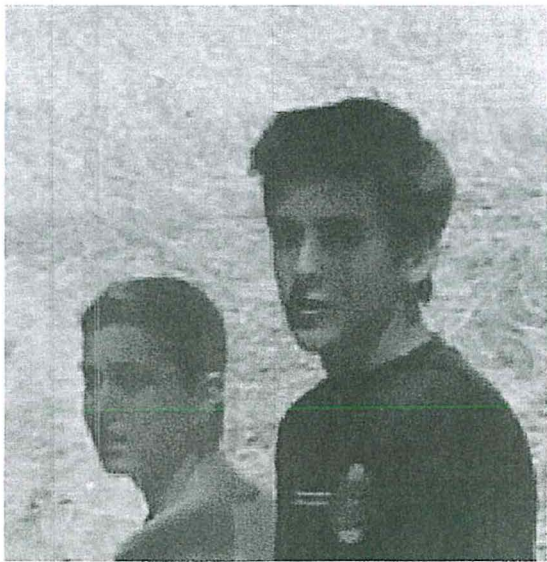
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 10:53 PM

To: cnews@googlegroups.com

Cc: Sheriff DAgostini; Roger Trout; barry.smith@parks.ca.gov; michael.ranalli@edcgov.us; Laura Lyons

Subject: Trespassers & Law Enforcement...

On Saturday around 11:30 AM two trespassers, Noah and Jaden, were apprehended on my private property. I was informed they were members of a group camping at the Coloma Resort over the holiday weekend.



The boys were following five of their friends who'd hiked to the top of Mt. Murphy amidst the star thistle and rattlesnake dens. The five later exited under the barbed wire fence at the base of my property after their two friends had been apprehended.

Despite numerous "No Trespassing" signs posted around the circumference, Noah and Jaden admitted to the route they'd taken from Troublemaker rapids, up the hill and across my private property. It's apparent by their expressions that the boys knew they'd done wrong.

Point is there are consequences for breaking the law, or at least there are supposed to be...

The real problem was getting a deputy to respond and to press charges. Dispatch was more interested in whether I "touched" the apprehended trespassers. The Dispatch operator let me know that the holiday weekend would mean a slow response.

It took 3 hours for a deputy to show up with another squad car in tow (not a wise use of taxpayer's resources.) I finally escorted the boys off the property pointing the route back to the Coloma Resort and letting them know the Sheriff would soon be contacting them.

The real problem was when the deputy showed up and later argued about accepting audio & visual identification provided for CF#15-7647. Additionally I was denied the right to press charges under the CA Penal Codes posted at both ends of my property where the trespassers entered and exited. *The sign means what it says.*

Accessing public land via private property along the American River corridor has become a very common occurrence affecting public safety and private property rights. EDSO is reticent to address the associated issues even during RMAC meetings as required under the RMP. Although EDSO encourages citizens to obtain identifying evidence and avoid confrontation with campers or hikers, the reality is code and law enforcement is reluctant to perform their duty and uphold their Constitutional oaths of office.

The Sheriff's staff is a reflection of his leadership. In the words of John D'Agostini during one of our meetings with MGD staff, "...*Hold their feet to the fire. Mine too. **I work for you.***" Encourage the Sheriff to enforce the entirety of the laws, codes and ordinances in accordance with his Constitutional oath of office by contacting him: john.dagostini@edso.org or his admin Laura Lyons lyonsl@edso.org.

