

Madam Clerk, please hand these items to Chairman Santiago. (4/15 & 4/29 Boating Transcripts)

My purpose in pulling this item from Consent is to address the lack of transparency and accountability, particularly of RMAC and the Sheriff's Office responsibility to code and law enforcement applicable to the River Management Plan. This also concerns the Board and the apparent rubber-stamping of Consent items without your due diligence. I'd like to begin by reading an email distributed to you all on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:51 PM:

**(Read email)**

While the February audio is now available, the March and April RMAC audios are still mysteriously missing from the government website. Even more frustrating is the deafening silence in response to repeated inquiries to our public officials.

For the record, I'd like to quote Lt. Becker from my transcript of the 3/18 RMAC meeting:

*"We're trying to find somebody who is qualified and have law enforcement powers on the river. It's not a matter, it's finding qualified people who can run the river and give tickets. To be honest with you, um, we posted it to all deputy Sheriffs on the grounds that they were already trained and willing to do it, so we sent it around to all EDC deputies hoping that someone would volunteer and that just came back nobody volunteered to take that position for the summer.*

*It's not like we can just go "let's put 5 deputies on the river." We don't have 5 deputies qualified to run the river. We can't just find people who are qualified to run the river to go out because it's, because it's an extensive training and a lot of people don't pass it. To get, to have peace officers powers you've got month-long academies, and months of training after that and so 5 people with those skills is difficult for us. So yeah, we just can't put people out on the river like you can on any street or a house party or something of that nature. Logistically it's just not possible at this time. I'm not sure how we're going to solve that."*

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**Madam Chair:** It is your ethical duty to examine the facts and provide a response to the questions handed to you prior to making any decisions on this item. To do otherwise is to commit fraud and thereby perpetuate another scandal the county can ill afford.

Will you honor your commitment and ensure an appropriate response to all the issues just presented to you?

**Mr./Madam Clerk:** Please enter these documents into the public record and note you have 10 days to respond to the CPRA:

1. This transcript
2. 3/18/14 transcript of Lt. Tim Becker
3. 6/11/14 @ 12:51 PM email to BOS RE: RMAC audios & Lt. Becker encounter
4. CPRA Boating & Waterways Sergeant



## Melody Lane

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**From:** Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 11, 2014 12:51 PM  
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**Subject:** BOS, EDSO & RMAC audio  
**Attachments:** 4-29-14 Consent 19 CPRAs Boating.docx; 4-15-14 EDSO 9 Boating Sgt.docx

Hi Norma,

You'll recall my presentation to the BOS on April 29<sup>th</sup> regarding Consent Item #19 - EDSO Boating Sergeant and when Rich Williams was reticent to answer my questions about funding & staffing. Afterwards I had a brief and disturbing encounter in the lobby with Lt. Tim Becker. He was obviously upset that I'd quoted him in my message to the BOS (attached).

In the presence of witnesses Lt. Becker began stabbing his finger at me and in a loud, angry voice exclaimed, ***"You need to get your facts straight!!! Show me the RMAC audio!!! Where's the audio???"***

When I reminded Lt. Becker who he worked for and to show some respect, Lt. Becker made a few derogatory remarks and angrily stormed down the steps to the lower level of the building.

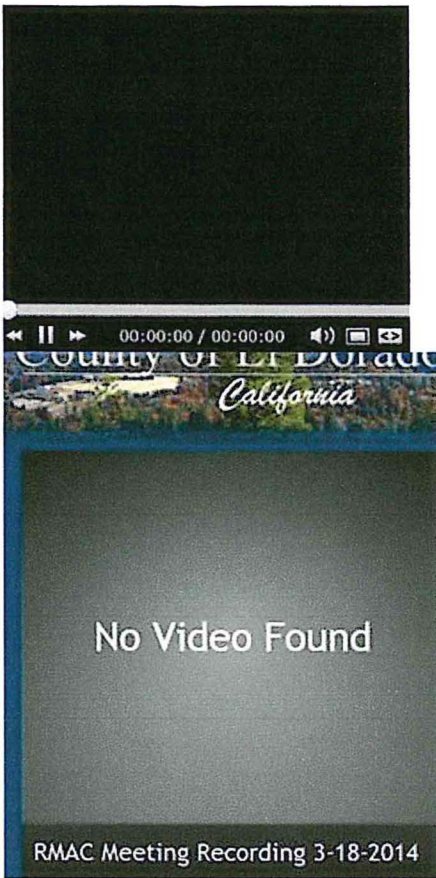
BTW, these questions still need to be addressed by the Sheriff or Rich Williams. However during my conversation with Laura Lyons last Thursday, she confirmed Sheriff D'Agostini still refuses to meet with us.

