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Tue, Sep 22, 2020 at 3:15 PM

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As you are aware, there have been 5 arson fires that were ignited either directly on my property, or within ¼ mile from my home within the span of just 5 years. You also know the Coloma Resort is at the base of my property on Bayne & Mt. Murphy Roads. In the event of another fire emergency, my home and that of my immediate neighbors are the very first in the line of danger.

You've recently received numerous reports of **illegal fireworks and open flame campfires at the Coloma Resort**, the ONLY campground that has been uncooperative when it comes to our public safety concerns which includes the deplorable road conditions and lack of egress at the one-lane Mt. Murphy bridge. The owners of the Coloma Resort don't even live in Coloma, yet they act as if they are above the law with the full knowledge and consent of county officials. Their rationale is that they bring considerable revenue into the county and are therefore exempt from the law.

Worse yet, the **Sheriff, DOT, State Parks, the Coloma-Lotus Fire Safe Council and Planning/Development** have been unresponsive to emails about public safety concerns of Coloma residents. In fact, some of those who have posted to CLNews have been downright hostile as you saw after I distributed to the BOS photos of the **2007 Mt. Murphy** fire which claimed the life of my beloved golden retriever. That fire was ignited by 3<sup>rd</sup> generation fire fighter Ben Cunha who was under \$10 million bail bond, same as the King Fire arsonist.

I also distributed for the public record photos of crowds of RV campers at the overcrowded Coloma Resort recently inhaling the unhealthy smoke from the still burning Fork Fire on a Red Flag day. Hellooo! What happened to old fashioned common sense?

With that being said, I need to bring to your attention that the CLNews is run by members of the **American River Conservancy, and that includes members of the Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Council who have used the forum to libel, retaliate, and censor those of us who don't share their liberal ideologies.** Proof of their lies and discrimination is being entered into the public record. This was one of the primary topics we discussed with Assemblyman Frank Bigelow at his Capitol office in 2018.

It is important to recognize that CLNews and Coloma Lotus Advisory Committee (CLAC) **DO NOT REPRESENT THE MAJORITY OF COLOMA RESIDENTS.** Lori will recall the fire meeting held at Coloma Grange Hall last year when 80% of the participants walked out early in anger after Lawrence Crabtree circumvented resident's questions.

Furthermore, **the October 1 CLAC meeting being held at Point Pleasant owned by the President of American River Conservancy is NOT conducive to the greater majority of Coloma residents.** CLAC is required to abide by the Brown Act, but they have never been open, transparent or accountable. Lori, you still have not responded as to who authorized the CLAC meeting to be held at an ARC campground when you know their history of being hostile towards many of us.

A ban on open campfires doesn't even begin to address the public safety concerns. Common sense dictates that law enforcement needs to ENFORCE the law, issue citations, and revoke SUPs for overcrowding, illegal fireworks, and blatant disregard for the laws that are already in place. Coloma is the most visited region of the entire county. The Board of Supervisors cannot afford to kick the can down the road indefinitely and put the lives of us on the north side of the Mt. Murphy bridge in further jeopardy. This needs to be addressed now before it ends in another tragedy.

For the record, Lori Parlin refused to respond to my inquiry about who authorized the illegitimate CLAC meeting being held at Point Pleasant on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**From:** CLNews Steering Committee [mailto:[clnews.steering@gmail.com](mailto:clnews.steering@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2018 5:56 PM  
**To:** [melody.lane@reagan.com](mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com)  
**Subject:** Posting to CL News

Melody,

Your three messages to the CL News group, sent September 2 and September 7, 2018, were in violation of the CL News Guidelines that were posted to the list and also shared with you directly in August. As a result, the CL News Steering Committee has voted to suspend your posting privileges for CL News for six months. During this time you will be able to read messages from the list but will be unable to post to the list.

The CL News Guidelines, which are posted at <https://groups.google.com/d/msg/clnews/VU6Goo6gfGo/Eye3qHt1BQAJ>, state:

"CL News is also NOT to be used to post negative comments or commentaries about people, whether they are inside or outside the community. Calling people derogatory names has no place on the list. Turning a conversation on the list into an attack on another group member is the quickest way to be removed from the list."

