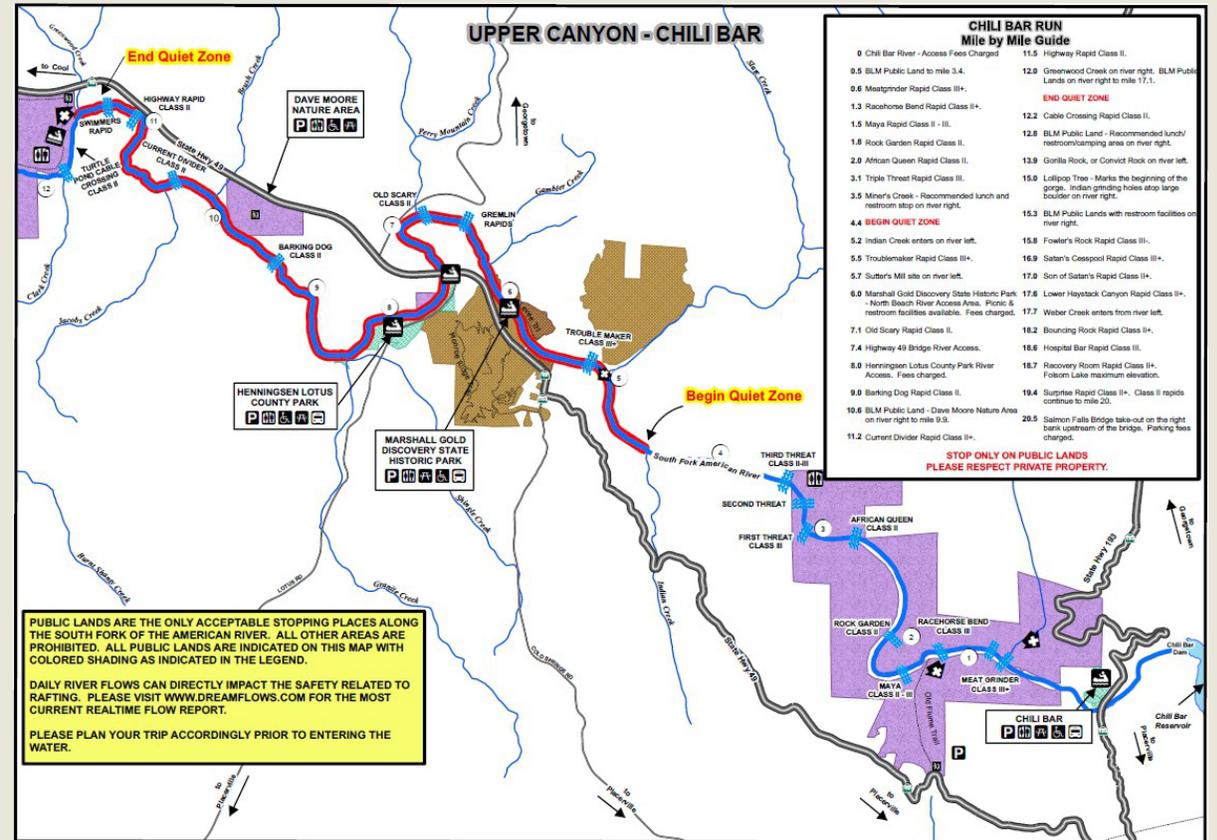
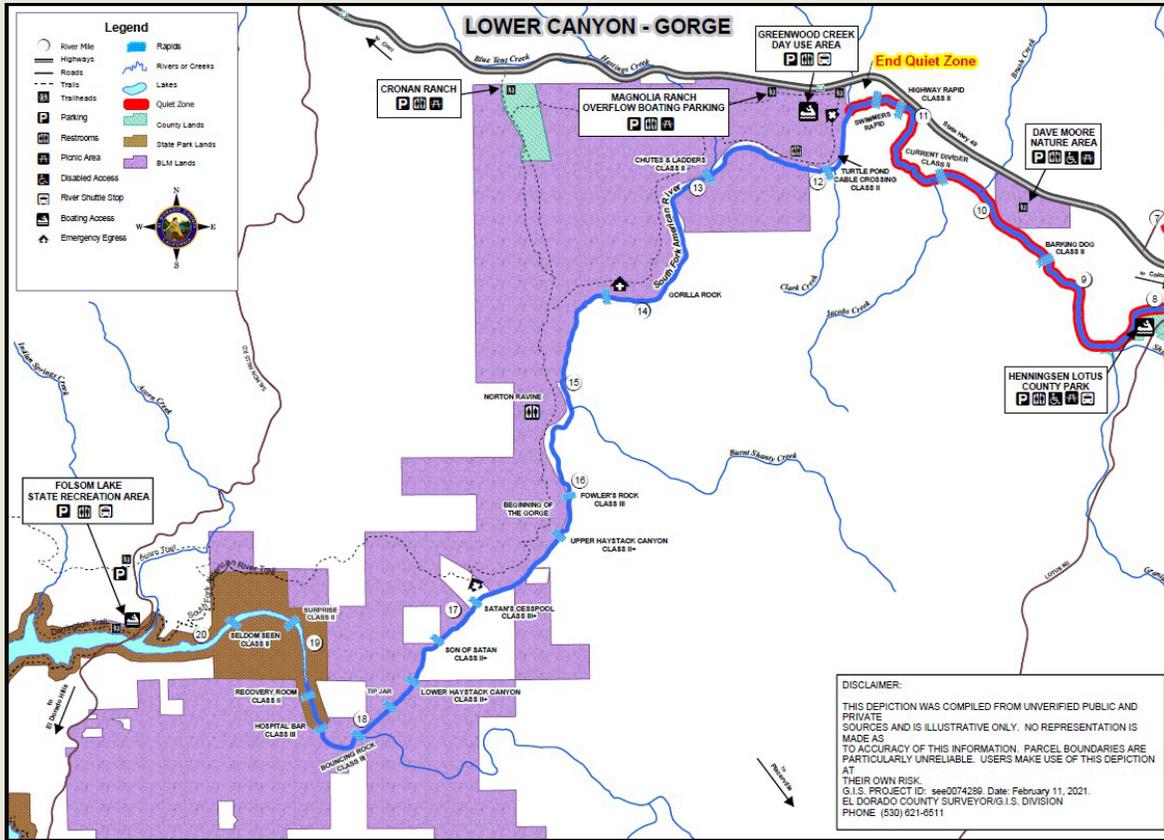