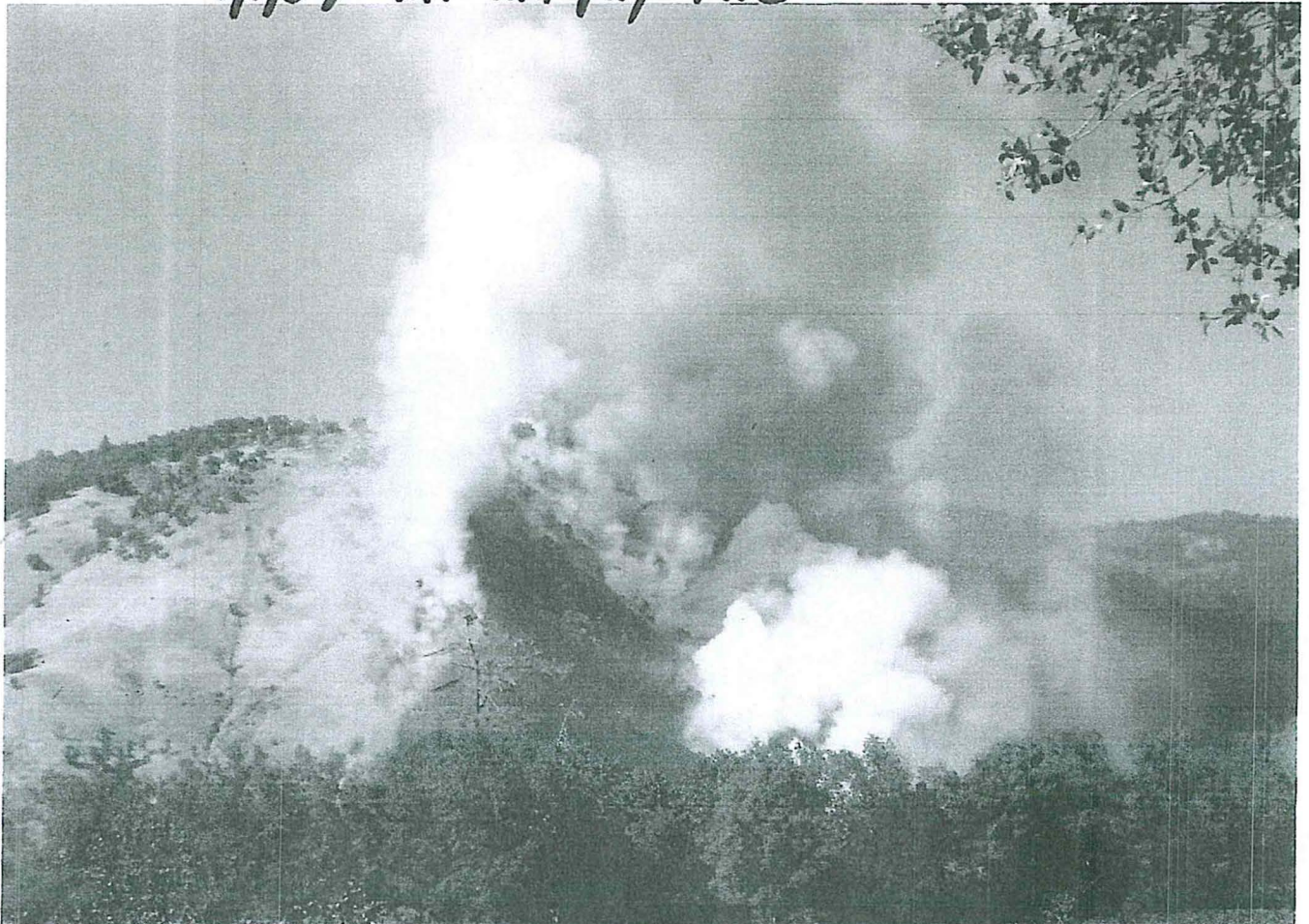
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~ By identifying the people's sovereign will not with its latest but its oldest expression, the Framers succeeded in identifying the people's authority with the Constitution, not with the statutory law made by their representatives. ~



7/1/07 Mt. Murphy Fire



One of 5 arson fires in 8 yrs.

To: El Dorado County

Re: Public Comment on River Management Plan (RMP) Update

Date: 2/18/16

From: Karen Mulvany

I am a private boater and a riverfront property owner that has been kayaking the South Fork of the American since the early 90's. Professionally, I have worked as a Wall Street analyst, consultant to public turnaround companies, and Executive VP of a public company responsible for strategic planning. These experiences inform my comments below.

