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As you heard earlier this morning during Consent, the Brown Act ensures the public has “broad Constitutional rights.” Last week you heard several frustrated constituents express their concerns during the course of the meeting about the manner in which this board conducts the people’s business. But it’s no longer “business as usual” in El Dorado County...

You may not like what you hear from the public on a weekly basis, but it is your duty to respond appropriately to concerns in a timely and respectful manner. To the best of my knowledge, most of those public concerns have never been addressed by County staff.

It’s been said that you catch more flies with honey than you can with vinegar. Frankly speaking, most of us have found that “sweet talk” with this board doesn’t work any better than vinegar. Our words just seem to fall on deaf ears. Requests for public information disappear into the “black hole” known as the CAO’s office. Perhaps it’s time to use a fly-swatter to get your attention.

Today I’d like to address the associated topic of CA Public Record Act requests for information. This stack represents the CPRAs that the County has failed to comply with according to Government Code Section 6250 et sequence. Most of them have to do with Capital Improvement Projects and issues within the Sheriff’s jurisdiction. All CPRAs are now processed through the CAO’s office...and therein resides the problem.

This subject was addressed in a few recent articles in the Mtn. Democrat entitled “**My Turn: El Dorado County on the Move to Drive Innovation**”, “**Brown Act Violated**”, and “**The Balancing Act: Grand Jury Gobbledy-gook**” which I referred to during Consent.

You’ve heard me quote Sheriff D’Agostini before, “***Hold their feet to the fire. Mine too. I work for you.***” Well, now is the time for an old fashioned weenie-roast...

I’ve said this before but it also bears repeating: I won’t tolerate being bullied, lied to, or lied about. The Sheriff, the CAO, Roger Trout, this Board and other County staff have abused the public trust. The root element is FRAUD previously quoted from *American Jurisprudence*.

In that regard I'm submitting for the public record an email dialog with Ross Branch from the CAO's office about gross discrepancies regarding previously submitted CPRAs. The Board, staff and the Sheriff's office have all been copied on what I referred to as the CAO's "BS reply" (that's politically correct for **B**ureaucratic **S**henanigans.) It is reasonable to believe that County Counsel prepared the CAO's unacceptable response to the CPRAs since it involves issues of apparent fraud, incompetence and liability for which this Board and other County staff are culpable. Ultimately taxpayers will foot the bill for subsequent litigation.

With that being said, I'm submitting yet another CPRA request for information. In brief it states:

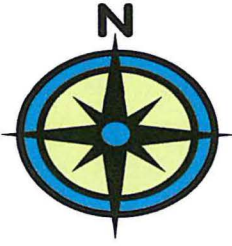
- All correspondence, written or verbal, identifying the agent(s) authorized to compose and submit on behalf of the Board of Supervisors the **My Turn: El Dorado County on the Move to Drive Innovation** article published in the Mountain Democrat on July 2, 2014.

We've had enough of the BS shenanigans emanating from the CAO's office with the blessing of the Board. Avoidance and stonewalling tactics are not acceptable options. Our longstanding Constitutional rights are being violated and ignored. Laws are enforced selectively. Leaders lack vision, morals, ethics and accountability thus demonstrating this county has slipped over the edge into the abyss of tyranny.

The solution is really very simple: *Just do what's right.*

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. CPRA – BOS My Turn
3. My Turn MD article
4. Brown Act Violated MD article
5. CPRA email dialog re: Coloma Resort music permits 7/21/14 @ 4:32 PM
6. Coloma Resort libelous letter dated 1/21/14



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July 22, 2014

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

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 copies of the following:

- All correspondence, written or verbal, identifying the agent(s) authorized to compose and submit on behalf of the Board of Supervisors the **My Turn: El Dorado County on the Move to Drive Innovation** article published in the Mountain Democrat on July 2, 2014.

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.

To avoid unnecessary costs of duplication, electronic copies are acceptable and may be emailed to 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.

