I represent residents who are most at risk in this project. In 2017 when this CIP last came before the BOS Shiva Frentzen directed me to speak "off line" with Matt Smeltzer, but Matt was uncooperative. At the same time Mike Ranalli directed Matt to meet with Kris Payne regarding the bridge discrepancies. Kris Payne is NOT a dynamics would be different if you would be there." That is a very strong indicator of collusion and the lack of transparency or accountability which is against all public policy.

Note there still is NO EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN as Norma Santiago assured us in 2014. Supervisor Briggs also assured us the historic bridge will NOT be removed, but that is EXACTLY what they are doing!

One of my neighbors stated in a letter to Mike Ranalli concerning data presented during the Stakeholder meetings: "The BOS has based all of their decisions regarding the Mt. Murphy Bridge Project on incorrect information."

The 2014 Sacramento Bee article entitled "El Dorado County deserves better" mentions Terri Daly, Mike Ranalli, Shiva Frentzen and Sue Novasel. It then succinctly summarizes the problem: Both an outside firm's assessment of county government and a county grand jury found a deeply dysfunctional government in which bullying, intimidation and disrespect run rampant. "

Lori, this project is within your district, so please don't pass the buck to any of the other supervisors or to the fraudulent Coloma Lotus Advisory Committee. Pursuant to your oaths of office, what exactly are you going to do to ensure Coloma residents get the respect, transparency, and accountability they deserve in regard to this CIP project?

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

- 1) This transcript
- 2) 7/30/13 @ 6:39 PM email B. Day
- 3) 5/28/14 @ 12:44 PM email Santiago/No Evacuation Plan/CPRA
- 4) 12/12/14 @ 6:32 PM email Bee/EDC Deserves Better
- 5) 3/4/15 M. Smith letter to Ranalli False info to BOS
- 6) 2/12/17 @ 9:05 PM email Kris Payne/Matt Smeltzer

The following public employees who've been involved in this bridge project have either been fired or are no longer employed in EDC:

Mike Applegarth
Janet Postlewait
Terri Daly
Kim Kerr
Pam Knorr
Mike Ranalli
Tom Celio
Bard Lower
Ross Branch
Don Spear

Ron Briggs MGDP Super. Jeremy McReynolds

Norma Santiago Matt Green & Rory Allen

All the aforementioned individuals have kicked the can down the road and ignored the necessary road improvements, egress problems and public safety concerns tackled by members of the Stakeholders Committee.

The Stakeholders preference was Option #2 because it was the option that made the most sense. It would run parallel to the historic bridge from the site of the old mill on the opposite side of Grange Hall. However during the last Stakeholder meeting no mention was made whatsoever about Option #2. When I brought this up, Janet Postlewait and Matt Smeltzer avoided answering our questions, especially about the necessary egress & safety factors affecting Mt. Murphy, Carvers and Bayne Road residents. Nothing was ever mentioned affecting the Underground Utility I struct.

Furthermore they never answered emails or explained how the bridge safety rating magically rose from ZERO to 13.5. I'm submitting into the public record just a small sample of those unanswered emails. Rafael Martinez, State Parks, CalTrans, and CH2M Hill personnel have been equally evasive. When a CPRA was submitted to State Parks regarding this CIP, I received instead a highly confidential but very revealing contract involving American River Conservancy that was sent to me by mistake. From that point forward State Parks refused to lawfully respond to CPRAs. The question remains, WHY HAS THE GOVERNMENT BEEN UNRESPONSIVE TO OUR CONCERNS, PARTICULARLY ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY?

Another concern of stakeholders was the use of the Delphi Technique to arrive at predetermined outcomes. The public is entitled to honest services but it is obvious decisions about this CIP were already made behind closed doors. It's all about what State Parks and Big Government wants; never mind the residents whose taxes are paying for this "bridge to nowhere."

