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To: [Karen Sanabria](#)
Cc: [Stephanie Hannum](#)
Subject: RD Public Correspondence
Date: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 7:23:34 PM
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Thanks,
RG

From: LJ Laurent <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, March 23, 2024 9:01 AM
To: Robert Goss <rgoss@folsom.ca.us>
Cc: Office of Rep. Kiley <repkkevinkiley@mail8.housecommunications.gov>; assemblymember.hoover@assembly.ca.gov <assemblymember.hoover@assembly.ca.gov>; wade.crowfoot@resources.ca.gov <wade.crowfoot@resources.ca.gov>; Christa Freemantle <cfreemantle@folsom.ca.us>; Stephen Green <[REDACTED]>; Alan Wade <[REDACTED]>; B Weiland <[REDACTED]>; info@ssband.org <info@ssband.org>; Marcus Yasutake <myasutake@folsom.ca.us>; daoffice@sacda.org <daoffice@sacda.org>; Patrick Pulupa <patrick.pulupa@waterboards.ca.gov>; john.baum@waterboards.ca.gov <john.baum@waterboards.ca.gov>; James Zandstra <james.zandstra@mail.house.gov>; Barbara Leary <[REDACTED]>; Sarah Aquino <saquino@folsom.ca.us>; Rosario Rodriguez <rrodriguez@folsom.ca.us>; YK Chalamcherla <ykchalamcherla@folsom.ca.us>; Mike Kozlowski <mkozlowski@folsom.ca.us>; Anna Rohrbough <annar@folsom.ca.us>; Stephens Sara <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Folsom SSS is determinant. ATTACHED, Response from LJL. Folsom River District Update - 2 28 2024 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

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Mr. Goss,
How interesting you omitted answering any questions regarding operations, publication of discussions/comments, and the very narrow focus that river district is NOT suggested by you/city to be considered for Open Space and total compatibility with American River asset preservation. You omitted the Folsom Sanitary Sewer System threat entirely.
Hopefully, those downriver will take Official Note of this omission of 5 independent Engineering Studies.

As for the members who were never advertised nor their active participation stated in any Minutes or Reports, why did city feel it was necessary to withhold all those names from the public?

Why have we never seen a single quote from your claimed experts?
Why have you refused to identify the input of "members"?
Why do we have zero information how to contact these claimed experts?

If they are making and shaping huge decisions, WHY have you not kept Minutes which are circulated to Public and all who have a stake in the future of Federal Assets?

The anonymous nature of this Response you sent, is totally Unacceptable --- in view of this being Federal Assets --- and NOT city assets being the focus of Land Uses proposed by a city which has NO jurisdiction whatsoever over the American River & watershed forests.

Considering the Waterworks Report on sanitary sewer of city, and prior four reports, you comments **provide absolutely NO method of reassuring a single American River User that the city is worried about again polluting the American River.**

Again, there is a paucity of information revealed, and you have herein assured the Public and residents will never know these names unless citizens confront you for your many shortcomings in Public Involvement.

Elections offer a chance for our voices to be heard. Instead of committees who have NO formal obligations to the Public, do not make American River protection decisions, and are NOT elected by the public, and whose Knowledge and expertise is limited to two unidentified "civil engineers" whose expertise you omitted.

If I were Rep. Kevin Kiley, or Assemblyman Hoover, I'd cast a spotlight onto your claims, refusal to name the 2 experts involved, and demand to know the absolute Criteria by which Folsom city council or mayor, or whoever, decided a quietly appointed committee was to be any arbiter of the Best Protections along, above, and against spills into the American River. I'd also demand a complete set of minutes, records, qualifications, and Methods by which YOU for the city, claim this district committee has an STATUS whatsoever to make Land Use Decisions which directly and totally impact the American River Assets.

If I were an elected person, I'd find your correspondences very revealing of how the city of Folsom "gets things done" in Land Use.