Melody Lane
Founder – Compass2Truth

My turn: El Dorado County on the move to drive innovation

By [Special to the Democrat](#)

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We ask the public to join the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors in our commitment to create a renaissance regarding the county's reputation. For starters, Terri Daly has been working at our direction for almost four years and we want you to know that we support our chief administrative officer (CAO) who is working effectively to advance critically important initiatives to modernize county government so it can be something we leave in good shape for the next generation.

It is time for a cultural transformation in El Dorado County and we want everyone on board. Collaboration is what leads to effective problem-solving. It's what leads to innovation. We simply can't create the exciting future we want for El Dorado County without first establishing a positive culture to the benefit of employees, businesses (new and established) as well as our citizenry.

We are committed to improving communication channels — enhancing the frequency and extent to which we provide external outreach to stakeholders and the media. We want and need the public's involvement, and open communication will help get us there.

Without an informed public, we miss opportunities to “think outside the box.” Without a motivated workforce, we fall behind neighboring counties capitalizing on competitive economic incentives and the type of “idea storming” that comes from colleagues and leadership working well together and displaying mutual respect.

We have directed the CAO to focus on five areas where we want available resources to net a return on our investment for the future:

- Human Resources and Risk Management
- Information Technologies
- Facilities
- Department Accountability and Culture
- Economic Development.

The CAO, at our direction, recently delivered on a Recommended Budget that keeps costs in line while embracing Priority-Based Budgeting enabling government to reassess priorities in order to make sound, long-term funding decisions. The process clearly establishes the priorities of the county, then develops practices, processes and procedures that fund and advance those priorities. It puts into motion a mission-driven organization with local government leaders who are seeking service excellence, transparency and a strong desire to achieve the results that are truly important to their community.

We give our administrative team high marks for the following:

- Producing a responsible balanced budget for four years in a row, and successfully bringing the county out of the recession with healthy reserves and no debt.
- Trimming facilities costs by saving \$600,000 a year through termination or renegotiation of over-market rates on building leases (savings will continue annually starting this year).

- A total of \$6 million in one-time savings with construction efficiencies achieved that no one thought possible in the building of a new Animal Services Shelter.

One of our top priorities is the roll out of a workplace action plan that will transform the organizational culture of the county. Why should our citizens care about an internal culture change? For good reason. If we can tackle long-simmering workplace issues, employee morale will improve. Already, the Health and Human Services job turnover rate has improved from 50 percent to 15 percent enabling us to better serve those clients. Customer service is improving. New companies eyeing the El Dorado Hills Business Park and other commercial space are more inclined to bring jobs here because the professionalism and motivation of county employees will continue to improve. We'll also retain and attract employees empowered to create vibrant organizations serving the best interest of its citizens. With the labor market improving, we need to hang onto our best and brightest talent and be poised to attract more. Luck won't improve the county; it will be preparedness and meeting opportunity.

The above action plan gets underway as a Grand Jury report comes out taking a close and critical look at the County Charter. It proposes specific and controversial recommendations. We need to be cognizant that discord will keep us stagnant and unprepared if all it does it keep us looking in a rear view mirror whilst other counties around us power out of the recession. There is a process in place to address the issues. A Charter Review Committee, convened every five years to consider changes to the charter will examine the recommendations.

Also, the Board of Supervisors will officially respond to the Grand Jury report within the mandated 90 days. We'll also respond to the Charter Review Committee's recommendations. After that, it could be up to the voters to cast the final say over any modifications to the County Charter — potentially as early as the General Election in November.

Let's let the administrative teams including the elected officials do their jobs. The Board of Supervisors keeps our taxpayers' interests in the forefront of our actions.

Until then, look forward, not in the rear view mirror, because the future demands we do so or El Dorado County may be left behind in the dust of counties more willing and able to move ahead. Join us as we build a better reputation for a county with so much to offer and the people who can make it happen. Together we can truly make a difference as we leverage the unique and amazing resources that make El Dorado County a great place to live, work and play..