From: Melody Lane
To: Ron Briggs

Cc: Terri Daly; Kimberly Kerr; Jeremy McReynolds; Matthew Green; Don Spear; 'Sheriff DAgostini';

mtmurphybridge@edcgov.us; bosfive@edcgov.us; bosone@edcgov.us; bosthree@edcgov.us; bostwo@edcgov.us

Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2013 6:39 PM

Subject: RE: Coloma Bridge

There have been increasing incidents of the Mt. Murphy bridge egress blocked by foot traffic & motor homes in recent months. As Bob Day mentioned below, in the event of another major fire or evacuation the results could be disastrous *especially for residents who live on the north side of the river*.

Egress, parking, code & law enforcement issues have been repeatedly brought up at RMAC as well as in meetings with the Board of Supervisors, CAO, Sheriff D'Agostini, MGD Park & other county staff copied on this correspondence. The River Management Plan (RMP) is a major component of the EDC General Plan. Section 6-8 of the RMP clearly delineates the necessity of coordinating local, state and federal agency services as it affects the heart & lifeblood of El Dorado County: http://www.edcgov.us/Government/EMD/Rivers/River Management Plan.aspx
Over the years the lack of accurate data or cooperation by county staff in addressing these concerns has been abysmal.

After reporting a similar traffic jam on the Mt. Murphy bridge MGD Park Superintendent Jeremy McReynolds indicated that signs were supposed to be posted by June 1st directing the large groups to line up on one side of the bridge in order for traffic to pass. Last I checked with Jeremy the prison staff had <u>not</u> gotten around to making the bridge signs yet.

Thanks in advance for making public safety concerns of Coloma residents a top priority.

Regards,

Melody Lane

Founder – *Compass2Truth*Conservatives Serving God in Truth and Liberty

"We, the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution. but to overthrow men who pervert the Constitution." ~ Abraham Lincoln ~

From: Bob Day [mailto:bob@maddogmesa.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2013 3:12 PM

To: Bob Day

Subject: Coloma Bridge Importance: High

Tuesday, July 30, 2013

Good Afternoon:

Last Friday night (August 26th) about 9:15PM Amy and I were returning home from dinner.

We were stopped mid-span on the one lane bridge in Coloma due to campers/trailers/trucks being unable to pull into the Coloma Resort. All of the drivers were just sitting in their cars or trucks and were making no effort to get into the campground.

I left our car and proceeded into the store where I found a young lady waiting on customers who were buying sundry items. I asked for the manager and was told that she was in a meeting. Unfortunately, I interrupted her meeting and told her that the bridge was "backed up". She told me that the "gate operator" had gone home at 9 PM! I told her I didn't' care who had gone home that I wanted the bridge cleared and she took action to get the vehicles off the bridge.

When we arrived home I called the El dorado County Sherriff's Office who told me to call the CHP, as they handled all traffic matters in the County.

I spoke with a very nice person at the CHP, with whom I filed a report for the Sergeant in the Placerville Office. The CHP told me to call 911 in the future when a road was blocked.

It took us about 20 minutes to get across the bridge. This amount of time can be the difference between life & death and a fire quickly getting out of control (think about the recent fire on River Road).

I am going to write to CalFire and asked for their plans for evacuating the campground. It would appear that the bridge would be <u>jammed</u> if all the trucks, trailers and campers attempted to exit along with the persons who lived on Carver Road, River Road, Mt. Murphy Road, Bayne Road and related feeder roads tried to all exit at the same time.

Supervisor Ron Brigg's office has been copied on this email.

Please let me know if you have any questions and please feel free to pass this along to your neighbors.

Best Regards,

Bob Day

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

Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 12:44 PM

To: 'Norma Santiago'

Cc: 'Judi McCallum'; ross.branch@edcgov.us; Janet Postlewait; Terri Daly; bard.lower@edcgov.us; Pamela Knorr

Subject: RE: Mt. Murphy Bridge Stakeholder Committee Meeting #2

Hi Norma,

Your reply is appreciated.

Yesterday Judi provided me with the roster for the Local Disaster Council when I stopped by to drop off a related Mt. Murphy document for the BOS which had also been delivered to the Sheriff.

