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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to you representing the American River Outfitters Association - a local trade association whose members are made up of the majority of permitted professional outfitters on the South Fork of the American River. I am also the Commercial Outfitter Representative, and Chair, of the Coloma-Lotus Advisory Committee (CLAC).

I would ask you to review the attached letter which was sent to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors this Monday morning. That letter respectfully requests that the Board reach out to the CAO's office to remove the Draft RMP Update from your 7-17-2025 agenda, and then have it brought back to you at a later date when you can receive, and have access to, the comments, suggestions and any concerns that are expressed as part of the deliberations by the CLAC. That Board appointed Committee is composed of individuals representing local residents, private boaters, commercial outfitters and local business owners. In short, that Committee is made up of the very stakeholders who have the most experience with, and are most affected by, this general plan for the most popular river on the west coast. Common sense, and responsible management, would dictate that your Commission, along with the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, have the results of those stakeholders deliberations prior to your taking any action on this Update.

As such I am respectfully requesting that your Commission either remove Agenda item: 25-1260, or that you not take any action on this Draft RMP Update until such time as you can then have access to the CLAC deliberations.

I thank you for your time and consideration, and I look forward to being able to bring those comments, concerns and deliberations to you at a later date.

Sincerely,  
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District 2 Supervisor George Turnboo,

District 3 Supervisor Brian Veerkamp and

District 5 Supervisor Brooke Laine

Dear Supervisors:

I am writing to you as the Government Affairs Director for the American River Outfitters Association, a local trade association that represents the majority of permitted commercial outfitters on the South Fork of the American River. I am also your Board appointed Commercial Outfitters Representative on the Coloma-Lotus Advisory Committee (CLAC). We are writing to you to express our very real concerns over the just released River Management Plan Update. A few of these concerns include the following issues:

1. The size and scope of the suggested changes goes far beyond a mere “update” to this RMP. As the single largest non-agricultural based tourism industry on the West Slope of El Dorado County, we have always appreciated our ability to work with your Board and County staff to reasonably and wisely manage recreational use on the South Fork American. We consider EDCO a partner in the valuable services that we provide. But we are concerned that that partnership may possibly be jeopardized by a number of elements in this Update.
2. We are wondering why there is an urgency to adopt this update. As Chair of the CLAC I have repeatedly requested over the past year an opportunity for our community to see this product. As the local advisory group that is most affected by this Update, it is abundantly clear that CLAC should be the first Committee or Commission to receive a presentation of the Update, as well as an opportunity to responsibly consider it. And yet...we only saw the Update as of 4:30 PM two days ago. And now it's going to your Parks and Recreation Commission for their review this coming Thursday without an opportunity for CLAC, as a full Committee, to adequately discuss this and share those discussions with your Parks and Rec Commissioners. Last week, as the CLAC Chair, I requested with CAO staff that CLAC be given the opportunity to weigh in on this prior to any other County-wide

bodies, specifically so that those bodies could have our input to consider during their deliberations. I was told that given the suggested timing of presentations that wouldn't be possible. Again...the question we have is why the rush? This three-year process, producing a 104 page Draft Update, along with dozens of pages of supporting documentation, has just now been shown to our community.

We are simply asking your Board to allow a community-based process, one with complete transparency, to take place within a reasonable and responsible timeline. That would include having the Parks and Recreation Commission remove the RMP Update from their July 17<sup>th</sup> agenda so that, at a future date, they can benefit from the deliberations of the CLAC. CLAC will get a presentation on the Update at their next August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, and they may need, vis-à-vis through the use of an ad-hoc subcommittee, additional time to adequately deliberate the extensive and far-reaching recommendations that are contained in this Update.

Your staff has put together a wide-ranging document that deserves, and demands, a thorough and comprehensive review. Those deliberations will take time. We are looking forward to participating in that process, but we need your Board to make certain that we will be able to do just that.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like further clarification of our concerns.

Sincerely,

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