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Comments on RMAC AGENDA for Feb 11, 2019

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RMAC Meeting Feb 11, 2019 Hilde Schweitzer

Comments on Agenda item 2. 19-0237

Please accept the following comments regarding Agenda item 19-0237 to <u>dissolve the El Dorado River Management Advisory</u> Committee and thereby rescind Resolution 065-2002

Staff has made compelling arguments in favor of the dissolution of RMAC. As someone who has been an active participant in RMAC since 1991, who has been active in river related issues on the South Fork since the early 70s, and who has also been a huge proponent of RMAC in the past, I agree with the staff decision to dissolve RMAC if a suitable group or committee can be formed to replace it.

While RMAC has been instrumental in many important decisions regarding the river and its management in the past, I feel the committee has devolved into an ineffective and partisan entity where little gets accomplished.

The composition of RMAC is of limited scope and I no longer believe it adequately represents the many and disparate interests that now make up the community at large or the river community specifically.

While I do favor disbanding RMAC, I also believe that the river and the community surrounding the river need a real voice composed of all individuals that care to participate. I have not seen that voice represented through RMAC. I am in favor of the formation of a local community group that covers not only river interests, but also other important issues in the community.

I have seen the power of community grassroots groups that collectively influence Government and feel my voice will be better served through the formation of a local Community group with broader and more inclusive interests than the RMAC of present.

Sincerely,

Hilde Schweitzer