I know most of the individuals on the council including Lt. Tim Becker, EDSO representative. I described to Judi the very inappropriate conduct of Lt. Tim Becker in the lobby after the 4/29 BOS meeting. You'll recall that's when Rich Williams neglected to answer the questions I'd presented to the Board re: Boating/Waterways Item #19 (see attached).

Coloma is now getting an influx of recreational tourists at a time of drought & fire risk when we most need an Evacuation Plan already in place. Sometimes it's nearly impossible to get across the bridge. Just imagine the potential disaster in the event of another arson fire!

However CA State Parks legal counsel Rory Allen has already indicated CSP does NOT have a plan for our region. Rory passed the buck right back to the Sheriff/Emergency Services (see attached).

The Evacuation Plan needs to be made a <u>priority</u> rather than placed at the very end of the Stakeholder agenda.

I represent the local residents who are most at risk in this region. Coupled with the fact that the Sheriff still hasn't restored my email access to EDSO staff nor has there been a response to the attached CPRA Evacuation Plan, I think you can understand why this communication breakdown doesn't bode very well.

The question remains: WHY HAS THE COUNTY BEEN UNRESPONSIVE TO THESE CONCERNS???

Additionally we are concerned about the unmistakable use of the Delphi Technique during the Stakeholders meetings; the process is not fair and balanced.

As you are aware, this CIP will affect nearly all EDC road/bridge projects. The unmistakable impression is that the county is moving full speed ahead with the Mt. Murphy Bridge project and "damn the torpedoes." I think you'll agree, that is not responsible leadership from our elected officials.

We anticipate your cooperation in resolving these concerns in the most expeditious, transparent and accountable manner. In that regard please ensure Sheriff D'Agostini gets a copy of this correspondence and takes steps to remedy the situation.

Regards,

Melody Lane

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"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." \sim Martin Luther King \sim

From: Norma Santiago [mailto:norma.santiago@edcgov.us]

Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 11:15 AM

To: Melody Lane **Cc:** Judi McCallum

Subject: Re: Mt. Murphy Bridge Stakeholder Committee Meeting #2

Hi Melody,

I'm awaiting some more specific information and references for you; however, that may take a little more time so I wanted to give you the information that I do have. $\rightarrow No$ Response

There is an El Dorado County Emergency Plan that sets the process of regarding evacuations, setting up an incident command center, who essentially does what in the event of an emergency. This plan is managed by EDC's Office of Emergency Services which is a division of the Sheriff's department. I have asked that a link to the actual plan be sent to me that I will forward to you. I should have that for you later today.

Having said all that, my sources tell me that <u>Garden Valley Fire District doesn't have an emergency evacuation plan specific to that geographic area.</u> I still awaiting verification of this; however, I am pretty certain this is the case.

So how does this all fit with Mt. Murphy Bridge. First of all, it is going to be a discussion item on today's "Stakeholder" meeting. Secondly, it is my understanding that an emergency evacuation plan will be part of each alternative being evaluated. I have interpreted this to mean that how the project addresses public safety weighs heavily on whether an alternative is adopted or not. Additionally, while there isn't an emergency evacuation plan in place, a plan is being developed concurrently with the Mt. Murphy Bridge project. However, this doesn't negate, in my mind, the need to work with State Parks (I don't if it has an evacuation plan) and Garden Valley Fire District to bring forward a plan now. So there is a need to reach out to communities to inform on how to best protect their property as well as where to go in case of an evacuation.

I hope this helps. I look forward to our being able to follow up further at our meeting on the 9th.

Take care, Norma

Sent from my iPhone

On May 27, 2014, at 12:58 PM, Melody Lane < melody.lane@reagan.com > wrote:

Hi Norma,

Could you please explain the lack of response to phone calls or the attached letter requesting the Mt. Murphy Bridge Stakeholder Committee Meeting be postponed until an Emergency Evacuation Plan is in place? This is a matter of public safety and within the prevue of Sheriff D'Agostini/Office of Emergency Services.

Your prompt attention to this matter is most appreciated.