Personally, my experience living in this city makes it clear the city council has shown NO concern for proving the city's American River Water "allotment" or "Rights" are totally adequate --- for Each and Every single up-zoning, densification of Land Uses, and cavalier attitudes of relying upon Opinions such as yours contained in your emails.

You may know Landscaping and have [quote] **"managed** diverse teams of design and **recreation professionals"** but your response is just additional frosting on the cake of "Reasons the Public and Land Use experts should not rely upon your alleged Land Use and Water protection knowledge."

I'd also like to know

WHY have you refused to Clarify the Nature of Your Relationship to the city, to land uses, water uses, and Putting the American River first and foremost because it sustains our lives.

FYI, the sole purpose of including Folsom City Clerk in this email, is to ensure all emails are made part of a Public Record.

If you, Mr. Goss, in whatever position or employment or interest you have in American River matters, are indeed shaping Decisions about city abutting to LAR Land Uses, OR have predetermined this committee must conclude Revenue Generating Uses are essential against Federal land & Water, it seems obvious a Public Record of your comments and withholding of specific Information about the 'river district' committee operation is very important.

This is Federal Water and Land, and thus far you have demonstrated an unwillingness to reveal how a collection of past city associates and people of unknown knowledge, can make huge decisions about the Impacts and what enters the LAR from city zoned land parcels.

All I know for sure is that the Miwok Tribe had to make their own efforts to become members of this river district committee, and your list of members OMITTS them. You excluded their names and those alleged to be participating on Behalf of USBR, and a CA State Parks "Interpreter". [whatever that is. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/devin-swartwood-04a7801b9/>]

FYI, CA State Park Interpreter: <https://www.indeed.com/cmp/California-State-Parks-and-Recreation/salaries/Interpreter/California#:~:text=Average%20California%20State%20Parks%20and,26%25%20below%20the%20national%20average.>

Park interpreters' ultimate goal is to **create an emotional connection between our parks, trails, and natural resources and our visitors**. We do this through programs, signs, and exhibits, mainly making sure that visitors have a good experience.

Here's a "sign" for you, Mr. Goss, whose city position is kept from us: RESPECT the American River and be open, honest, and completely truthful in all dealing with Public who are concerned about Protecting the American River from Folsom. Sacramento Bee gave full coverage to a lawsuit I filed/conducted after this city event:

In **March 2000**, the City of Folsom was fined \$700,000 for not properly maintaining their sewer system which allowed 700,000 gallons of raw sewage to flow into the American River.

Folsom has NOT remedied the very problems which caused this. The city did not report the spill for days of flow.

My efforts did not result in Folsom taking care of the Sanitary Sewer System deficiencies which still exist -- as your committee contemplates ADDING more SSS connections alongside the river, instead of focusing upon preventing potential spills documented in Waterworks 2017, the 5 report:

<https://www.folsom.ca.us/home/showpublisheddocument/786/637467522258230000>

SYSTEM-WIDE HYDRAULIC EVALUATION AND CAPACITY ASSURANCE PLAN UPDATE

Check out page 125 and following. Illustrations are very easy to understand. You need to add this information to your relationship with the river district committee.

Five engineering firms have historically told Folsom what "needs attention" and city monies.

If you have need of more information about Folsom SSS, please add Marcus Yasutake to your little committee. He's aware of SSS issues, or should be.

If there is a reason Folsom SSS deficiencies should be a "major factor" before river district committee, Five outside independent Engineered Studies should help enlighten the situation.

Many Civil Engineers have certified what Folsom should address abutting the American River, and endangering it from above, as it is the low point of old city.

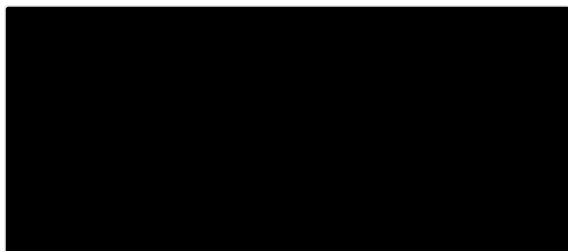
One More Thing for you and City Clerk office: kindly make this email chain part of Public Record in Folsom, and shared with all "members" of river district committee.