Ron Mikulaco, Brian Veerkamp, Ron Briggs and Norma Santiago represent District 1, District 3, District 4 and District 5, respectively, on the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors. The District 2 seat is currently vacant.

- [Phillip Veerkamp](#) · Top Commenter
WOW!

This "My turn" seems to cut against Larry Weitzman's (Mountain Democrat's {Vern Pierson/Joe Harn's}) campaign against the recently released GJ report and campaign against the CAO and the assistant CAO.

July 18, 2014

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EDITORIAL

Brown Act violated

Brown Act violated

By [Mountain Democrat](#)

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Some of you may have noticed the My Turn column July 2 by all four members of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors.

Unusual.

Also, illegal.

Yes, there was no regular item on the board's agenda for them to approve whoever wrote this on their behalf. It's been clear to us for a long time that none of the four has ever exhibited a talent for writing. And now it's also clear none seems to have a talent for knowing the law. Even if one board member happened to actually put together a few bullet points and a lot of general PR pabulum, it still required approval from the other three.

We're sticking with the theory that someone on staff or someone on contract wrote this 864-word piece.

Why is this illegal? It violates the Brown Act that is also known as the local government open meeting law. Under Section 54952.2 (b) of the Brown Act, "...any use of direct communication, personal intermediaries or technological devices that is employed by a majority of the members of the legislative body to develop a collective concurrence as to action to be taken on an item by members of the legislative body is prohibited."

The operative word here is "prohibited."

For the four members of the Board of Supervisors to sign their names to this requires action. To act requires communication. Because this did not appear on an agenda item for the board members to vote in public they either did it secretly behind closed doors without notice or they approved it one at a time through the actions of an intermediary.

We call on the district attorney to investigate this, find out who the intermediary was, publicize that person and send a formal letter to the board to take corrective action for this "unlawful action by the legislative body."

Comments

4 comments

From: Melody Lane [mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com]

Sent: Monday, July 21, 2014 4:32 PM

To: 'Ross Branch'; Pamela Knorr; Terri Daly

Cc: Kimberly Kerr; norma.santiago@edcgov.us; Roger Trout; Jim Wassner; Sheriff D'Agostini; Tim Becker; Bryan Golmitz; judi.mccallum@edcgov.us; Brenda Bailey; bosfive@edcgov.us; bosone@edcgov.us; bosthree@edcgov.us; bostwo@edcgov.us; 'Ron Briggs'

Subject: RE: Public Records Request 7/9/14 - Coloma Resort music permits

Importance: High

Ross,

With all due respect, your response is BS...

Perhaps you may not be aware of the history of correspondence involving the attached documents.

Kim Kerr, Terri Daly, Sheriff D'Agostini, Roger Trout, Jim Wassner, Pam Knorr and the BOS are keenly aware of the legal implications. From what Kim Kerr informed me, Roger Trout is the person responsible for the "missing files" from Planning & Development involving SUP violations that go back as far as 1988. I'm confident Roger will remember his BS letter sent to all of them dated September 26, 2012.

If you have any questions, check with Roger Trout.

Better yet, since it's his jurisdiction, check with Sheriff D'Agostini for details of our last meeting held in his office September 4, 2012 which included Roger Trout, Jeremy McReynolds and Lt. Tim Becker. (agenda attached)

PAMELA: Please ensure this email is forwarded to the Sheriff & staff to take remedial action.

Thanks,

Melody Lane

Founder – Compass2Truth

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From: Ross Branch <ross.branch@edcgov.us>
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2014 10:23 AM
To: Melody Lane
Cc: Terri Daly; Norma Santiago; Kimberly Kerr; Roger Trout; Jim Wassner; Sheriff DAgostini; Bryan Golmitz; Tim Becker; Ron Briggs; judi.mccallum@edcgov.us; bosfive@edcgov.us; The BOSONE; The BOSTHREE; bostwo@edcgov.us
Subject: Re: Public Records Request 7/9/14 - Coloma Resort music permits

Melody,

In regards to your latest response, please understand that the CAO is being as responsive as possible to your request. I hope the following explanation will help resolve any misunderstandings.