Regards,

Melody Lane

Founder – Compass2Truth Conservatives Serving God in Truth and Liberty

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From: Janet Postlewait [mailto:janet.postlewait@edcgov.us]

Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2014 9:58 AM

To: undisclosed-recipients:

Subject: Mt. Murphy Bridge Stakeholder Committee Meeting #2

Hello All,

I hope you all had a wonderful Memorial Day Weekend.

Please find the Agenda for tomorrow evening's second Mt. Murphy Bridge Stakeholder Committee meeting as planned, at the same location, the Coloma Grange.

Again, we have a lot to cover, so the meeting will begin at 5:30 pm and will like last till 8:00.

Thank you once more for your participation. See you then!

Janet Postlewait El Dorado County Transportation (530) 621-5993

Major General Anthony L. Jackson, USMC (Ret), Director

May 19, 2014

Via Email Only: melody.lane@reagan.com

Ms. Melody Lane P.O. Box 598 Coloma, CA 95613 Melody.lane@reagan.com

Dear Ms. Lane:

Re: California Public Records Act Request – Evacuation Plan

On May 9, 2014, California State Parks ("CSP") received your Public Records Act ("PRA") request for:

A current copy of the CSP Emergency Evacuation Plan affecting Coloma residents and/or visitors to the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park on the North side of the Mt. Murphy Road Historic Bridge on the S. Fork American River.

CSP has completed a review of its records and found no responsive records. I am informed that the El Dorado County Sheriff and Office of Emergency Services are responsible for planning evacuation plans.

Sincerely,

Rory Allen Staff Counsel

Melody Lane

From:

Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com>

Sent:

Friday, December 12, 2014 6:32 PM

To:

Melody Lane

Subject:

Item #47 Mt. Murphy Road Bridge - BOS 12/16/14 Agenda

Attachments:

EDC Deserves Better 11-19-14 Bee.doc

The Mt. Murphy Bridge CIP is the very <u>last</u> item scheduled on the Tuesday 12/16/14 BOS calendar. This is also the last BOS meeting of the year. https://eldorado.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx

47. 13-0217 Community Development Agency, Transportation Division, recommending the Board receive a presentation regarding the status of the project planning phase on the Mount Murphy Road at South Fork American River - Bridge Replacement Project, CIP No. 77129. (Est.

Time: 30 Min.)

FUNDING: Highway Bridge Program. (Federal Funds)

As I exited last week's BOS meeting interim CAO Pam Knorr got up and followed me out of the room to hand me a note advising this agenda item would be on Tuesday's calendar. Ms. Knorr is the Human Resources Director and acting interim CAO since Terri Daly and Assistant CAO Kim Kerr were forced to resign last month. Kim Kerr's last day working for EDC is 12/26/14. El Dorado county residents certainly deserve better than Amador county's notorious rejects. (see attached Bee article)

There are too many important issues that have been ignored and glossed over by former CAO Terri Daly and ACAO Kim Kerr mentioned in all the public comments attached to this agenda item.

It is a very typical ploy to put significant projects onto the last agendas of the year in the hope that nobody will notice or show up particularly during the holiday rush.

Hopefully the BOS will honor the request to defer this important project until January 2015. The new Board of Supervisors will need to know the history of deception buried in this CIP project. It would be much more appropriate for DOT to make their presentation to the new BOS prior to the Mt. Murphy Bridge public meeting to be held at Grange Hall in Coloma on January 28th.

If you can't be present to participate on Tuesday 12/16, please email the supervisors with your comments:

Clerk of the Board: edc.cob@edcgov.us
Ron Mikulaco: bosone@edcgov.us

Shiva Frentzen: bostwo@edcgov.us
Brian Veerkamp: bostwo@edcgov.us

Ron Briggs: <u>bosfour@edcgov.us</u>
Norma Santiago: <u>bosfive@edcgov.us</u>

Cheers,

Melody Lane

El Dorado County deserves better

By the Editorial Board

11/19/2014 12:00 AM

El Dorado County has endured a year of wild politics; maybe 2015 will be better. Paul Kitagaki Jr. pkitagaki@sacbee.com

It's been a tough year for El Dorado County government.