[Folsom's proposal for a River District Master Plan](#)

The City of Folsom is proposing a [River District Master Plan](#) that includes development of the Lake Natoma shoreline and bluffs. Proposals that have been suggested thus far include an amphitheater on the bluffs, a boathouse, several more parking lots, water taxis, more fishing opportunities, etc. **Please keep in mind that 75% of the "River District" is actually Federal and State property, which is mostly the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area. This is not land available for development! The remaining 25% is city and private property. The Folsom Lake SRA has its own General Plan, but that is often overlooked by those who want to develop the waterfront. Remember this line? "They paved paradise and put up a parking lot."**

Folsom's business and economic strategy is to monetize a California State Park; a regional, state and national treasure belonging to the region's citizens and their heirs. The Lake Natoma shoreline is owned by the Bureau of Reclamation and managed and operated by state parks. The Folsom Lake State Recreation Area, of which Lake Natoma is a part, has always been preserved and protected as an extension of the American River Parkway. Lake Natoma and her lands are governed by the American River Parkway Plan and the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area Plan. These multi-million dollar master plans represent many years of public input and a consensus vision.

Way to Go SARA



Folsom's proposal for a River District Master Plan

Save the American River Association

On Friday, March 22, 2024 at 05:09:18 PM PDT, Robert Goss <rgoss@folsom.ca.us> wrote:

Your additional comments have been noted Ms. Laurent. To clarify the record and contrary to your statements, the Folsom City Council formed the River District Master Plan Citizens Advisory Committee by resolution in June 2023. The city council included stakeholder representatives from both the US Bureau of Reclamation (Edward Roza); and from CA State Parks, Gold Fields District (Devin Swartwood).

The committee also includes a representative from the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, two civil engineers, a history/museum

professional, representatives from several non-profit organizations with interests related to the River District; representatives from the business and recreation communities, and several residents at-large. Contrary to your statement related to the River District Master Plan process.

Best regards,
Robert Goss
Project Manager

From: LJ Laurent <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 12:35 PM
To: wade.crowfoot@resources.ca.gov <wade.crowfoot@resources.ca.gov>; Christa Freemantle <cfreemantle@folsom.ca.us>; Robert Goss <rgoss@folsom.ca.us>
Cc: Office of Rep. Kiley <repkkevinkiley@mail8.housecommunications.gov>; assemblymember.hoover@assembly.ca.gov <assemblymember.hoover@assembly.ca.gov>
Subject: Re:ATTACHED, Response from LJJ. Folsom River District Update - February 28, 2024 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

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To: Wade Crowfoot, CA Res Dept Secretary,
City Clerk, Folsom, Robert Goss position unknown, request for possible Contract
cc: Rep. Kiley, Assemblyman Hoover, Folsom
bcc: see original

March 22, 2024 Response to R. Goss is ATTACHED

Please find attached document form of Response.


Just one item is included in email, in case the document version does not reproduce clearly.

ITEM: Clarification:
[River District Master Plan | Folsom, CA](#) ..

River District Master Plan | Folsom, CA

YOU WROTE: On the contrary, both State Parks and the Bureau of Reclamation have seats on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

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To:wade.crowfoot@resources.ca.gov,Christa Freemantle,LJ Laurent
Cc:Office of Rep. Kiley,assemblymember.hoover@assembly.ca.gov,daoffice@sacda.org
Thu, Mar 21 at 10:39 AM

On Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 10:39:15 AM PDT, Robert Goss <rgoss@folsom.ca.us> wrote:

Thank you for your comments and questions Ms. Laurent.

Specifically, you asked "why the Managing Partner Agreement with State Parks has been ignored?" On the contrary, both State Parks and the Bureau of Reclamation have seats on the Citizens Advisory Committee. All meetings are open and public and several members of the public do attend our meetings. Further, city staff and its consultants have had several additional meetings with State Parks in order to maintain open communication about alignment of the FLSRA General Plan, the Road and Trail Management Plan and the ideas generated through the River District Master Plan process.