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River Management Plan 2025-26 Updates

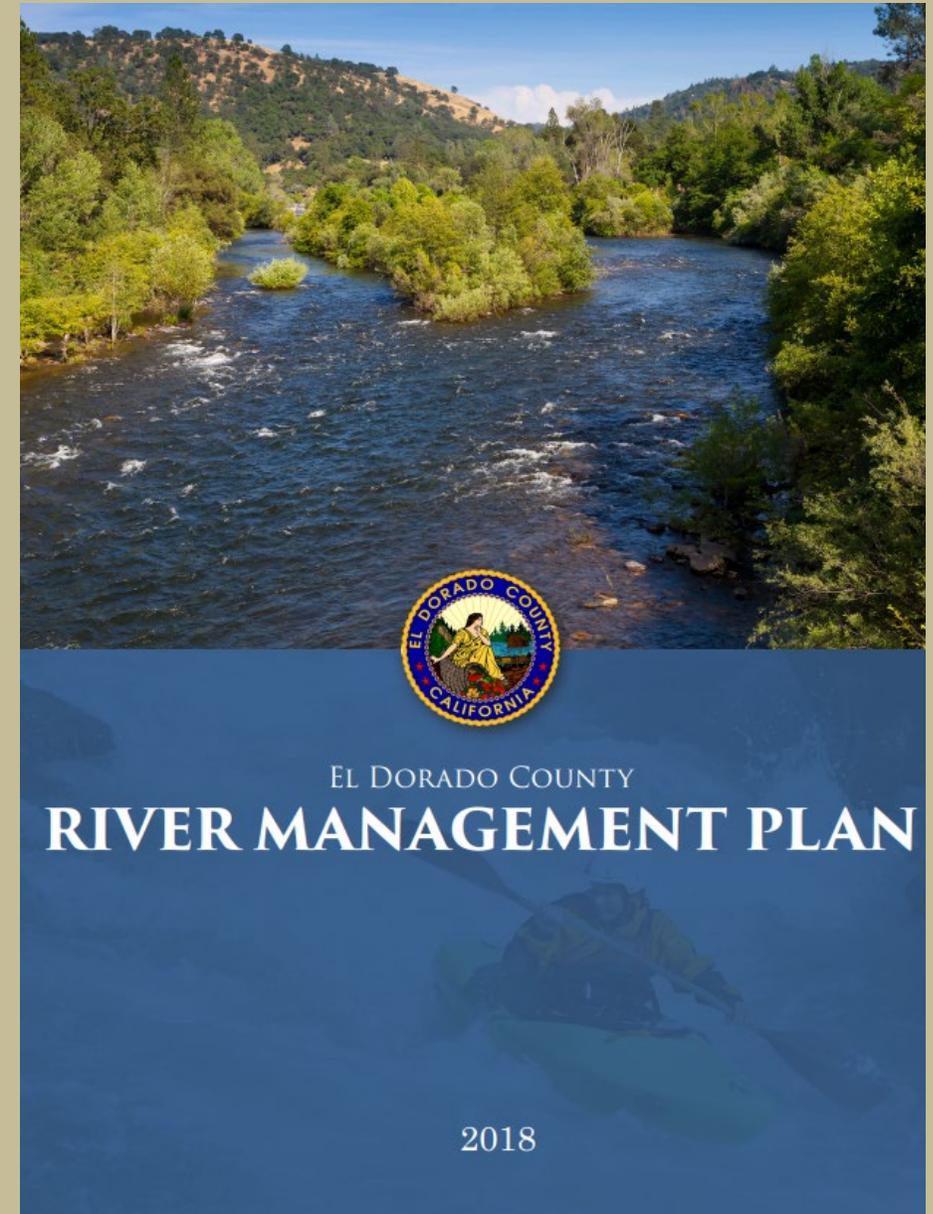
