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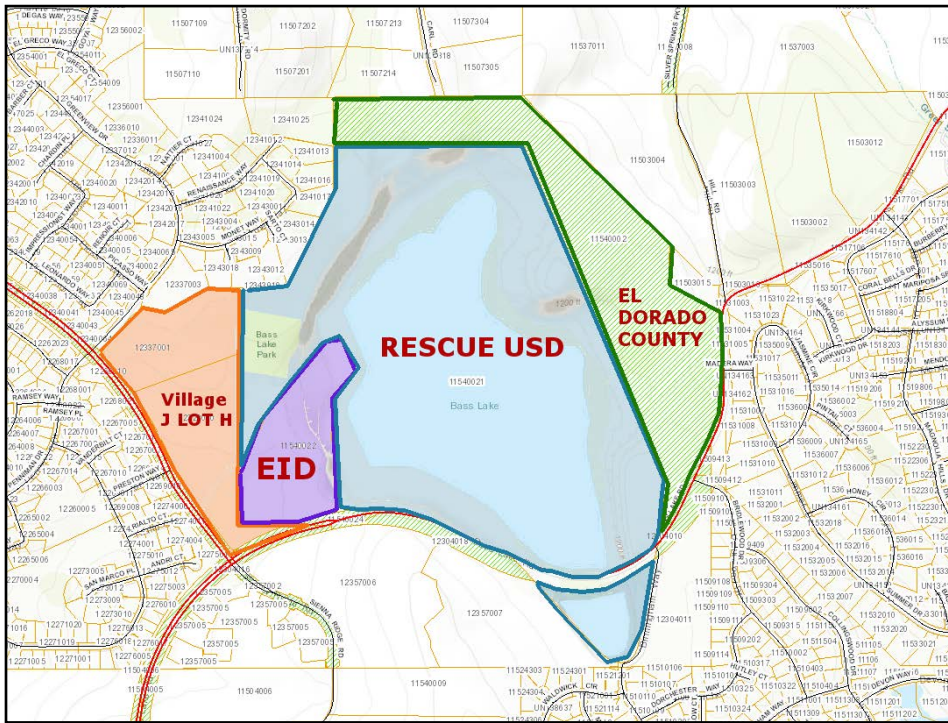
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Map showing the parcels that the CSD plans to consolidate into a large recreational project, which will include the just-purchased Bass Lake property (blue); the County-owned regional park property (green); the El Dorado Irrigation District property which the EID has agreed to sell to the CSD (purple); and the property which Serrano has agreed to donate to the CSD for a park (orange).

## EDH CSD BUYS BASS LAKE FROM RESCUE SCHOOL DISTRICT

On October 12, 2018, El Dorado Hills Community Services District (CSD) and Rescue Union School District (RUSD) jointly announced that Rescue Union School District will sell the 142-acre land parcel at Bass Lake to the CSD. Both boards have voted in favor of the real estate transaction with an estimated close of escrow in early November.

The CSD intends to further develop the land as a larger park complex as part of their Bass Lake Project Initiative for intended use by members of the El Dorado Hills community and neighboring communities.

El Dorado Hills CSD aims to make the Bass Lake Park the largest park and recreational project in the area, ultimately span-

ning over 200 acres. Initial plans include the addition of more sport fields and courts, a full disc-golf course, and a trail system that will provide safe, multi-use connections to existing and planned trails in the area. Early design concepts are being explored by the CSD in collaboration with stakeholder groups including: Rescue Union School District; Bass Lake Action Committee; El Dorado County Parks and Recreation Commission; EDH Area Planning Action Commission; Serrano HOA; and other groups.