You also asked about the need for engineering studies. Please note that the goals of the River District Master Plan project, as outlined in

the Folsom General Plan 2035, are to increase recreation opportunities, increase access to the river/lake, and to increase economic development opportunities. These are broad, visioning goals, not specific project proposals. The City acknowledges that these goals must be viewed in the context of the environmental setting including cultural and historical resources; land ownership; community interests; and, ultimately community and market economics. In the future, as project specific proposals come to light, all appropriate and needed engineering studies will be completed along with all other required analyses.

Best regards,
Robert Goss
Project Manager

From: LJ Laurent <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, February 24, 2024 9:07 AM
To: Robert Goss <rgoss@folsom.ca.us>; wade.crowfoot@resources.ca.gov <wade.crowfoot@resources.ca.gov>; Christa Freemantle <cfreemantle@folsom.ca.us>
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Subject: Re: City of Folsom River District Update - February 28, 2024 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

You don't often get email from ljlaurent@att.net. [Learn why this is important](#)

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To: Folsom city council via City Clerk
From: concerned citizen about secret "rezoning" plans and ignoring a known-dangerous city sanitary sewage system high above American River.
February 24, 2024

RE: NO Referendum Voting --- just tiny group of "so-called city leaders" and others.

Questions for r goss former city employee [???)
Why has Entire Process of converting all/most of 26 acres of Corp Yard land

Clarification of your written statement: On the contrary, both State Parks and the Bureau of Reclamation have seats on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

totally Ignored the Managing Partner Agreement

between US Bureau of Reclamation and CA State Parks?
City has a very bad habit of that. City built "ADA RAMP project" which Managing Partner State Parks CANNOT ACCEPT FOR MAINTENANCE --- because city did NOT build it ADA-Compliant. Even State Policy for Inspections was altered to stop this city from doing this again.

City last year produced a "tentative map of subdivision" showing all of Corp Yard as

1. REZONED for COMMERCIAL Uses.
2. Very small individual parcels, intended for SALE to private parties
3. Tentative Map of Subdivision did include private homes, into a Business & Property Improvement Zone of self-taxation. It went quiet, suddenly, with zero notice to private home owners of this MAP and their homes' inclusion.
4. Documents were not Certified by Professional Civil Engineer.
5. As city has for decades, the Abutment and Negative Impacts on American River and American River Watershed Forests, were totally.
6. Historic native american Tribe asked to be included on "panel". City included, then REMOVED them and all Impartial protectors of these Federal Waters and land.
7. Never has city "formulated" any plan for either Federal or non-federal land, which included a full study of Negative environmental and wildlife impacts.
8. Partner[s] to Managing Partner Agreement appear NEVER to have been consulted, nor wildlife agencies of partners consulted on HOW MUCH city of Folsom intends to degrade further these Federal Waters and Watershed forests.
9. Waterworks, the 5th outside Engineering Study of city sanitary sewage woes and High Risks in this area 40 to 60 feet BELOW city street grades, and city SSSystem, shows and proves the city has INADEQUATE SS System plumbing & improvements to even consider its grand development and sale for private owners or operators of private businesses.