One supervisor was removed from the board after a misdemeanor conviction following a politically charged corruption trial. Infighting between countywide elected officials and the supervisors is a matter of course. So many residents mistrust their county leaders that they put growth-restricting measures before voters.

Both an outside firm's assessment of county government and a county grand jury found a deeply dysfunctional government in which bullying, intimidation and disrespect run rampant.

Now, the embattled top administrator of the county, Terri Daly, who has been trying to turn around the culture of the county administration, has been let go by the majority vote of the board.

Don't feel sorry for Daly. She managed to hold on for four years in a workforce where there's heavy turnover in administration and was able to highlight problems, the first step in improving things. She negotiated herself a decent separation fee, \$204,692, and will very likely end up with a better – and saner – gig than running a special-needs county like El Dorado.

We do, however, have some sympathy for the people of the county who deserve a better county government than they have received in the past year.

But 2015 could be much improved. That will depend a lot on the three new supervisors. Shiva Frentzen was elected in a special election in September to replace ousted Supervisor Ray Nutting. Two new supervisors were elected on Nov. 4 – Michael Ranalli and Sue Novasel. All three are intelligent, professional and, we hope, independent enough to start steering the county government away from the self-destructive recent history.

Daly's departure offers the Board of Supervisors an opportunity to select a new chief administrative officer who can continue working on reforming the culture of the county.

It won't be easy; no doubt El Dorado has a bad reputation among the small group of people who are qualified to run a governmental agency of its size. But surely there is someone up to the challenge that the job presents and who is strong enough not to be pushed around by the elected department heads.

That's the first order of business for the new board in the new year. But it won't be the last.

Read more here: http://www.sacbee.com/opinion/editorials/article4006299.html#storylink=cpy

To Supervisor Mike Ranalli

Re Mount Murphy Bridge March 4, 2015

Mike-

I'd like to place in your hands some specific evidence the illustrates the gist of the problems we are having with the Mount Murphy Bridge project, and specifically, the way that El Dorado County Dept of Transportation has been conducting business.

First, I'd like to refer you to the attached PowerPoint presentation that was give by EDCDOT to the BOS in February of 2014. There are several items that are of interest, some of which include:

- 1. Caltrans Sufficiency Rating: 0.00/100 (on page 4)
- 2. Rehabilitation Findings (page 6, 7, and 8)
 - a. Retrofit Columns (page 6)
 - b. Strengthen Beams and Slabs (page 6)
 - c. Retrofit Footings (page 6)
 - d. Retrofit Piers (page 7)
 - e. Replace all diagonals (page 7)
 - f. Replace upper and lower chords (page 7)
 - g. Replace barriers (page 7)
 - h. Replace stringers (page 8)
 - i. Replace deck (page 8)
 - j. Replace floor beams (page 8)

In fact, according to the county engineers, virtually the entire bridge needs to be completely replaced. As you can see from the pictures in the slide show, they have identified every part of the bridge for replacement. And, the have given this bridge a safety rating of 0 - Zero, that is.

Let's move on to the next set of attached documents, the bridge inspection reports from 2013 and 2014.

Before we proceed you should know that the inspection in 2014 was done on July 15, 2014. This was several months before the Board of Supervisors heard the final report from the so called stakeholders committee and the final report from the Department of Transportation prior to proceeding to the next step of the process...the Environmental Impact Report. You should also know that these documents were obtained using the CPRA process and therefore should include ALL relevant documents concerning the bridge inspection process, as requested.

The first inspection report, dated 10/25/2013 was completed prior to the presentation of the above discussed PowerPoint presentation. Nowhere in this report does Caltrans report a sufficiency rating of any kind, nor does it recommend any repairs. Therefore, the County claim that the bridge has a sufficiency rating of 0.00/100 is unsubstantiated by the facts at this point.

The second inspection report, dated 7/15/2014 is more complete and detailed. In it the Bridge differs from the County DOT claims in the following ways:

- 1. Caltrans Sufficiency Rating is 13.5 (not 0.0 as claimed)
- 2. There are 4 missing rivets to be replaced by bolts and some damaged (hit by vehicles) lateral frame members to be replaced. Also, some concrete repairs on one pier. NOT the entire replacement of every frame member, footing, deck, floor beam, and steel structural member of the bridge as claimed in the power point.