The design concepts are being developed to meet the needs of the community as they relate to parks, recreation, outdoor education, and open space preservation. ~

Source: Press release from CSD and RUSD



## PROPOSITION 6 "TITLE CORRECTION" DUSTUP

*Gas Tax Repeal 'Correction' Mailer Causes 'No' Campaign to Howl*

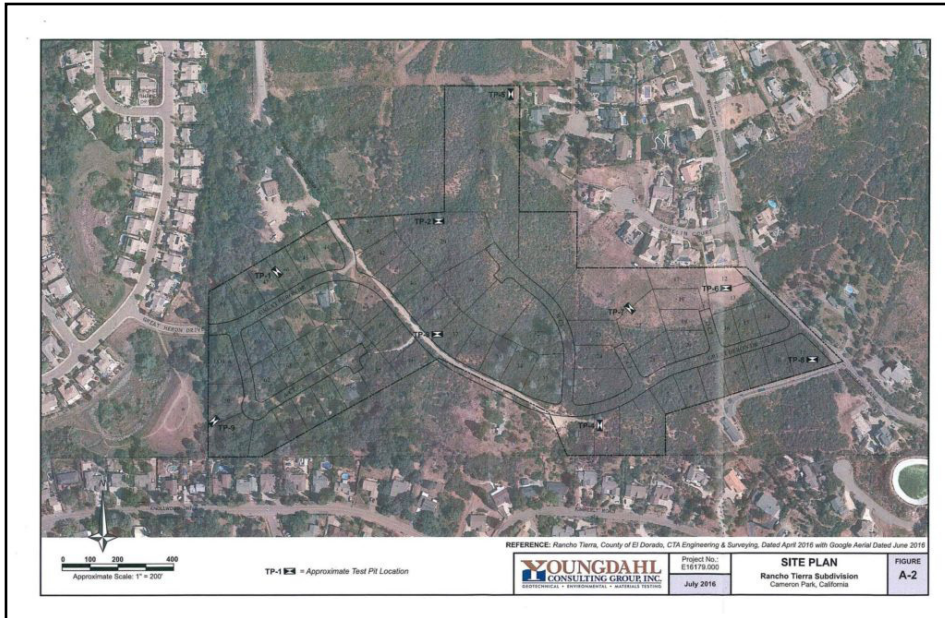
A highly effective mailer sent out recently by the "Yes on Proposition 6" gas tax repeal campaign titled "Election Ballot Correction" has caused an uproar from the "No" campaign.

Reform California leader Carl DeMaio was extremely upbeat Wednesday over the spectacular free media coverage stirred up by his organization's first "Yes on Prop 6" campaign mailer, titled "Election Ballot \*\*Correction\*\*," that started showing up on October 9 in the mailboxes of two million Californians who have signed up for vote by mail.

DeMaio told Breitbart News that despite grass-roots advocates submitting an initiative with over 1 million signatures to repeal the gas tax, repeal the vehicle fee increase, and require a statewide vote of the people to raise the gas taxes in the future, the California Attorney General had assigned Proposition 6 a misleading official title: "Voter Approval for Future Gas and Vehicle Taxes and 2017 Tax Repeal Initiative (2018)."

The "Yes on Prop 6" campaign believes that the California ballot summary mischaracterizes the initiative as threatening to slash 6,500 highway and bridge repair projects. As a result, the measure is opposed by every major newspaper in California, including: the Los Angeles Times; Monterey Herald; San Francisco Chronicle; Santa Cruz Sentinel; the Mercury News; the Press Democrat; the Sacramento Bee; and the San Diego Union-Tribune.

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Rancho Tierra Development Map

### INFILL NEW HOUSING PROJECT PROPOSED EAST OF WOODRIDGE

#### Summer Drive to be Impacted

The Rancho Tierra project (Z18-0008/TM18-153 7) is located in Cameron Park and has an existing General Plan Land Use designation of High-Density Residential.

The project includes eight existing parcels totaling approximately 38 acres. Seven of the parcels are currently zoned R1 and one is zoned R1A. The site is an infill project bordered by existing High-Density Residential developments to the west, south, and northeast or residential property designated as High-Density Residential.