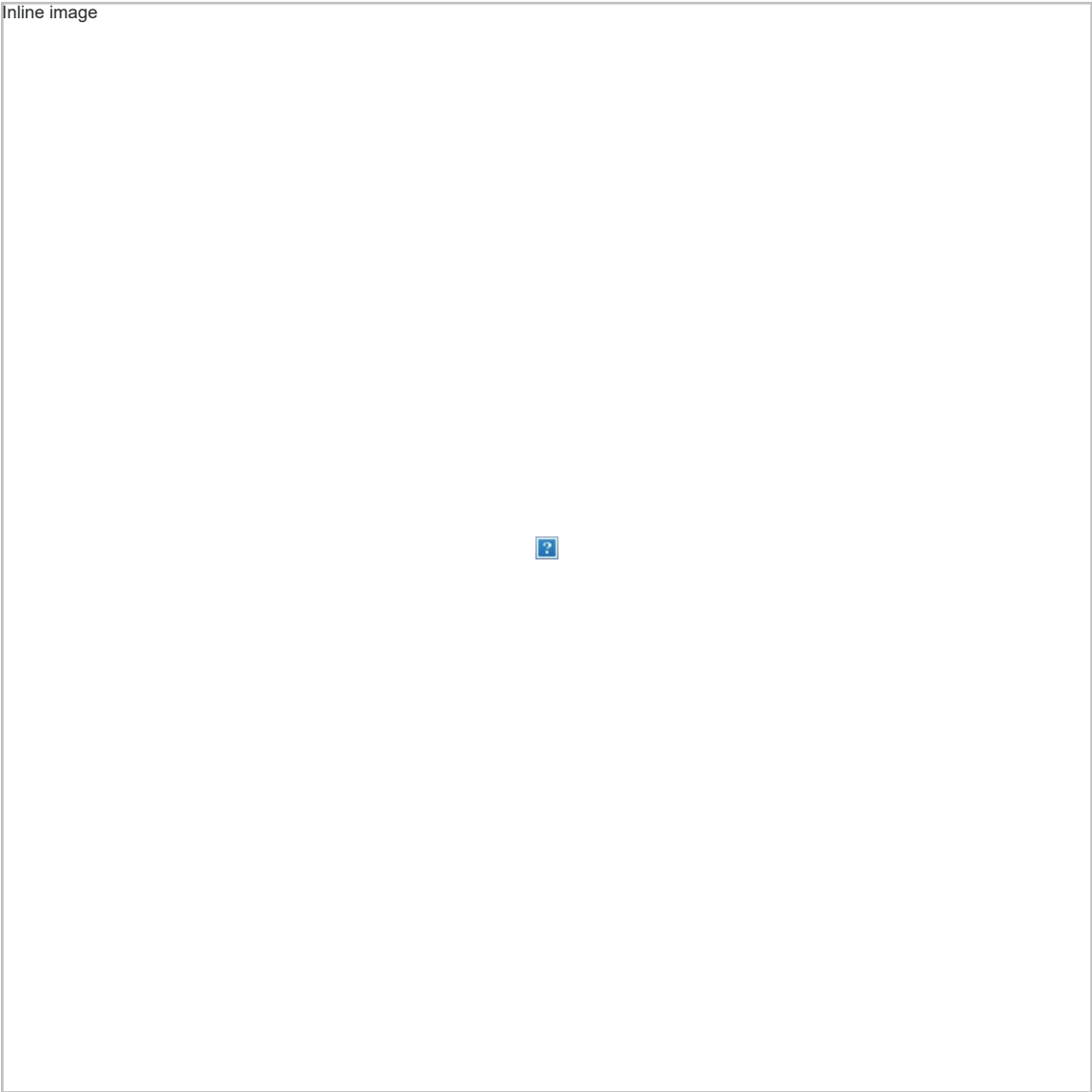
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ibid page 127 RED LINE Folsom Sanitary sewer system segments in Desperately undersized condition is shown. Red Lines. Major roads would need closing to address free-spilling city raw sewage. Doesn't that matter to council, at all?

Read WaterWorks SSS Hydraulic Capacity Study. It has easy to grasp maps & illustrations. When higher city SSS pipes break, there is NO WAY to stop or divert all that Raw Sewage away from the American River. From both sides of American River, it will flow down the steep hillsides from ancient city SSS pipes. Last FIVE independent Engineering SSS Hydraulic Capacity studies

have TOLD CITY over and over.

WHY is Zero Engineering Study included in this tiny, very poorly circulated "plan" to make many acres of city land which impact Federal Assets --- into some "commercial bonanza" to rescue a city in deep "do-do" and financial troubles?