**Your messages criticized the volunteers on the local Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Council, as well as the EDC Fire Safe Council, the project manager, and Supervisor Ranalli, along with multiple complaints aimed at no specific party. If you have criticisms, they should be directed at the specific individuals or groups, not to the list. If you had posted just one message, it might have been ignored, but multiple messages hammering on local parties could not be tolerated. We received numerous complaints from list members asking that your behavior be stopped.**

This is your second infraction. After the six months you will be reinstated but you will still be on probation. A third infraction will result in complete removal from CL News for a 12 month period. After 12 months, you may petition the Steering Committee in writing to be reinstated. Reinstatement is not guaranteed, & each situation will be reviewed individually.

We will be writing a separate email to the group and to list administrator Mike Bean to inform them of this decision.



You are welcome to reply to this message if you do not understand why, or would like to express an opinion about the Guidelines or this decision. Please be polite.

-- The CL News Steering Committee

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On Sep 7, 2018, at 11:32 AM, 'Melody Lane' via Coloma-Lotus News <[clnews@googlegroups.com](mailto:clnews@googlegroups.com)> wrote:

I just spoke with Project Manager Duane Nelson about an hour ago. He is already doing project work on Robinson's property. However Fire Safe clearing on Mt. Murphy Road isn't supposed to commence until 9/11.

**Apparently certain residents are being given preferential treatment, whereas several of us still haven't received a CLFSC notice, nor were we provided the necessary consent forms. Duane indicated he'd bring this to the attention of the CLFSC, but again, it would be most helpful if you'd appropriately respond via CLNews as to how and where can ALL residents obtain the Consent Forms for this CLFSC project??**

Several residents expressed similar concerns during the Mt. Murphy Bridge replacement meeting held at Grange Hall on Wednesday evening. Construction of the new bridge may not be completed for 4 – 6 years. **Meanwhile annual fireworks at the Coloma Resort, excessive traffic, egress problems and deplorable road conditions could prove disastrous in the event of yet another Mt. Murphy fire.**



For the record, Supervisor Ranalli was reluctant to appropriately answer direct questions in regard to our public safety concerns.

*Melody Lane*

Founder – Compass2Truth

*"Government is not reason, it is not eloquence, and it is force; like fire, a troublesome servant and a fearful master. Never for a moment should it be left to irresponsible action." ~ George Washington ~*

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

**Sent:** Sunday, September 2, 2018 10:03 PM

**To:** deborahskruse@gmail.com; 'Marek Robinson'; 'Tim Kulton'; 'Bill Deitchman'

**Cc:** 'Coloma-Lotus News'; Michael Ranalli; barry.smith@parks.ca.gov; Jason DeWall; Duane Nelson

**Subject:** RE: [CLNews] Re: Fire Safe Vegetation Clearing - Update

Apparently I'm not the only resident who still hasn't received a CLFSC mailed notification or a consent form for this project. A signed consent form is required to authorize crews to lawfully and safely access private property in order for them to make a clean cut of limbs at the trunk and to stack cut wood. Cutting fencing, trespassing, dumping chips and taking wood is not permitted.



***It would be helpful if we knew how/where does one obtain a consent form???***

I initially met Duane Nelson on 7/11/18 while he was tagging my property for this project. We had a very interesting discussion. It became necessary to speak with Duane again last week after concerns were expressed during the Taxpayers Association meeting. That's when the Association voted unanimously to write a letter to the BOS addressing our concerns. The issues were then addressed during the 8/28/18 Board of Supervisors meeting, specifically Consent Item #31, which was deferred until the 9/11 BOS meeting at the request of Jack Sweeney. (Interested parties may view correspondence posted under Consent)

FYI, Taxpayers Association of EDC is a 501(c)4 organization that is regularly attended by local and state government representatives and candidates for public office.

