COUNTY OF EL DORADO
RIVER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RMAC)
MINUTES

Location: Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park Museum building
310 Back Street, Coloma CA

Date: Thursday, November 8, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m – 9:00 p.m.

Members Present: Marilyn Tahl, Member-At-Large
Stephen Liles, Commercial Outfitter
Faith Cushman, Landowner Member
Eric Carter, State Department of Parks & Recreation
Dave Martinez, Coloma/Lotus Business Owner

Members Absent: Timothy Lasko, Member-At-Large
Hilde Schweitzer, Non-Commercial Boater Representative

County Staff: Noah Triplett, Environmental Management

1. Call to Order at 7:00 pm
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Stephen Liles and seconded by Dave Martinez to adopt the agenda.

Motion Approved
(5) Yes

Consent:

4. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Marilyn Tahl and seconded by Stephen Liles to approve the minutes from
October 11, 2012 with corrections made by Eric Carter pertaining to N. Beach use at Marshall Gold
Discovery State Historic Park (MGDSHP) and corrections to committee member comments made by
Marilyn Tahl. Minute motion seconded by Stephen Liles.

Motion Approved
(5) Yes

Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items) –
Ms. Melody Lane submitted to the RMAC her synopsis of her meeting with El Dorado County Sheriffs Office,
Planning Dept. and Marshall Gold State Park on September 4, 2012 of which RMAC was discussed.

Ms. Karen Mulvany stated she has had no problem with the RMAC’s conduct over the last year.

Mr. Tim Becker with the El Dorado Co. Sheriffs office stated to the RMAC that Ms. Lane discussed a number of
issues of which she was concerned at the referenced meeting.
Discussion with possible action:
5. a) Public Comments on 2012 River Season and River Management Program
Ms. Mulvany thanked the State Parks for paving the boating put in area (N. Beach) at MGDSHP and the exit solution that allows boaters to pick up their car after hours. She would like to see Skunk Hollow (Folsom State Park) and N. Beach open year round. She thinks graffiti on the Hwy 49 Bridge should be cleaned up. Thinks that boater etiquette this last season was more of an issue compared to previous years and that the RMP should be updated to help address this increase in confrontations. More education toward new kayakers about boating right always needs to happen especially toward those who play at Barking Dog rapid. She would like to see another public take out above Fowlers so as to create a longer Class II section of river. She would like to see Trouble Maker classified as a Class III+ which is how it is listed on other publications. She requests the County to take action on the increased boats and inner tubes rented from out of the County for use on the So. Fork. Thank you to RMAC for volunteering and to Noah.

Mr. Michael Ranailli gave OK to RMAC for their work in 2012.

Mr. Howard Penn thanked RMAC.

Mr. Bob Cushman asked about the shuttle for 2013? Howard Penn said that an Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Grant was awarded to a community led group run by the chamber and that they are trying to get assets (van or small bus).

Ms. Lane – Asked that future events not covered by American River Resorts Special Use Permit get a Temporary Use Permit specifically the Tow Up Cup fundraiser.

b) RMAC Comments on 2012 River Season and River Management Program
Mr. Dave Martinez- Thanked Mr. Penn and El Dorado County for keeping the river shuttle going. Mr. Martinez thanked Noah and State Parks. He stated that the Coloma Lotus Valley and South Fork is a phenomenal place and Coloma Lotus is in a remarkable situation regarding opportunities for eco tourism economic sustainability.
Mr. Liles- Is glad to see river shuttle continue and for the transparency of the most recent efforts to revive the shuttle. Mr. Liles thanked public for attending the meetings in 2012. He also thanked Noah and County Environmental Management Department River Patrol. Mr. Liles that he noticed there was better than ever cooperation between BLM, State Parks, EDSO and River Patrol for taking care of public lands. Mr. Liles would like to see changes such that Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park (MGDSHP) and Salmon Falls are open year round. Mr. Liles thanked SMUD for flows and fellow RMAC members.

Ms. Marilyn Tahl- Stated that there have been many complex issues to river management and it is nice to see cooperation between agencies. She thanked the public for coming and Noah for his efforts.

Ms. Faith Cushman- Thanked Ms. Mulvany for bringing up safety concerns on river. She is concerned about inner tubers safety on the river. She stated that Greenwood Creek needs a take out sign. She would like to see growth in community be consciences of environmental impacts for example permeable paving to reduce runoff.

c) Institutional Permit Change Proposal – Permit size was discussed, having a permit size of 24 for each permit, loaning or borrowing of use days, season long pool, no big trips in July or August, using the Standard Mean versus an average and an annual pool with weekend limit. No proposal was made.

6. Committee Member Comments:
Mr. Liles asked that the Committee discuss out-of-county rentals for use on the South Fork.
Mr. Martinez asked that the RMAC discuss UARP mitigation fund project proposals in 2013.
Ms. Tahl and Ms. Cushman seconded that idea.
7. Co. Staff Comments/Reports:
   Noah stated that the Department of Transportation, Environmental Management Department, Planning
   and Building were going to be joined into one department but that no changes to the river program are
   anticipated.

8. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting: January 15, 2013 (January 10 meeting canceled due to no quorum)
   Coloma-Lotus Fire Station
   5122 Fire House Rd., Lotus, CA

9. Adjournment at 9:05 p.m.