Item 5. RRM Design Group will prepare and present for discussion, **based on CAC comments**, a refinement of the preferred Corporation Yard general land use plan concept – 30 min.

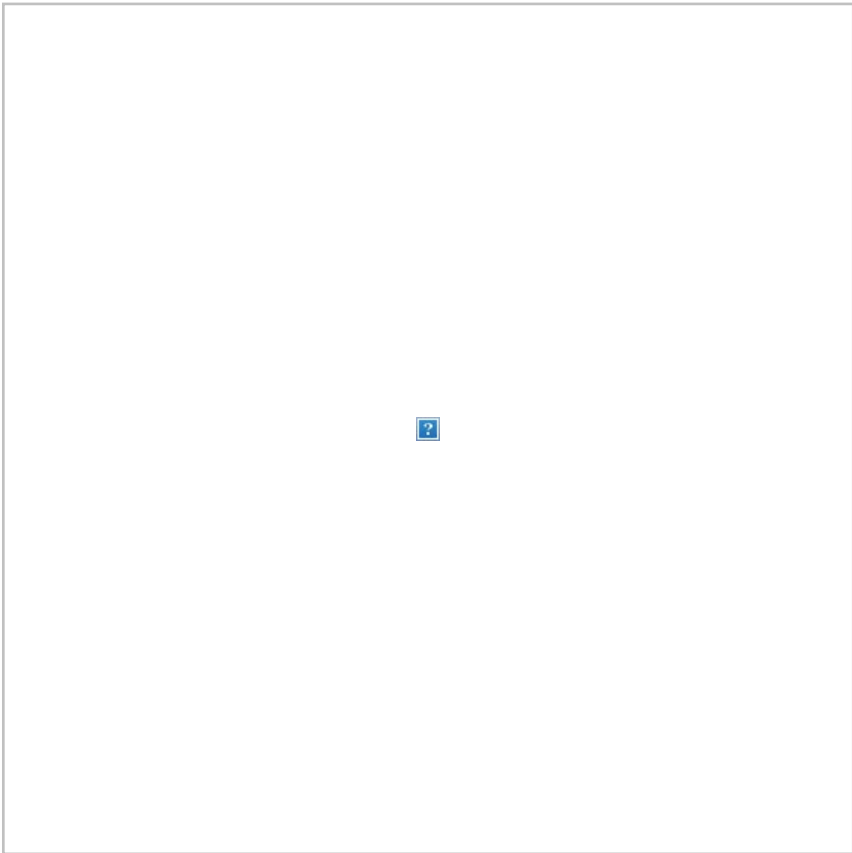
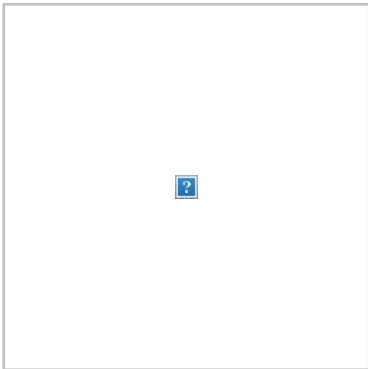
Who cares what appointees said??? This is a Federal Government Issue of drinking water, habitat, recreation, Green Zone to filter rain water entering American River.

WHERE are the Federal Engineers who APPROVE this sort of "private opinions" of group of insiders?

Does anyone in city remember the huge raw sewage spill of 4 days --- when I very successfully sued city for sending SSS workers home, NOT reporting it immediately, and FAILING to do what 5 Engineering Studies have told city is Required under Laws.

On Friday, February 23, 2024 at 10:17:53 AM PST, City of Folsom <rgoss@folsom.ca.us> wrote:





Folsom River District Master Plan Update

The River District Master Plan Citizens Advisory Committee will meet next week on Wednesday, February 28, in the RG Smith Room of the Folsom Community Center at 52 Natoma Street.

- [River District Master Plan Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda Packet](#)

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