Access to the project will be by one of three existing roadways: Woodleigh Lane to the east, Great Heron Drive to the west, and Rancho Tierra Court from the north. This would allow traffic to go from Woodleigh Lane through Rancho Tierra to Bass Lake Road via Summer Drive.

#### Project Discription

Rancho Tierra is a single-family detached residential development comprised of 83 home sites with an average density of approximately 2.2 units per acre. The home sites range in size from approximately 0.23 acres to approximately 2.8 acres. Lots have been clustered in the flatter areas of the site. The existing structures on the site would be removed. General Plan Land Use would remain High-Density Residential

The project would be served by public water and sewer from the El Dorado Irrigation District. ~



### PROPERTY TAX BILLS

The Bulletin has learned from the County Assessor's Office that the El Dorado County property tax bills for the current 2018/2019 tax year will be mailed out to property owners at the end of October.

In the interim, property owners who wish may view their property tax bill and pay their tax online at the following web address: <https://www.edcgov.us/Government/TaxCollector>. ~



### NEWS AROUND TOWN

by John Davey

The Silver Springs residential project sought and received a two-year time extension on their Tentative Map. They could have asked for six 1-year extensions, but only asked for two 1-year extensions, which

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### PROP 6 (continued)

According to ABC News' Sacramento affiliate, the "No on Prop 6" campaign described the mailer as misleading, accusing it of "masquerading as an official correction to the sample ballots." The same type of complaint was echoed by almost every television and newspaper outlet across the state, despite the mailer including required disclosures that it is not an official state document and that Reform California paid for it.

DeMaio told Breitbart that the complaints by the "No on Prop 6" campaign were arrogant and humorous: "This is like a bookie complaining that Vegas has gambling." He emphasized the success of the mailer informing the public that a "Yes" vote for Proposition 6 was really a vote to repeal the gas tax hike — a message, he said, that is being hugely reinforced by the "No" campaign's complaints.

President of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association Jon Coupal told Breitbart on October 1 that the "Yes on Prop 6" campaign was "cautiously optimistic" that the voter gas tax repeal would pass on November 6, in spite of being out-spent by \$26 million by the opposition. Coupal said the "Yes on Prop 6" campaign's reliance on motivated small donors was an advantage over "No" being funded by special interest money that included eight checks for over \$1 million and \$4.5 million from out-of-state interests.

DeMaio emphasized that the 'Yes' campaign did not waste precious cash responding to the "No" campaign's \$10 million summer media spend. But with voting under way, he promises that the gas tax repeal campaign will continue to argue that a "Yes" vote will save the average California family about \$779 per year.

Republican candidate for governor John Cox supports Proposition 6; Democrat candidate Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom does not. ~

Source: Rich Pedroncelli, Breitbart News, Associated Press





**The EDITOR'S CORNER**

Hello Everyone,

The chance to repeal the gas tax increase is on the ballot in November. While we all know that gasoline is expensive, how much tax is really in that price? Here's a breakdown.

Underground storage tank fee: 2 cents per gallon.

Average local sales tax: 36.2 cents per gallon.

Local sales tax at 2.25 percent: about 8.1 cents per gallon.

Variable state sales tax: currently 11.7 cents per gallon.

Federal excise tax: 18.4 cents per gallon.

State gas tax, including this year's 12.5 cent increase: currently 30 cents per gallon

That's a total of 73.82 cents per gallon.

But wait, there's a hidden tax in there! The state imposes a global warming tax on oil refiners at a rate of approximately 11 cents per gallon of gasoline, which refiners pass along to the public in the price of gasoline. So add another 11 cents per gallon, which makes the current taxes on gasoline 84.82 cents per gallon.

But wait, you will get even more next year! In 2019 the variable state gas tax is slated to rise another 7.5 cents per gallon or so, which will make the total gas tax about 92.32 cents per gallon.

