

Comments from Task Force Member Virginia Condie

Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 4:19 PM

Subject: "Report to the Commission on the San Marcos River Task Force"

Thank you Melissa for the opportunity to comment on the Report! And thank you for all of your efforts and the time it took for you to spearhead some much needed discussion.

As for my thoughts:

I am very supportive of a WORD. From what I understand it will allow legal accountability whereas an MOU certainly will not. There is a reason that over the past 2+ years the MOU has not been viewed as successful, and that Guadalupe and Caldwell counties have not signed one with the outfitters. So I think our next logical step is the WORD.

Some thoughts in response to Kathy Grant's message:

I urge the outfitters to solve some of the issues listed by Kathy Grant themselves- WITH or WITHOUT an MOU or WORD.

- Continue their clean-up efforts
- Increase their road condition donations
- Provide sufficient finances for training and policing DIRECTLY to the county in order to offset some of the "trust" issues Kathy mentions
- Kayaks, paddles, supplies, etc could be donated to the county- making sure that they supply the things truly needed.
- Put a limit on the number of "boom box" tubes they rent out per hour
- Initiate a limit on the number of people they will put on the river in a day... 1000 each operator at a max.
- Provide a way for clients to SAFELY return home if they leave the river inebriated.

Chances are these things will not happen unless someone forces their hand.... but it would certainly show local residents that the outfitters are truly invested in the area, the environment and their clients.

Thanks again Melissa!

Forever grateful!!!

-Virginia Condie