

#43

LATE DISTRIBUTION  
Cameron Park Doggone Senior Nutrition Program December 1, 2016

DATE 12/5/16  
Attention El Dorado County Board of Supervisors: BOS 12/6/16

Cameron Park suffers continued governance disfunction with a reelected board conflicted over personalities and responsibilities burdening the shoulders of the general manager, Mary Cahill. Although she struggles to conduct operations for the Community Services District, her misleading management style ingratiates selected board members and favored segments of the public while alienating competent employees and seniors. The outspoken, often obnoxious, community watchdogs bark at board meetings giving the impression they need to be muzzled if not let outside. Instead of throwing them a bone, the old dogs are jerked by a chain of tyrannical authority.

The latest bone of contention threatens to end the senior nutrition program started a year ago with the collaboration of the CSD, El Dorado County Health and Human Services Department and the Food Bank of El Dorado County. Apparently, the general manager intruded on a mad dog who performs well as a volunteer in the kitchen but doesn't like her in his territory. A perceived vicious growl or display of teeth (granted not the first time) offended her. Flea-bitten Cahill had an itch to retaliate. Her itching (with a "b") resulted in happy volunteers being dismissed and now the withdrawal of the Food Bank from the program. Should the (mean to Mary) spirited Irish terrier be banished to the doghouse? The Cameron Park CSD Board was elected to function as directors in service to our community, not dog catchers.

With the exception of Director Holly Morrison, the board is loyal to the general manager. They voted to renew Mary Cahill's contract this fall ignoring public hounding in opposition, breeding more animosity and toxicity. Originally, the seniors were served lunches daily in Shingle Springs anticipating moving to the Cameron Park Community Center facility when it was built. Political maneuvering by the CSD board years ago when the county confronted the economic crash of 2008 prevented that from happening. Current board member Scott McNeil was the only director opposing the Monday and Friday pilot program initiated by Supervisor Shiva Frentzen last year. The general manager voiced Scott's objections so it comes as no surprise that this action or reaction is a win for them and loss for seniors who benefit from nutrition and socialization. The CSD controlling pack leaders should practice becoming servant leaders.

Roberta Rimbault, Concerned Citizen, Cameron Park