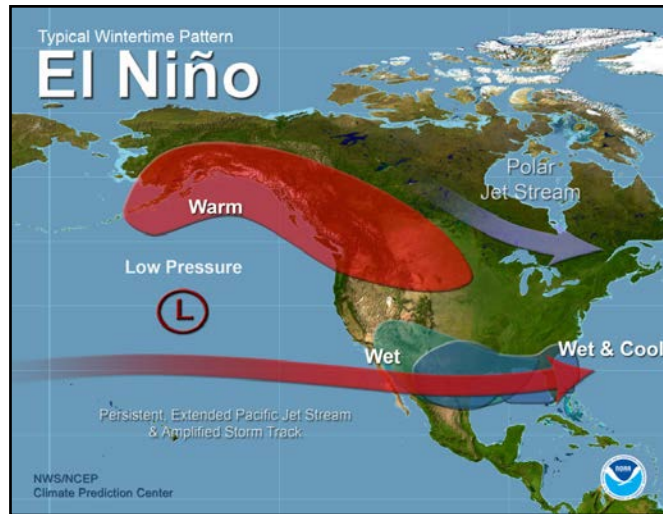
And here is the real increase in the loby run: the state tax is slated to be adjusted upward each year (indexed) for inflation, for a yearly increase of how much no one knows.

Bear this in mind when you vote.

Sincerely,

*John E. Thomson*

Editor



snowfall in areas that normally get snow, with the interior West and a small part of the nation's mid-section being the snowier-than-normal exceptions. ~



**WEATHER FORECASTS SEE A WEAK EL NIÑO THIS WINTER**

The weather this winter will be largely affected by the development of an El Niño trend, with NOAA predicting a 70% chance of El Niño conditions for January, February and March. The confidence level of the forecast is based on evolving meteorological methods that track surface temperature anomalies of the South Pacific derived from satellite observations.

Recall that during an El Niño, snowfall is greater than average across the southern Rockies and Sierra Nevada mountain range, and is well-below normal across the Upper Midwest and Great Lakes states.

Given the 70% chance of an El Niño, the question remains as to how strong an event we can expect. Prof. Jason C. Furtado of the University of Oklahoma School of Meteorology is predicting that if an El Niño event does form this upcoming winter, it will most likely be a weak El Niño event.

Another source, the Old Farmer's Almanac, expects above-normal temperatures almost everywhere in the United States, except in the Southwest, where it is predicting a colder-than-normal season. According to the Almanac, it's going to be wintery, but it won't be an especially frigid year. It says that its milder-than-normal forecast is due to the expected arrival of a weak El Niño, which will prevent cold air masses from lingering in the North.

In terms of precipitation, the Almanac is predicting above-normal levels for most of the country, except in the Southeast, southern California, the nation's midsection, and parts of Alaska and Hawaii, where normal or below-normal precipitation amounts are expected instead. As for snow, the Almanac tells us to expect below-normal levels of

**NEWS (continued)**

could mean that they may be building within the next two years. This coincides with the two-year timeline on the southern connection of Silver Springs Parkway to Bass Lake Road.

EDH Community Services District (CSD) General Manager Kevin Loewen made a presentation to the County Parks & Recreation Commission on September 20th about the combination of (1) the Village J Lot H Serrano park site, (2) the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) parcel at Bass Lake the CSD is purchasing (It sounds like it is closing escrow in the spring now, instead of October.), (3) the CSD offer on the Bass Lake property, and (4) potentially obtaining a 99-year lease of the County's 41 acres at the north end of the lake. There is a write-up of the presentation on [basslakeaction.net](http://basslakeaction.net).

Serrano Associates cleared all the oak trees and has started grading on the Village J Lot H parcel for their 41 home residential project on Serrano Parkway near Bass Lake Road. The CSD had to move their parking lot at Sellwood field to a new location because of this. They were able to get help from both Rescue Union School District and EID to get a new parking area graded and set up.

The Safeway building at Sienna Ridge shopping center is now supposed to start construction in January (maybe...).

The County has been approving right-of-way easements for utilities and roadways for the past few months for several areas of the Bass Lake Hills Specific Plan projects.