I must emphasize that the County Department of Transportation and their contractor CH2M Hill knew, or should have known, that the information they were providing to the Board of Supervisors was false and or strongly misleading. The Board of Supervisors has based all of their decisions regarding the Mount Murphy Bridge Project on incorrect information.

This information, along with other sources I have highly placed in the Department of Transportation who have verified the fraudulent contracting practices identified by Larry Weitzman that led to the resignation of former CAO Terry Daly justify legal action by the Board and/or the District Attorney against those responsible for misleading the Board and misappropriating public funds. The Board of Supervisors must stand up for their Constitutional right to administer the County by law using facts, not fiction.

Semper Fidelis

Mark E. Smith

Attachments (3):

- 1. This document (Re Mount Murphy Bridge March 4, 2015) (2 pages)
- 2. Mt. Murphy Road Bridge Rehabilitation Analysis, Presented to EDC BOS February 2014 (14 pages)
- 3. Bridge Inspection Report 10/25/2013 (7 pages)
- 4. Bridge Inspection Report 7/15/2014 (7 pages)

Melody Lane

From:

Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com>

Sent:

Sunday, February 12, 2017 9:05 PM

To:

'Michael Ranalli'; shiva.frentzen@edcgov.us

Cc:

brian.veerkamp@edcgov.us; john.hidahl@edcgov.us; sue.novasel@edcgov.us; 'Brenda

Bailey'; kris.payne@edcgov.us; matt.smeltzer@edcgov.us

Subject:

RE: Mt. Murphy Bridge meeting BOS Agenda Item #29

Supervisors Ranalli & Frentzen,

Although I attempted to speak "off line" with Matt as Shiva directed on Tuesday, he was uncooperative. Thus far there has been no response to my request below to be included in meetings regarding the integrity of the Mt. Murphy Bridge data presented by Matt Smeltzer on 1/12/17 or 2/7/17.

FYI, I was very uncomfortable with a remark <u>Kris made during discussion</u> of Item #29 about my involvement, "The dynamics would be different if you would be there." This raises numerous questions that deserve answers.

The courtesy of your immediate response is anticipated.

Melody Lane

Founder - Compass2Truth

Any act by any public officer either supports and upholds the Constitution, or opposes and violates it.

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

Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 7:09 PM **To:** matt.smeltzer@edcgov.us; Michael Ranalli

Cc: shiva.frentzen@edcgov.us; brian.veerkamp@edcgov.us; john.hidahl@edcgov.us; sue.novasel@edcgov.us; Brenda

Bailey

Subject: Mt. Murphy Bridge meeting BOS Agenda Item #29

Supervisor Ranalli,

For the record, I did not appreciate your exclusive direction given to Matt Smeltzer to meet with Kris Payne concerning the Mt. Murphy Bridge discrepancies. Although I value Kris' contributions as a former government employee and member of the Historical Society to the project, he is not representative of my community.

Furthermore, your inappropriate comments denigrating my observations and factual, audio recorded statements based on multiple meetings with other county staff and CPRAs was insulting.

FYI, the Brown Act ensures that the public is entitled to approach the podium a second time for brief dialog, clarification or to make an inquiry. Therefore in the interest of government transparency and accountability, it is expected that I be included as a stakeholder in all meetings with Matt Smeltzer and Kris Payne on this CIP project affecting Coloma residents. Whenever possible another community member will accompany me in

order that the integrity of accurate data be preserved and properly disseminated without the government spin on a predetermined outcome (i.e. Bridge Option #1 vs #2).

As I explained to Matt today, this request to be included in project meetings is **not optional**. As a public servant it is your duty to provide equal representation and abide by your Oaths of Office.

Thanks for your anticipated cooperation.

Melody Lane Founder - Compass2Truth

"Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not his own facts." Daniel Patrick Moynihan, senator from New York, 1976-2000.