

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF EL DORADO

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES March 26 19 84

The Board convened in a continued meeting, from March 20, 1984, with the following members present: Supervisors Robert E. Dorr, Patricia R. Lowe, W. P. "Dub" Walker, Joseph V. Flynn, and Thomas L. Stewart. Dixie L. Foote, Assistant Board of Supervisors Clerk, was also present. Chairman Lowe presided.

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Hearing was held as duly advertised to consider adoption of the River Management Plan as a chapter of the Recreation Element of the County General Plan to:

- a. Regulate commercial and non-commercial boating on the South Fork of the American River, extending from the headwaters of the South Fork at Echo Summit to its confluence with Folsom Lake, and focusing primarily on the 21-mile river section from Chili Bar to Folsom Lake;
- b. Provide recommendaions for riparian lands that are or may be used for ancillary recreational uses.

Mr. Arlan Nickel, Principal Planner, was present and reviewed the Plan for the Board.

Walter O'Toole of San Bruno was present, as was his aunt, Anna Luneman Baldwin, who, together with Frances Carpenter of Rescue own 153 acres along the river. Mr. O'Toole and Mrs. Baldwin both spoke to the need for controlled river use.

Nancy Allen, Captain of the Garden Valley Fire Protection District Rescue Squad, was present and spoke to the impact of river use on said District. Arlan Nickel submitted a letter from the Garden Valley Fire Protection District to the Planning Department, dated March 6, 1984, wherein said impacts are outlined.

Mr. Bill Center, member of the River Management Advisory Committee (RMAC), was present and spoke to the issues of navigability of the South Fork of the American River; search and rescue operations conducted by the Sheriff's Department and fire districts, recommending the Sheriff's Department be designated the "lead agency" so counties of origin can be billed for costs incurred; river use permit fees and the County's use of same; and the size of "businesses" operating on the river and a realistic assessment of profits being realized by same.

Sheriff Pacileo was present and spoke to his department's patrol of the river, and introduced Deputy Steve Stroot of the river patrol.

Lisa Calbloom of Environmental Touring Companions in Oakland, Skip Jones of the University of California at Berkeley, and Janice Papratta of the University of California at Davis, were present to express their concerns because their groups use the river under non-commercial use permits which are not proposed in the Plan. Because they are non-profit groups, they cannot afford to pay the fees imposed upon commercial operations, and yet they do not qualify as private users. They are requesting special consideration to be allowed to continue to use the river as non-commercial users.

Steve Lyles, co-owner of a rafting company and President of El Dorado County Outfitters, representing 56 companies operating on the South Fork of the American River, and also a member of the River Management Advisory Committee, was present and urged the Board to adopt the Plan as presented by the Planning Commission. Mr. Lyles stated he is opposed to the County acquiring land along the river by eminent domain, for access purposes, as it will only benefit private users, and he urged control of river use fees.

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Mr. Dave Grizzell, resident of Lotus, was present and spoke to the Plan, addressing the issue of property rights of riparian land owners. He believes the public has the right to "float" down the river, but not to step on the river bed or beaches which are privately owned. Mr. Grizzell read aloud and submitted a letter from his wife, Olive Grizzell, wherein she outlined her areas of concern in the Plan.

Jean Stirten, riparian land owner and member of the River Management Advisory Committee, was also present and spoke, stating she totally supports the Planning Commission's recommendations regarding the Plan. Particularly, she opposed land acquisition as she believes adequate emergency access is available now.

Bob and Jane Harvey, riparian land owners and members of the River Management Advisory Committee, were present and spoke to review their concerns with the Plan as presented. They, too, are opposed to land acquisition by the County. They are also opposed to the County furnishing additional facilities along the river (such as rest stops), and feel there needs to be a curtailment of river use, not an increase. Mr. Harvey also stated that he feels the university programs should pay the same fees as commercial operations.

There were no further requests to speak, and the hearing was closed.

The Board then began its review and discussion of changes to the Plan which were recommended by the Planning Commission.

By a four-to-one consensus of the Board (Supervisor Stewart disagreed), the Board agreed that the Title of the River Management Plan should be changed to "River Recreation Management Plan" as recommended by the Planning Commission.

By unanimous consensus, the Board agreed that the Plan should retain all references to County lease, purchase or management of lands along the river, contrary to the Planning Commission's recommendation that such references be removed from the Plan. In conjunction with the retention of said references, the Board agreed that "El Dorado County Actions" listed on page xviii of the Executive Summary of the River Management Plan should be rewritten to list the first five actions separately under the heading "Permissive", leaving only the sixth action as a "must" action.

Supervisors Flynn and Walker stated they favor treating the river tours sponsored by the University of California as "commercial" operations. However, the Board agreed that the actual dollar amount of fees imposed should not be part of the Plan but, rather, adopted separately by Resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

By Board consensus, adoption of the River Recreation Management Plan was continued to Wednesday, April 4, 1984, at 9:00 a.m.

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There being no further business this date, the Board adjourned to Tuesday, March 27, 1984, at 10:00 a.m.

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APPROVED:



PATRICIA R. LOWE, Chairman

ATTEST:
DOLORES BREDESON, County Clerk
and ex officio Clerk of the Board

By Dipie L. Foote
Deputy Clerk

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