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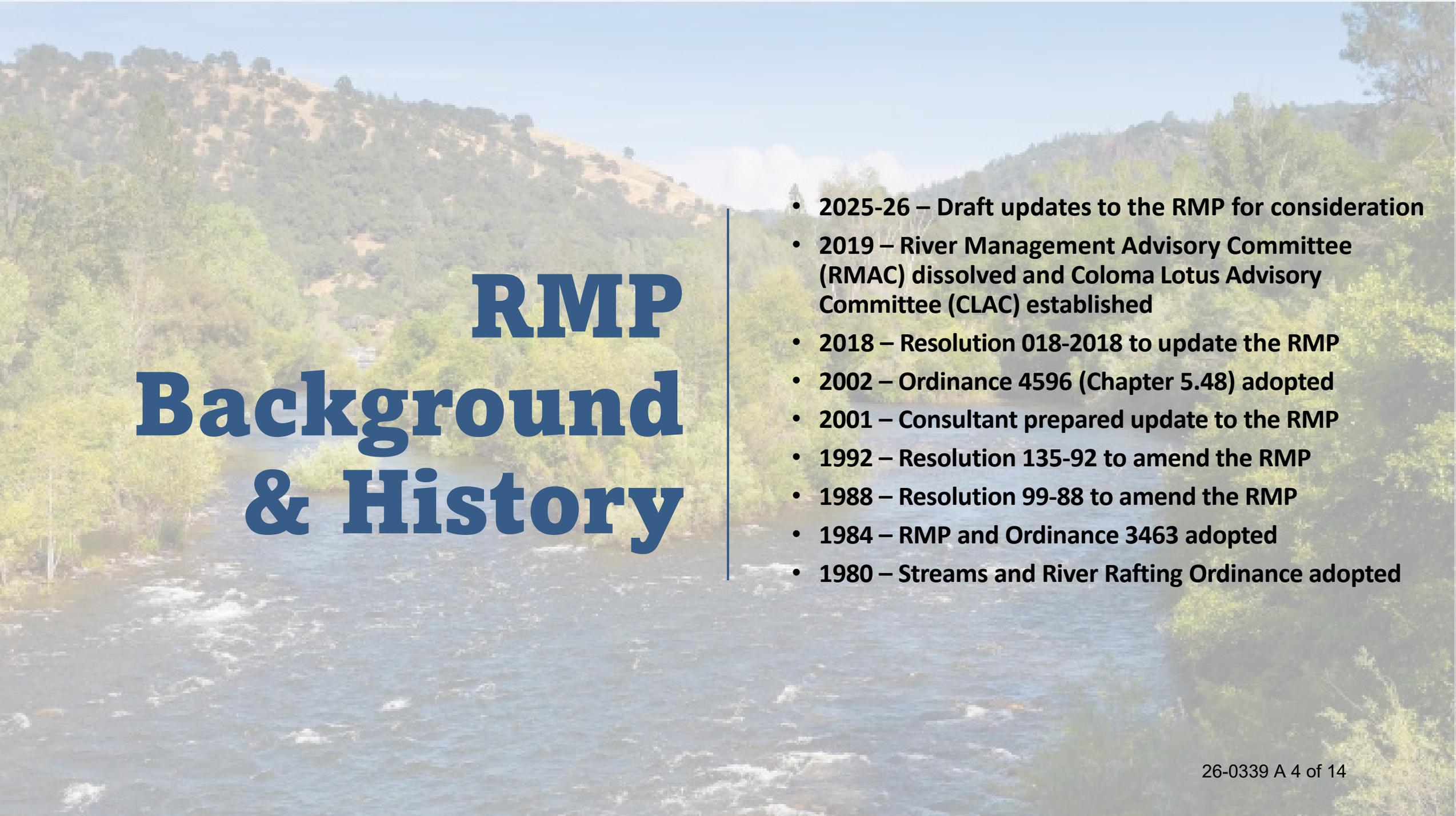


Purpose of the River Management Plan

The River Management Plan (RMP):