Although I personally record all RMAC meetings, when I got home from the 4/29 BOS meeting I went on-line to check the public audio of the 3/18/14 RMAC meeting. That was the evening Ron Briggs commandeered the RMAC meeting relevant to the glass ban on the SFAR which was on yesterday's BOS agenda.

Lo and behold, the 3/18/14 RMAC audio is **NOT** available, nor are the February or April RMAC audios (see below). All other RMAC audios appear to be accessible and properly functioning.

The obvious question is: **WHY** are the Feb., March and April RMAC audios not available on the government website?

I'd appreciate a timely reply as this will be relevant to our upcoming meeting with D.A. Vern Pierson and Bob Cosley.



*Melody Lane*

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***When the defense of liberty becomes a crime, tyranny is already in force. At that point, failure to defend liberty makes slavery a certainty.***



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To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
EDC Clerk to the Board

## CA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST

Pursuant to my rights under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.), I ask to obtain the following:

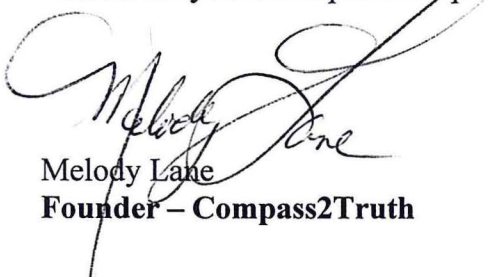
- A copy of documentation substantiating the **total amount of grant monies collected by EDSO** for the years 2012 to 2014 inclusive relevant to the Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Contract with CA Department of Parks & Recreation Division of Boating & Waterways.
- Documentation identifying the **specific EDSO personnel trained and qualified to provide law enforcement** on EDC lakes and rivers for the years 2012 to 2014 inclusive as required by the River Management Plan and above said grant contract.
- A copy of documentation and/or auditor's report proving the above said grant monies were indeed returned as required by law **due to the lack of qualified personnel to fill the Supervisory Boat Patrol position for Boating & Waterways** per the claim of UnderSheriff Rich Williams during the April 29th BOS meeting (Item #19).

If you determine that some but not all of the information is exempt from disclosure and that you intend to withhold it, I ask that you provide a signed notification citing the legal authorities on whom you rely.

Charges for reproduction of records are limited to the direct costs of materials as stipulated by **Government Code 6253(b)** and **AB1234**. To avoid unnecessary costs of duplication, electronic copies are acceptable and may be emailed to [melody.lane@reagan.com](mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com).

It is requested that your determination be made within **10 days** as stipulated within the California Public Records Act, **Government Code 6253(c)**.

Thanks for your anticipated cooperation.



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### 3-18-14 RMAC Meeting @ ~32 minutes

**Lt. Tim Becker:** Actually we're running into the issue right now because we're trying to get ready for the upcoming year. We're trying to find somebody who is qualified and have law enforcement powers on the river. It's not a matter, it's finding qualified people who can run the river and give tickets. To be honest with you, um, we posted it to all deputy Sheriffs on the grounds that they were already trained and willing to do it, so we sent it around to all EDC deputies hoping that someone would volunteer and that just came back nobody volunteered to take that position for the summer.

So now we're working on other answers for that, and uh, and we're hoping we'll, uh, and I don't know whether the Sheriff's decision...we have issues and we're trying to solve it. It's not like we can just go "let's put 5 deputies on the river." We don't have 5 deputies qualified to run the river. We can't just find people who are qualified to run the river to go out because it's, because it's an extensive training and a lot of people don't pass it. To get to have peace officers powers you've got month-long academies, and months of training after that and so 5 people with those skills is difficult for us. So yeah, we just can't put people out on the river like you can on any street or a house party or something of that nature. Logistically it's just not possible at this time. I'm not sure how we're going to solve that.

We have some ideas and a Sergeant is currently working on that and he just gave me the proposals. When I got back from the office this afternoon...I have a pretty good idea of what they are. The Sheriff knows we're going to present them. As far as...you know...It's the same old issue and I wish I could say yeah, there's all these laws and enforcement issues...the problem is the time it occurs and the manpower, and everything we respond to is prioritized. I'm sure you guys have heard this before, but it's just a fact of life. Uh, we're very dedicated and the Sheriff is, and honestly, since the Sheriff has taken over there is a huge change in the Sheriff's department and I see that a different attitude with the deputies and they are very service oriented. Um, and they try to get out there and do as much as they can but...and prioritize...but they can't be everywhere at every time and especially with the river, I can't...I don't even have the people to put on the river, and even if I could...

**RMAC speaker interrupts:** EDSO, BLM, CA State Parks crime in the class 2 & 3 areas of the river...

Tim Becker: (unintelligible)...liability of putting them on the river...