The November Election has a proposed change in the County Charter to extend the term-limits for Board of Supervisors from two 4-year terms to three 4-year terms.

Finally, five marijuana propositions are on the November ballot for El Dorado County residents to vote on. ~

## IN MEMORIAM



HAL ERPENBECK

It is with great regret that we inform you of the passing away of our neighbor and friend Hal Erpenbeck on October 8, 2018, at the age of 78.



### The Veil is Getting Thinner

As I went out walking this fall afternoon,  
I heard a whisper whispering,  
I heard a whisper whispering,  
Upon this fine fall day . . .

As I went out walking this fall afternoon,  
I heard a laugh a' laughing,  
I heard a laugh a' laughing,  
Upon this fine fall day . . .

I heard this whisper and I wondered,  
I heard this laugh and then I knew.  
The time is getting near my friends,  
The time that I hold dear my friends,  
The veil is getting thin my friends,  
And strange things will pass through.

Hal and his wife Barbara came to El Dorado Hills in 2003 and moved into the Woodridge Development. Hal had a busy and successful management career with several well known high tech companies in the Bay Area before retiring to El Dorado Hills, and he brought to the local community all of his energy and intelligence.

Hal was a member of the Board of the Bass Lake Action Committee from 2006 through 2016, during which time he held the offices of Director and Secretary. Hal was a volunteer for many years on the Citizens Advisory Committee of the El Dorado Hills Community Service District, which helped the EDH CSD administer Woodridge's CC&R's. Hal's advocacy on behalf of BLAC with the EDH CSD resulted in an one-time refund in 2009 of up to \$1,200 for Woodridge residents and a reduction in landscaping and lighting assessments from \$275 per year in 2008 to the present \$49 per year.

Hal was a Founding Member of the Clarksville Region Historical Society. He was a Board member from 2006 through 2017, holding the office of Vice President for one year and President for eight years. Hal was also the Web Master for CRHS's web site until recently and for many years provided audio-visual support for the Society's monthly meetings.

Hal's friendly personality and varied interests made him many friends and drew him to participate in a wide range of activities such as acting as a docent at Gold Discovery Park; participating in the Stop EID effort, which protested proposed water rate increases by the El Dorado Irrigation District; joining the last El Dorado Hills cityhood effort; representing El Dorado County residents on the Commission on Aging and the El Dorado County Grand Jury; being an active Elks Club member and participating in a neighborhood wine club. His outstanding service to the community was recognized in 2017 when Hal received a Commendation from the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors.

Hal is survived by his wife Barbara, his two sons, Doug and Mark Erpenbeck, his granddaughters Kayla and Kendall, his daughter-in-law Kristi, and his sister-in-law Anita Quick.

A memorial service in Hal's honor will be held on Sunday, October 21, 2018, at 12:00 PM at the Cielo Winery, 3040 Ponderosa Road, Shingle Springs, CA

95682. Attendees may remember Hal by sending flowers or making a donation in lieu thereof to the Clarksville Region Historical Society, c/o Treasurer John Thomson, 501 Kirkwood Court, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.



## BLAC BOARD SETS NOVEMBER MEETING, CHRISTMAS PARTY

The November Board Meeting of the Bass Lake Action Committee will be held on Monday, November 5, 2018, at the home of Jeanette and Joe D'Amico, 400 Basil Court, Woodridge, El Dorado Hills, 530-676-7368.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. BLAC Members and members of the public are cordially invited to attend. Please call ahead and let us know you are coming so we may arrange for seating.

The BLAC Christmas Party and Annual Meeting will take place on Monday, December 3, 2018, at 6:00 PM at the home of John and Fran Thomson, 501 Kirkwood court, Woodridge, El Dorado Hills, 530-677-3039. Invitations will be sent to all members and guests

For further information about BLAC meetings and membership, please contact Vice-President John Davey at 530-676-2657.. ~



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