*Melody Lane*

**Founder - Compass2Truth**

*"Government is not reason, it is not eloquence, it is force. And force like fire, is a demanding servant and a fearful master. A fire not to be quenched, it demands a uniform vigilance to prevent its bursting into a flame, lest instead of warming it should consume. Never for a moment should it be left to irresponsible action." ~ George Washington ~*

On Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 10:52:59 AM UTC-7, Melody Lane wrote:

**The CLFSC representatives have been unresponsive to multiple requests as to how and where ALL residents may obtain the Consent Forms for this CLFSC clearing project. Please post the information to CLNews so it can be forwarded to residents without access to this forum who've indicated a need for a Right of Entry Consent form.**

FYI, per Project Manager Duane Nelson - "At this point, I do not expect there crews to be starting on Mt Murphy Road until 9/14 at the earliest, since there have been some delays on the first road segments they have been working on."

*Melody Lane*

**Founder – Compass2Truth**

***"The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything." ~ Albert Einstein ~***

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

**Sent:** Sunday, September 9, 2018 1:03 PM

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**Subject:** RE: [CLNews] Re: Fire Safe Vegetation Clearing - Right of Entry Consent form?

CL Fire Safe representatives,

You avoided the issue. Duane Nelson is NOT my designated Fire Safe representative, nor is he responsible for the distribution of the notices or Right of Entry Consent forms to ALL residents affected by this project. That's your job. In case you didn't understand it the first time, here it is once again:

**HOW and WHERE may ALL residents obtain the Consent Forms for this CLFSC clearing project? PLEASE POST THE INFORMATION TO CLNEWS so it can be forwarded to residents without access to this forum who've indicated a need for a Right of Entry Consent form.**

Egress in the event of yet another Mt. Murphy fire is a PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE addressed by several of us during the Mt. Murphy Bridge Replacement meeting last Wednesday, and it is sure to be mentioned at Tuesday's BOS meeting. **We still haven't received an appropriate response why several of us were deprived snail mail notices OR Right of Entry Consent forms. What's your excuse for that?**

Rather than abuse this forum with another one of your inflammatory replies, please respond appropriately to the above questions as per the CLNews Guidelines. Perhaps ranger Bill Deitchman can step up to the task.

*Melody Lane*

Founder – Compass2Truth

"The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for enough good men to do nothing." ~ Edmund Burke ~

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Tue, Sep 22, 2020 at 8:05 AM

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Please see attached public comment for today's agenda item #39 on campfires.

*Sincerely,*

*Shelley Wiley*

Assistant to Supervisor Lori Parlin, District IV

Board of Supervisors, County of El Dorado

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From: **Bob Day** <bob@maddogmesa.com>

Date: Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 8:32 PM

Subject: RE: Campfires - Attached Letter

To: <bosfour@edcgov.us>

DEAR SUPERVISOR PARLIN,

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED OUR COMMENTS ON THE UPCOMING BOARD MEETING  
AGENDA ITEM — CAMPFIRES.

BEST REGARDS,

BOB & AMY DAY

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

VIA EMAIL

EL DORADO COUNTY  
SUPERVISOR LORI PARLIN, DISTRICT 4  
330 FAIR LANE  
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SUBJECT: BOS AGENDA ITEM 39. 20-1244 SCHEDULED FOR  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 2P.M. – CAMPFIRE DISCUSSION

DEAR SUPERVISOR PARLIN:

IT HAS OFTEN BEEN SAID THAT YOU CAN'T CHOOSE YOUR RELATIVES OR YOUR NEIGHBORS. WHILE CONTACT WITH YOUR RELATIVES MAY BE LIMITED OR NONEXISTENT, FOR BETTER OR WORSE YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE ALWAYS THERE.

