

Agenda of: July 27, 2023

Staff: Vickie Sanders, Tim Canavarro

STAFF REPORT:

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF RIVER USE PERMIT

APPLICANTS:

Aaron Tippett with Coloma Lotus Whitewater, Adam Anderson, and Brice Anderson

REQUESTS:

Aaron Tippett with Coloma Lotus Whitewater holds River Use Permit #20 and is requesting a full transfer of 24 weekend allocations, 19 weekday allocations and all assets to Adam Anderson and Brice Anderson.

Adam Anderson and Brice Anderson currently do not hold any river use permits and are requesting the transfer of River Use Permit #20 and all assets from owner, Aaron Tippett.

Please refer to the attached letters of intent, Exhibit C.

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends the Commission approve the request from Current Owner of Coloma Lotus Whitewater, Aaron Tippett, to transfer River Use Permit #20, which includes 24 weekend allocations, 19 weekday allocations and all assets to New Owners, Adam Anderson and Brice Anderson.

BACKGROUND

The El Dorado County River Management Plan (RMP) contains Element 6.2.1.4 (Exhibit A) which describes the guidelines and procedures for the transfer and consolidation of River Use Permits. The discussion section will include a checklist of compliance with RMP Element 6.2.1.4 and a record of the River Use Permit user day allocations being transferred.

River Use Permit Status

Coloma Lotus Whitewater is in good standing, has no outstanding fees, or unresolved violations with El Dorado County.

DISCUSSION

Current Owner of Coloma Lotus Whitewater, Aaron Tippett, would like to transfer ownership of River Use Permit #20 and all assets to New Owners, Adam Anderson and Brice Anderson.

Transfer Requirements

The applicants for the transfer have complied with the procedures for a River Use Permit transfer found in River Management Plan Element 6.2.1.4.2:

- The owners have each signed a letter of intent.
- There has been no value assigned to the permits in the transaction.
- River equipment and other assets are included in the purchase/sale agreements.
- There are no outstanding debts or violations.
- Payment of a \$150 transfer fee has been paid.

River Use Permit Allocations

The permits and user day allocations for Coloma Lotus Whitewater are contained in the table below and will be unchanged:

Coloma Lotus Whitewater – RUP #20		
	Current	Proposed
Weekend User Day Allocation	24	24
Weekday User Day Allocation	19	19
Memorial Day- Labor Day Weekend Allocation	N/A	N/A

Environmental Document

The environmental documents utilized for River Use Permit approvals are the February 28, 2002 initial evaluation by the General Services Department utilizing the El Dorado County Environmental Checklist Form and the Final Environmental Impact Report for the River Management Plan, State Clearinghouse number 1998092013, certified on March 27, 2001.

CEQA Compliance

The transfer of an El Dorado County River Use Permit is CEQA exempt under Section 15061(b)(3). There is certainty that the transfer of River Use Permit from one outfitter to another will not have a significant effect on the environment. A River Use Permit transfer does not change the amount of commercial river use allowed by the County's River Management Plan.

FINDINGS

1. The application for the transfer of River Use Permit #20 and all assets from Current Owner, Aaron Tippett to New Owners, Adam Anderson and Brice Anderson meet the standards required by the River Management Plan Element 6.2.1.4.

RECOMMENDATION

The Commission to approve the request from Current Owner of Coloma Lotus Whitewater, Aaron Tippett, to transfer River Use Permit #20, which includes 24 weekend allocations, 19 weekday allocation and all assets to New Owners, Adam Anderson and Brice Anderson.

ATTACHMENTS

- Exhibit A El Dorado County River Management Plan - Element 6.2.1.4
- Exhibit B Chapter 5.48 - Streams and Rivers Commercial Boating Ordinance
- Exhibit C Letters of Intent from Applicants