Regarding Coloma Resort: The Resort operates under a "special use permit." Unlike a "temporary use permit" the "special use permit" covers the operation of the resort and not a one-time special event. The Conditions of Approval for the "permit" lay out acceptable dBA levels at 60, 55, 50 for different times of the day. Under the "special use permit" which is issued by the County (not the Sheriff's Office), Coloma Resort is not required to get an amplified music permit from the Sheriff's Office to run its operation. The Resort is simply held to the standards laid out in the "Conditions of Approval" upon which the "special use permit" is based.

For those commercial businesses that wish to obtain a "special use permit" or "temporary use permit" for an amplified music event, they may do so through the County. Please note, that an amplified music permit from the Sheriff's Office is *only* required if that commercial business expects more than 150 persons to attend the performance. This can be found in the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12.39. The exemption (12.39.020 (C)) reads: "This chapter shall not apply where it is reasonably anticipated that no more than one hundred fifty (150) persons, whether guests, paid invitees or otherwise, are present at the live outdoor amplified concert."

Therefore, each amplified music event in the Coloma-Region is NOT required to get approval from the EDSO. Only those which meet the above threshold. My understanding is the Sheriff's Office is compiling other permits issued per your other PRA request. As stated in the response, the County hopes to be able to provide you with those by August 15.

But, in regards to the Coloma Resort which was the subject of this response, no amplified music permits have been issued since they operate under a "special use permit."

I hope this answers any questions you may have. The CAO in no way intends to "BS" you. To do so, serves no interest for the County.

On Fri, Jul 18, 2014 at 6:20 PM, Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com> wrote:

Ross, et al,

Thanks for your reply, but let's stop playing avoidance games...

The documents you provided failed to comply with the CPRA request for info. This appears to be just another **Bureaucratic Shenanigan** on behalf of the CAO...

As per the RMP, Code Enforcement, and past meetings with EDSO, each amplified music event in the Coloma-Lotus region must be approved in advance by EDSO.

Please refer to the attached documents. Jim Wassner, Roger Trout, and Sheriff D'Agostini are very aware of the lack of code/law enforcement in this regard. They should also be able to assist in providing **accurate** information in compliance with the CPRAs.

If the signed permits for amplified music events do not exist, then please so state in your reply.

Also, what was the purpose of including the document about the turnouts for the Mt. Murphy bridge???

Melody Lane

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From: Ross Branch [mailto:ross.branch@edcgov.us]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2014 4:19 PM
To: Melody Lane
Subject: Public Records Request 7/9/14 - Coloma Resort music permits

Melody,

Please see the attached response to your public records request dated 7/9/14 re: Coloma Resort music permits

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Elected Members of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

The Coloma Resort was granted a conditional use permit by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors after it was purchased by my parents, Fred & Marielle Faieta in 1988. The Resort has been under the ownership and on-site management of our Family since the permit was granted. For over a quarter of a century we have developed and maintained a continuous high standard of condition, service, security, cleanliness, park improvement, community involvement and educational/recreational opportunities for our community.

I have been the Director of Development & Operations since 2004.

The Resort operates 12 months out of each year and employs 14 full time and 6 part time management team members.

Our Resort oversight is mainly under the jurisdiction of the State of California Housing & Community Development Agency. There are numerous State, County and Federal Agencies that participate in helping to keep health, public safety and compliance within regulation for all campgrounds, trailer parks, and RV parks in the State of California. As of this writing, (January 21, 2014) there are no known violations of permits, nor pending action by any of the regulators assigned to inspect and control the activities of the Coloma Resort.

