

During our initial 2011 meeting in the office of Sheriff D'Agostini, he said, "You need a new Board (of Supervisors); all of them. Hold their feet to the fire. Mine too. I work for you."

Now we've got an entire new BOS along with a new CAO and HR Director Pam Knorr under the counsel of Mike Ciccozzi and Robyn Drivon, yet we're stuck with the same old problems that have plagued EDC for decades. One constituent aptly stated, "Just when you think we have some people in office who will work for the people, old dogs are still sleeping on the porch."

By the way, kudos to Larry Weitzman for his excellent research and expose's entitled "The Balancing Act." Oh the tangled webs they weave then those "old dogs" practice to deceive...and it's the EDC taxpayers that will foot the bill for the numerous lawsuits being filed against our public servants.

In the case of Webb vs County of El Dorado where Pam Knorr, Joe Harn and Vern Pierson are named as Defendants, another constituent succinctly stated, "More Taxpayer's money being spent because of El Dorado County MISMANAGEMENT. What is going on with IT? When will the Supervisors say enough is enough?? Can't seem to get the job done? But that's not necessary if you're a career bureaucrat. The Sacramento Bee said it best: "El Dorado County Deserves Better."

I prefer to call it Bureaucratic Shenanigans, or if you prefer, BS. It's as plain as the nose on your face that County Counsel and this Board of Supervisors are all complicit in a grand scheme to deceive the public and in violation of their oaths of office. The liability is scandalous earning EDC a reputation for leading all other CA counties in dysfunction and corruption. To top it off, this county appears to have a penchant for hiring other county's rejects. Case in point: Robyn Drivon and Pam Knorr.

I'm referring specifically to Pam Knorr's evasive tactics, excuses, and refusal to forward emails to Sheriff D'Agostini. There's no transparency or accountability, let alone adherence to personnel policies, hiring practices, and disciplinary procedures. Employees who should be fired are instead given promotions and raises.

Robyn walked out on our November meeting regarding Public Record Act requests and said she'd get back to us on the issues that were raised. She never addressed those issues. Pam dropped in on that meeting which was audio recorded. To top it off, Robyn's arrogance expressed in a response to a recent CPRA is a disgrace to her profession.

If Pam Knorr can't manage to forward emails relevant to Sheriff D'Agostini's jurisdiction, then she has no business being paid \$187,000 yearly to do two jobs she obviously can't handle. Hallway meetings, as she suggests in this May 12th email, are unacceptable.

No dialogue. No solutions. No leadership. Most leaders would bring people together, have dialogue and work toward a solution. Jesus said in Matthew 12:25, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand." We are a county divided with a vacuum of leadership.

This Board is either part of the problem or you'll do the "right thing" and be part of the solution by adhering to the Brown Act which states, "*The public has broad Constitutional rights to comment on any subject relating to the business of the governmental body...where a member of the public raises an issue which has not yet come before the legislative body, the item may be briefly discussed but no action taken.*"

With that being said, it's Pam Knorr's duty to provide a public explanation as to why she has failed to respond to emails or hold our "Un-Constitutional" Sheriff's feet to the fire.

Pam, your response please.

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

- 1) This transcript
- 2) Pam Knorr 5/12/15 @ 3:17 PM email dialog
- 3) 11/12/14 Drivon/Franz agenda

Melody Lane

From: Pamela Knorr <pamela.knorr@edcgov.us>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 2:49 PM
To: Melody Lane
Subject: Re: Today's Presentation

Hi Melody,

I wasn't offended at all, however I sensed angst in your presentation today. I wanted to take an opportunity to reach out to you to transmit the information that you wanted with respect to the CAO/HR Director/or me specifically.

Unfortunately my calendar is blocked due to the budget for the next several weeks. I didn't want unresolved issues or questions to fester which is why I suggested the lobby chat. If you were seeking some specific information, I wanted to provide you with the information.

Have a very pleasant week.

Best,
Pamela

On Tue, May 12, 2015 at 2:40 PM, Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com> wrote:

Hi Pam,

I would be happy to meet with you. However under the circumstances, especially since Mike Ciccozzi now represents the CAO's office, I feel it best to meet in your office at a scheduled time. Please let me know your availability as I will have at least one other concerned citizen accompany me.

On another note, please do not be offended by my submittal of the CPRA today. It has been a subject brought up at several recent meetings and presents a perfect opportunity for the County to demonstrate authentic transparency and accountability, qualities that have long been lacking in EDC.

Thanks, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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Cheers,

Melody Lane

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“It is not what a lawyer tells me I *may* do; but what humanity, reason, and justice tell me I ought to do. ~ Edmund Burke, Second Speech on Conciliation, 1775 ~

From: Pamela Knorr [mailto:pamela.knorr@edcgov.us]

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 11:02 AM

To: Melody Lane

Subject: Today's Presentation

Hello Melody

I would like to get together regarding your comments today. I am swamped with the budget activities right now. Maybe if you are at our meeting next week, we can step into the lobby for a moment to catch up.

Have a great rest of your week.

Pamela

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Wednesday November 12, 2014 @ 10:00 AM

Robyn Drivon/Paula Franz

- I. CPRAs - FOIA
 - A. CAO - Ross Branch
 - B. Process - Coordination, logging, tracking
 - C. Spreadsheet Discrepancies
 - D. EDSO

- II. Brown Act – Bagley Keene Act Violations
 - A. BOS Agendas
 - B. Censoring/minimizing info.
 - C. Technical Difficulties

- III. Obstacles - Bureaucratic Shenanigans
 - A. Communication breakdown
 - B. Resolution 113-95 v. AB1234
 - C. Fees - Paper v. electronic copies or CD
 - D. Code/Law Enforcement inconsistencies
 - E. Diverted responses/lack of response

- IV. Solutions – Follow up
 - A. 10/21 CPRA presentation – publish CPRAs to government website?
 - B. Transparency/Accountability
 - C. Right-to-know v. media blackout

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S. Taylor Open Forum BOS 6/16/15

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

June 15, 2015

Re: **CEASE AND DESIST LETTER PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54960.2**

Dear Board of Supervisors:

This letter is to call your attention to a violation of the Ralph M. Brown Act, which occurred during the meeting on April 14, 2015.

The violation occurred with respect to the Board's action on the following agenda items:

April 14, 2015, 10:00 A.M. - TIME ALLOCATION

MONTHLY STAFF UPDATE - GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

The action to "receive and file" the staff report was not in compliance with the Brown Act because Government Code section 54953.3¹ provides that any member of the public must be given the opportunity to speak on any issue on the agenda before or at the time specified.

If you only allow the public to comment before an item, such as during Open Forum, then you must require staff to attach their report to the agenda item so that the public has the opportunity to review the report and make meaningful comment.

This letter serves as a demand that the County cease and desist the ongoing practice of hearing staff reports as agendaized for meetings, and prohibiting the public from participating by refusing to allow comments from the public on the staff reports.

On April 14, 2015, Supervisor Veerkamp denied me, Sue Taylor, the opportunity to make a comment on the Monthly General Plan Update Staff Report. Supervisor Veerkamp stated, "We've had Open Forum." That statement was unclear as to its meaning. If it meant that I should have made comment during Open Forum, it would have been impossible to make meaningful comment since there was no report published with the agenda.

This pattern and practice violates the Brown Act requirements as set forth above with respect to the individual action on April 14, 2015.

Pursuant to Section 54960.2(1), you have 60 days to respond with an "unconditional commitment to cease, desist from, and not repeat the past action."

I look forward to your response.



Sue Taylor
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¹ All citations are to the Government Code unless otherwise noted.