- Manages use on the 20.7-mile segment of the South Fork of the American River
- Serves as an active, evolving tool that can be amended as conditions or needs change
- Manages commercial and non-commercial river recreation to enhance public health, safety, welfare of users, and to protect the riparian environment
- Implements the County's river management goals





RMP Background & History

- **2025-26 – Draft updates to the RMP for consideration**
- **2019 – River Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) dissolved and Coloma Lotus Advisory Committee (CLAC) established**
- **2018 – Resolution 018-2018 to update the RMP**
- **2002 – Ordinance 4596 (Chapter 5.48) adopted**
- **2001 – Consultant prepared update to the RMP**
- **1992 – Resolution 135-92 to amend the RMP**
- **1988 – Resolution 99-88 to amend the RMP**
- **1984 – RMP and Ordinance 3463 adopted**
- **1980 – Streams and River Rafting Ordinance adopted**

RMP Update Process



Annual Report

Compiled by December 30 of every year
Presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC)



Five-Year Summary

Annual reports compiled into a five-year review summary
Staff, CLAC, PRC, and Planning Commission initial review and recommendations
Presented to Board of Supervisors for final review and approval of recommendations



RMP Update

Board approved recommendations are incorporated into the RMP update

RMP Five-Year Summary

- Provide opportunities for ongoing refinement of the RMP to ensure public safety, environmental protection, and the most efficient use of County resources
- Provides opportunities to review adopted and implemented management actions and mitigation measures to ensure they remain meaningful and responsive

Summary Timeline

3/12/24 Board received presentation and update
1/18/24 PRC reviewed and provided input

Outcome of the Five-Year Summary Review

- Staff and PRC recommended 13 updates to the RMP
- Draft updates were incorporated into the RMP to reflect Staff and PRC recommendations
- Draft updates were incorporated into the Ordinance 5.48 to reflect Board direction to assess and update fees

El Dorado County River Management Plan 5-year Summary 2023



River Management Plan Update

A group of people in yellow rafts navigating a river through a forested landscape. The river is dark and has some white water rapids. The background shows a steep, forested hillside under a clear blue sky. The text 'River Management Plan Update' is overlaid in the top left corner.

- Provide management actions that are logical, supportive of safe river use and consistent with the County's riparian environment protection commitments
- Update is time for comprehensive changes that could involve CEQA review

Staff Recommendations to the RMP

Minor Text Changes

Chapter I, Operations of SMUD's UARP and PG&E Operation of Chili Bar

Recommendation #1: Update Chili Bar Dam ownership from PG&E to SMUD

Outfitter Guide Updates

Chapter III, Element 1: Education Programs and Element 6: Safety Etiquette

Recommendations #2 and #10: Remove County hosted pre-season guide training workshop

Update language for County River Safety and Etiquette Standards statement to verify guides

Staff Recommendations Con't

River Use Permits & Transfer Process

Chapter III, Element 6: Annual River Use Permits

Recommendation #3: Update was removed. NEW Update to remove Ord. Chap 5.48 text

Recommendation #4: Update flex permit language

Recommendation #5: Clarify language for user day transfers

Recommendation #6: Remove Planning Commission from user day transfer process

Recommendation #7: Update was removed

Chapter III, Element 6: Permits and Requirements

Group Size

Recommendation #8: Clarify practice with update from 56 to 63 people per group

Fees

Recommendation #9: Clarify user fee payment requirements with the monthly EMOR, and update section to align with Ordinance Chap 5.48

Recommendation #14: Update to clarify fees are established by Board Resolution and penalty fines are established by state law

Violations and Appeals

Recommendation #11: Revise 4 violations to 3 violations, and update section to align with Ord. Chap 5.48

Recommendations #12 & 13: Staff change for appeal procedure

Staff Recommendations Con't





El Dorado County Ordinance Updates

Board provided conceptual approval to amend Ordinance Chapter 5.48 Streams and Rivers Commercial Boating, Chapter 5.50 Specific Use Regulations, and Sec. 12.64.070 Personal Flotation Device

5.48 Recommendations:

- Update staff position that may revoke a river use permit
- Update Section 5.48.140 in accordance with Chap. 1.24
- Update to include violation schedule, appeal procedure, and monthly operating report procedure

5.50 Recommendations:

- Update Sec. 5.50.090 in accordance with Chap. 1.24
- Update to include violation schedule and appeal procedure

12.64.070 Recommendations:

- Correct language to include all device types

Chapter III, Element 6:
Permits and Requirements

**Non-Commercial Boater
Requirements**

Recommendation #18:

Update to remove text that is from Ordinances Chap 5.50 and Sec 12.64.070

Chapter IV, River
Management Plan Review
and Revision Process

Five-Year Periodic Review

Recommendation #19:

Update the five-year review to include CLAC in the process in accordance with Resolution 078-2019

NEW Staff Recommendations



Next Steps



**Comments or
Questions?**