We have no modular homes on the property. All of our Park Model Units are allowed by HCD regulations. In 2013, the Coloma Resort's Park Model, Bunkhouse and Tent Cabin rental accommodations contributed \$23,390 in El Dorado County "bed tax" alone. Coloma Resort is not only an asset to the community; it is also a monetary asset to El Dorado County.

We have close relationships with all but one seemingly misguided and questionably intended neighbor. We enforce our 10pm quiet hour and keep our neighbors advised when we donate our facility for fundraisers which benefit local organizations such as Coloma/ Lotus and El Dorado County Chambers, Placerville Rotary, local high schools, American Lung Association, Swift Water Rescue Courses, California Search and Rescue Expos, Etc.

We consider our doing business in El Dorado County a privilege not a right. It is my great concern that the unrestrained actions of Melody Lane and her "Compass 2 Truth" platform cause undue cost and harassment to the residents, businesses, The Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park, governing bodies and protective agencies of El Dorado County. Regardless, Coloma Resort will continue our position of transparency and compliance.



In conclusion, I would like to restate that there are no mobile homes and no know violations of our conditional use permit. Please call and make an appointment with me for a tour of our treasured facility and to review any and all conditions of approval.

Sincerely,

Daniella Faieta

← Stakeholder Mt-Murphy Bridge CIP

Director of Development and Operations

Coloma Resort

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Board of Supervisors, July 22, 2014 – Mark E. Smith, Mt Murphy SAC, Garden Valley
Public Comment

Once again I come before you on the subject of the Mount Murphy bridge project on behalf of Mt Murphy residents SAC.

Over the past several months I have brought before you evidence of the corruption of the contracting process being used. Last week I even brought audio evidence, with a transcript, that proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that the contractor CH2M Hill, and the County Senior Project Management are involved in defrauding the public. I asked the Board to do the right thing and take action to stop this process not only on this project, but on similar projects county wide.

Instead, you passed on the consent calendar item #23 further funding in the amount of \$100,000 dollars this very contractor, CH2M Hill.

At no time has anyone from the Board of Supervisors, or any County representative, contacted me for information regarding the information I have provided to investigate whether or not the county is involved in illegal or unethical business process.

I have proven that it is unethical at least and probably illegal by virtue of perpetuating fraud. By your refusal to even look at the evidence that I have provided you are giving your stamp of approval. In fact you are financing this process on an ongoing basis knowing that it is corrupt. This Board has brought shame on our county.

Apparently it's not just Mount Murphy Bridge but the whole county you're after. Your so-called "Targeted General Plan Amendments and Zoning Ordinance Update" is a classic example of County Process. Just like the Mount Murphy Bridge contract, it has massive seizure of private property built in, but no one will know about that until it's too late.

Last week alone there were 11 private property seizures on the docket. Just how much land does the county want to reach the "vision" that you printed in the newspaper? You see, we little people, also known as citizens, worked our entire lives to get what we have, and it's the job of the government to "Protect and Serve", not "Seize and Throw Out".

The Mt Murphy Bridge contract is small by comparison with the general plan amendments draft environmental impact report. Any document which is over 1200 pages long and as full of mush as this one is sure to be as successful as Obamacare.

But maybe that's the point. County control over every aspect of our lives with no citizen say in the outcome. So-called "Stakeholders" are those who contribute to campaigns or big business – hence pay big business taxes to the county. It's graft any way you look at it.

I know you're tired of hearing from me about this but that's too bad. I'm not going away. I'm your conscience and each and every week you'll have to listen to just how evil the Mount Murphy bridge project is. That is, unless you are willing to fix it.

Once again I ask this Board to do the right thing and fix the ongoing problems with dishonest contracting and the use of the Delphi Technique to defraud the public. Let's do the right thing and make El Dorado County the shining example to be following, not the outhouse of the state.

Thank You.

Attachments (1):

1. This document