UNFORTUNATELY, WE LIVE UPHILL OF THE COLOMA RESORT AND SOME OF THE OTHER CAMPGROUNDS IN THE COLOMA-LOTUS VALLEY. WHILE THESE CAMPGROUND OWNERS AND THEIR OPERATORS MAY HAVE THE BEST OF INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO FIRE SAFETY, IT NOT POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO BE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES AND TO MONITOR THE OPERATIONS OF THEIR CAMPGROUNDS. LET'S NOT FORGET THAT "THE ROAD TO HELL IS PAVED WITH GOOD INTENTIONS". MANY, IF NOT ALL, OF THE VISITORS TO THESE CAMPGROUNDS ARE FROM "CITY" OR "SUBURBAN" ENVIRONMENTS WHERE THEY HAVE LITTLE IF ANY EXPOSURE TO CAMPFIRES, WILD LAND FIRES AND THE CAMPGROUND'S CLOSE PROXIMITY TO AREAS OF DRY BRUSH AND TIMBER. WE ALSO NEED TO KEEP IN MIND THAT THESE VISITORS MAY BE CONSUMING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WHICH MIGHT IMPACT THEIR JUDGMENT.

WE AND OTHER NEIGHBOR'S PROPERTY BORDER ON DUTCH CREEK CANYON. THE LAST TIME THIS AREA BURNED WAS IN 1962. THIS AREA IS DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO THE COLOMA RESORT PROPERTY.

SIMPLY CONSIDERING A CAMPFIRE MORATORIUM FROM A COST/BENEFIT PERSPECTIVE, ANY BENEFITS OF ALLOWING CAMPFIRES DURING THIS EXTREMELY DRY PERIOD ARE EASILY OUTWEIGHED BY THE COST OF FIREFIGHTING AND THE POTENTIAL LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY. SUCH A MORATORIUM COULD BE PUT INTO EFFECT UNTIL WE HAVE OUR FIRST RAINS AT WHICH TIME THE BAN COULD BE LIFTED.

THE MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION AND OFTEN CONVENIENTLY OVERLOOKED FACT IS THE COMPLETE AND TOTAL LACK OF ANY EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN FOR THE COLOMA-LOTUS AREA. THE COLOMA RESORT IS ACCESSED BY A ONE LANE BRIDGE. CAN YOU IMAGINE FOR A MOMENT THE CHAOS THAT WOULD OCCUR WITH A FIRE ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE MOUNT MURPHY BRIDGE WITH RESIDENTS, AND "CAMPER'S" ATTEMPTING TO ALL EVACUATE AT ONE TIME? AS YOU MAY RECALL, RIVER ROAD AND CARVER ROAD ARE BOTH "DEAD END" ROADS WHICH ONLY LEAVES THE ONE LANE MT. MURPHY BRIDGE, BAYNE ROAD AND MT MURPHY ROAD FOR EVERYONE TO USE AS EXITS AND FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY PERSONNEL FOR ACCESS. MT. MURPHY ROAD IS A SINGLE LANE ROAD MUCH IN NEED OF GRADING, TURN-OUTS, CULVERTS AND RELATED REPAIRS. BAYNE ROAD IS SOMEWHAT BETTER BUT IT HAS A SINGLE LANE FOR MOST OF ITS LENGTH WITH FEW TURN-OUTS OR PLACES TO PASS.

I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE BOARD IMMEDIATELY MOVE TO IMPLEMENT A CAMPFIRE MORATORIUM FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS CAMPING SEASON UNTIL SUCH TIME SUFFICIENT RAINS HAVE COME TO NEGATE THE FIRE DANGER. FURTHER, THE NEED FOR AN EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN FOR THE COLOMA-LOTUS AREA IS LONG OVERDUE AND EFFORTS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN TO COMPLETE SUCH A PLAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS IMPORTANT MATTER.

SINCERELY,

AMY & BOB DAY



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**Fwd: Sept 22 BOS Meeting #39 Campfires**

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Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 4:56 PM


Can we attach it like the EDC and Placerville Ordinances are attached to the item on Legistar? It's not really a public comment, it is a reference document. And then I guess it does make sense to send to the board members as an fyi. We may or may not want it displayed during the discussion, so that is why I wanted to give you a heads up. I hope that makes sense.

I'm working from home, so feel free to call my cell with any questions 530-391-8369

***Lori Parlin***

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