

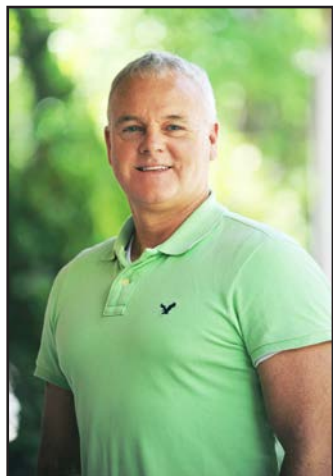


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Brent Dennis

## DENNIS TO LEAVE EL DORADO HILLS CSD

El Dorado Hills Community Services District General Manager Brent Dennis has resigned from the job he's held for four years to take a position in Anaheim.

Dennis plans to start his new job as director of Community Services for the city of Anaheim after Labor Day.

Dennis said he was attracted to the new role because of greater responsibility. Among other duties, Dennis will help oversee 55 parks, 700 acres of open space, 11 community centers and the city library.

Dennis told *Village Life* he has recommended that the CSD Board of Directors not hire a new general manager until after the holidays. In November two CSD director seats are at stake, those belonging to Directors Noelle Mattock and Terry Crumpley. Four people, including Mattock, are running.

"I'm comfortable that the [EDHCS D] can move forward in a solid way," Dennis told *Village Life*, citing "three talented directors" who will help during the transition — Director of Administration and Finance Katrina Jackson, Director of Parks & Planning Kevin Loewen, and Director of Recreation Jill Ritzman.

Dennis noted that during his tenure as general manager he is most proud that the first dog park was built, that Windsor Point neighbors rallied to see the first solar-pow-

ered park built in their neighborhood and that the Valley View Community Park is now available to serve the growing population's increasing sport facility needs.

The EDHCS D has faced challenges of late. It was named in a lawsuit requesting the return of millions of dollars in mitigation fees, including ones paid to the CSD. The El Dorado County Grand Jury also released a report this summer investigating the Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District assessments for property owners falling under the jurisdiction of the El Dorado Hills CSD. The district has until September 7 to respond to the report's findings. ~

*Credit: Julie Samrick, Staff Writer, Village Life*



## PG&E UPGRADING INFRASTRUCTURE

Looking to improve the electrical infrastructure in El Dorado County, this month PG&E began a project that will upgrade approximately 12.5 miles of electric transmission line and replace hundreds of poles between the Shingle Springs Substation and the Gold Hill Substation in Folsom.

Called the Missouri Flat-Gold Hill Line Reconductoring, the \$65 million project will take two years to complete with the work expected to be finished by the summer of 2018.

The age of the existing infrastructure is part of the reason for undertaking the project as the transmission line is more than 60 years old. In addition, the electrical load capacity of the current transmission line can be exceeded during peak summer use or

when there are extreme weather conditions, according to a PG&E spokesman.

The upgrade is expected to resolve both of those issues. Much of the work will be done parallel to Highway 50 but PG&E said traffic on the freeway will not be affected.

The first phase of the project entails reconducting the poles, starting from the Clarksville Substation to the Shingle Springs Substation.

The capacity will be the same but PG&E is increasing the limit of the line for peak load conditions to provide a more reliable power supply to customers.

Work on the project will take place Monday through Friday from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. with occasional work on Saturday and Sunday. Weather is a factor in the construction schedule.

While Highway 50 will not be affected by the work, PG&E warned there may be some interference on side roads. However, signs and safety cones will be placed in the construction zone 72 hours prior to the start of work to alert residents. In addition, some short temporary closures of some roads, parks and trails during construction are expected.

There will also be a few days in a few pockets where there will be power outages, but it will be very, very minimal and those customers will be notified in advance.

PG&E says the project means safe reliable power for the community and improved infrastructure for the company.

People interested in more information on the project can visit [pge.com/mf-gh](http://pge.com/mf-gh) or e-mail the company at [mf-gh@pge.com](mailto:mf-gh@pge.com). ~

*Credit: Dawn Hodson, Staff Writer, Mountain Democrat*





## HIGHWAY 50 CALTRANS WORK DELAYS

Construction and maintenance work will cause day and night time traffic delays along a 45-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 50 between Camino and Echo Summit over the next three months, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announced today.

Crews will be setting up lane restrictions on the four-lane section of U.S. 50 in the Camino area, and one-way traffic control on the two-lane stretch of highway over the summit. Motorists can expect up to 20 minute delays. These lane restrictions will continue through the end of November, weather permitting.

Caltrans will be removing hundreds of dead trees along the highway, paving a section of roadway over the summit and doing foundation drilling on Echo Summit.

There was one-way traffic control starting on Sunday, August 21, which continued through August 26, at the Echo Summit Bridge. Crews were drilling into the foundation to gather information for plans to replace the bridge. Work has taken a break for another construction project, and will resume in late September. Completion is expected on October 15.

Around the clock one-way traffic control between Strawberry and Johnson Pass Road around Echo Summit is scheduled to start at midnight August 29, and continue through mid-October. Crews will be doing pavement grinding and paving work.

From September 6 through the end of November, motorists can expect lane restrictions and one-way traffic control to occur at various times and locations between Braeburn Lane in Camino and Echo Summit. Crews will be removing hundreds of dead or dying trees impacted by the drought and the bark beetle infestation to ensure public health and safety.

For information, visit the Tahoe Roads web page at [tahoeroads.com](http://tahoeroads.com). For real time traffic, click on Caltrans QuickMap at [quickmap.dot.ca.gov](http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov). ~



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

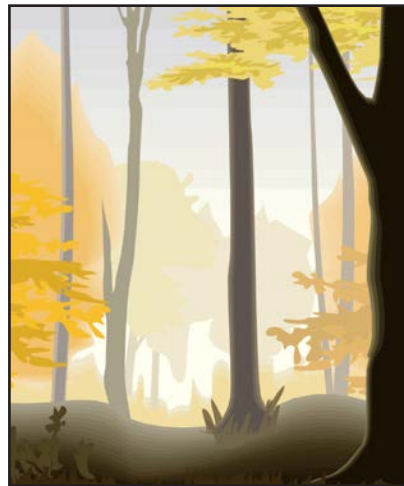
Hello All,

This month's Bulletin is a short one. I hope you all had a nice Labor Day.

School's in session, so watch out for the children as they dart to and from school!

*John E. Thomson*

President



September

By all these lovely tokens  
September days are here,  
With summer's best of weather  
And autumn's best of cheer.

— Helen Hunt Jackson



## BLAC BOARD SETS NOVEMBER 7 AS NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular board of directors meeting of the Bass Lake Action Committee will be held on November 7, 2016, at 7:00 PM at the home of John and Fran Thomson, 501 Kirkwood Court in Woodridge, El Dorado Hills, 530-677-3039. Nominations for officers and directors for 2017 are due that evening, and setting the date and time of the December Annual General Membership Meeting will also be on the agenda.

As always, all BLAC members are cordially invited to attend all meetings. For further information about BLAC meetings and membership, please contact Vice President Kathy Prevost at 530-672-6836. ~

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