Many people do not appreciate how unique the South Fork of the American (SFA) is. It is the most popular whitewater run in California, probably the western United States. Yet unlike virtually all other popular whitewater runs, the SFA runs largely through private lands (see p. 70 of BLM SFA map at www.blm.gov/style/medialib/blm/ca/pdf/folsom/plans.Par.40354.File.dat/CD_Final_SoForkAmPlan7_04.pdf). The combination of public use and private interests, plus the commercial use of the river, sets this complex environmental, recreational, and economic ecosystem up for conflict. Yet, as I have repeatedly commented at River Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) annual meetings, the existing system works surprisingly well.

In no small part, this is due to the extraordinary talents and expertise of the RMAC members, who are unpaid volunteers. It is also attributable to the unique skill set of the River Manager, Noah Triplett, and the River Patrol staff who intercept hundreds of uneducated tubers, boaters, SUPs, and surfers on the river each year, preventing untold numbers of accidents.

I have participated in various county plan updates, including the HLP concept plan, update to the Parks Master Plan, General Plan Update, and Zoning Ordinance Update. This RMP update and the process employed bears no resemblance to the update process employed elsewhere in the county. Up until 2 weeks ago, there was no notice on the County river management website that the RMP was being updated, although Parks staff verbally announced the process had begun in April of 2014. There has never been any website notification until 2 weeks ago that the county was collecting written public input for this update. The so-called public input collected to date in the draft RMP consists of 1 day of public meetings, plus unspecified input collected confidentially from unnamed individuals using an unknown selection process.

The updated plan states that delays in issuing the annual report render the RMAC incapable of performing its duties. It similarly states that GIS information is necessary to perform RMAC planning functions. However, there is no evidence to support these assertions. Historically, the RMAC has reasonably relied first and foremost upon public input at RMAC meetings for timely capture of changes and challenges in the river ecosystem. This highly valuable data input has been seriously compromised by the force move of the RMAC meeting location away from the center of the SFA corridor, which is the Lotus Coloma Valley, to a remote location. RMAC member objections and public objections to this

location move have been inexplicably ignored. This forced move coincided with the RMP update process.

The plan contains no accounting of the many contributions delivered by and via the RMAC. For example, several years ago I went to this meeting to request that State Parks, which has a representative on the RMAC, leave the then-locked Skunk Hollow parking lot open in the winter for safety reasons, which it graciously did. There would be no glass ban on the river without the RMAC. There are countless examples of problems successfully resolved at the RMAC meetings when they were held locally.

The plan states that “most of the reasons for the creation of the RMP are no longer concerns,¹” concluding that everything is going well. That is not evidence that the current system is dysfunctional; it is evidence that it is working. The proposed dissolution of RMAC, the elimination of the River Patrol, and the cut of the River Manager position to a half time position defies explanation.

There is a most unusual condemnation of the River Manager’s job performance. I do not recall ever seeing a plan update used as a platform for that purpose. Most alarmingly, the findings are inaccurate.

- Page E-9 includes an entire paragraph stating that commercial outfitters trade user days and “this informal marketplace is not allowed by the current RMP and has been operated with the knowledge of the River Manager.” The fact is, throughout 2014, there were multiple lengthy discussions at RMAC meetings pertaining to an outfitter rep proposal to initiate a new program to transfer user days between outfitters, which would replace the current practice of subcontracting. These can be located by accessing the Legistar system and searching among RMAC events for “user days.” If the county had listened to any of these RMAC meetings, or held the usual number of public input meetings, it would have quickly concluded that the current outfitter practice of subcontracting requires no transfer of user days, and this allegation and finding is not correct.

There are many additional errors, omissions, misunderstandings and misrepresentations in this plan.

I agree with Hilde Schweitzer’s input that more time is needed to comment on this recently released plan. Ideally, the planning process will begin anew in a more public and constructive manner.

¹ Section ES.5