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November 14, 2014
Supervisor-Elect Mike Ranalli and members of the Board
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

RE: 1-6-15 Agenda Item # 15-0012, Outfitter representative to the River Management Advisory Committee

Dear Supervisor Ranalli and Board Members:

The undersigned are the owner/operators of most of the locally based professional outfitters on the South Fork of the American River. Together we account for more than 80% of the commercial use on that resource.

We would first like to congratulate Supervisor Ranalli on your election to the Board. El Dorado County is unique among counties nationwide in its role as the main management entity for what is the most popular whitewater resource on the west coast. As such the County is an important partner in our efforts to provide a valuable and safe service, and we look forward to working with you over the coming months and years.

We are writing to you regarding our representation on the County's River Management Advisory Committee (RMAC). Our industry has one member on that body, with the new four year term for that member starting as of January 1, 2015. And although we have been ably and well represented over the past few decades we would like to respectfully ask you to nominate Nathan Rangel to that position for this new term.

Mr. Rangel, a local El Dorado County resident living in Lotus, has a list of qualifications that is beyond compare. We know that he has submitted those qualifications to you, so we won't reiterate all of them. The bottom line is that we feel he is best qualified to represent our interests and, just as importantly, he has a proven track record of working with divergent stakeholders to find common ground. In short, he'll be the best choice not only for our industry but also for our community as a whole.

We appreciate your consideration and, again, look forward to our continued partnership with the County.

Sincerely:

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All Outdoors Whitewater Rafting

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