

EDH CSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES EXPANDED SCOPE OF WORK FOR BASS LAKE REGIONAL PARK ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

TRANSPORTATION IMPACT STUDY TO CONSIDER BASS LAKE ROAD ROUNDABOUT AT BRIDLEWOOD DRIVE



Conceptual Bridlewood Drive - Bass Lake Road Roundabout

By John Davey

The September 9, 2021 El Dorado Hills Community Services District (EDH CSD) Board of Directors meeting included an agenda item to increase the scope of work for the Bass Lake Regional Park environmental review / Traffic Impact Study currently underway.

From the EDH CSD Agenda:

Bass Lake Regional Park – Additional Augment to LSA Scope of Work for Expanded Traffic Impact Study (TIS) Analysis

Recommended Action: Approve an additional augment to LSA’s Scope of Work to allow for the expand Traffic Impact Study (“TIS”) analysis for the Bass Lake Regional Park (“Park”)

CEQA process.

Background: The El Dorado Hills Community Services District (“District”) contracted with LSA in November 2019 to provide engineering and environmental studies and reports related to the CEQA process for the Bass Lake Regional Park project. Since approval of the initial contract, a series of design changes have occurred, and critical feedback has been received by El Dorado County (“County”) after review of the submitted Pre-Application and Traffic Impact Study. Most recently, the discussion of adding a roundabout at Bridlewood and Bass Lake Road has brought forward additional intersection evaluations required by the County, which were not originally part of LSA’s Scope of Work, nor a part of the June 2021 augment. Discussion: LSA has prepared an additional augment proposal to the original contract scope - (continued on page 2)

MANDATORY 11-DIGIT DIALING FOR 530 AREA CODE

By Kathy Prevost

Mandatory 11-digit dialing will become effective October 24, 2021, within our 530 area code and for some other California and other states area codes. The new 11-digit local dialing must be implemented in order for a new National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline 988 number to work in our area which will be effective on July 16, 2022.

This does mean that all automatic dialing equipment or other types of equipment that are programmed to complete calls to seven digit local numbers will need to be reprogrammed to complete calls. This would include life safety systems for medical monitoring devices, PBX’s, fax machines, internet dial-up numbers, fire or burglar alarm and security systems or gates, speed dialers, mobile or other wireless phone contact lists, call forwarding settings, and other similar functions. It is suggested that you check your pet IDs, business checks, advertising materials or business stationery to verify the area code is included.

Other affected California area codes include: 209, 562, 626, 650, 707, 925, 949, and 951.

According to the information that was received virtually everything else remains the same.

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- based on comments provided by El Dorado County Department of Transportation to complete the necessary Traffic Impact Study (TIS) analysis related to the potential roundabout/entrance located at Bridlewood and Bass Lake Road and the evaluation of five (5) additional intersections, as required by the County. Below is a breakdown of the costs associated with the proposed Augment:

Augment – TIS Activity (added roundabout analysis)	Cost
Task 1 – Intersection Level of Service (LOS) Analysis	\$16,500.00
Task 2 – Intersection Queuing Analysis	\$ 3,500.00
Task 3 – Roundabout Analysis	\$ 9,000.00
Task 4 – Project Management	\$ 2,000.00
Total TIS Activity – Augment Request	\$31,000.00
Original Proposal/Awarded Scope of Work	\$227,359.14
Approved Amendment (CEQA & TIS; June 2021)	\$ 80,726.38
Current Augment Request for TIS Activity	\$ 31,000.00
Total LSA Agreement	\$339,085.52

Environmental/Project Planning Consultant LSA August 20, 2021 Letter to EDH CSD

LSA is currently under contract to prepare a Transportation Impact Study (TIS) for the El Dorado Hills Bass Lake Regional Park Project (Project). Currently, the TIS proposes to analyze the intersection of Bass Lake Road/ Project Driveway 3 – Bridlewood Drive as a stop-controlled intersection. As per information provided by the Community Services District (CSD), this intersection may be converted into a roundabout under with project conditions contingent upon funding availability. As such, for purposes of this analysis, an additional analysis will be conducted considering this intersection as a roundabout under all analysis scenarios. Recently, County staff also requested five additional intersections to be included in the TIS. Therefore, LSA is submitting this contract amendment request for inclusion of these additional tasks in the TIS. Following is a list of the tasks: • Task 1: Intersection Level of Service (LOS) Analysis – LSA will perform an intersection level of service analysis on a typical weekday (during a.m. and p.m. peak hours) and on a typical Saturday (during mid-day peak hour only) for both access alternatives and across all analysis scenarios for these five additional intersections that were not included in the previous scope of work. For purposes of this analysis, new weekday and Saturday counts need to be collected at all study intersections. Cost: \$16,500 • Task 2: Intersection Queuing Analysis – LSA will perform a queuing analysis at all new study intersections on both a typical weekday and a typical Saturday. Cost: \$3,500 • Task 3: Roundabout Analysis – LSA will perform a roundabout analysis at the intersection of

Bass Lake Road/Project Driveway 3 – Bridlewood Drive under Access Alternative 2 for all analysis scenarios. The analysis will be performed using Sidra. Cost: \$9,000 • Task 4: Project Management – LSA will continue to perform project management activities including but not limited to coordination with the CSD and the project team, review of project schedule and budget, and preparation of invoicing and other documentation at the request of the CSD. Cost: \$2,000

The history of the proposed Bridlewood Drive Roundabout dates back to August 2019, when the Serrano Village J7 project was being considered before the Planning Commission to decrease density from the previously approved project with 72 housing units, down to 65 housing units. The Bass Lake Action Committee’s Traffic Safety Committee submitted a public comment concerned about the lack of Bass Lake Road improvements, many of which had been removed from the County’s Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) in 2015/16. The Bass Lake Road frontage improvements required for the Serrano Village J7 project were not to be constructed with the project, just funded for construction at an unidentified future date (when the 2019 dollars would be inadequate to actually fully fund the improvements).

The TSC had asked about mitigation at the Serrano J7 entrance intersection being only 400 feet away from the Bridlewood Drive intersection on Bass Lake Road, located on a curve with poor sightlines at the Bass Lake Overflow. The TSC had suggested eliminating all left turn movements at the Serrano J7 intersection, along with a left turn pocket for Bridlewood Drive. Lacking the funding for a left turn pocket at Bridlewood Drive, the TSC asked about a potential roundabout, since the state provides grant funding for roundabout projects.

The TSC had collected ten years of accident data for Bass Lake Road that indicated more rear-end accidents occurred on Bass Lake Road at Bridlewood Drive, than on Green Valley Road at Bass Lake Road. The TSC felt that the Bridlewood Drive intersection required improvement. El Dorado County Transportation Department responded that traffic volume and conditions at the intersection required no improvement. The Planning Commission sought an updated traffic study of the intersection that determined that that a left turn pocket was warranted under existing conditions – before the Serrano J7 project would be built.

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MANDATORY 11-DIGIT DIALING

(Con't)

- Your telephone number, including current area code, will not change.
- The price of a call, coverage area, or other rates and services will not change due to the dialing change.
- What is a local call now will remain a local call regardless of the number of digits dialed.
- You will continue to dial 1+ area code + telephone number for all long distance calls.
- You can still dial just three digits to reach 711 (relay services) and 911 (emergency services).
- Any 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, or 811 services available in your community can still be reached by dialing their three-digit codes.
- The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline can still be reached by dialing 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

For further information you can call your service provider or visit the FCC website at <https://www.fcc.gov/suicide-prevention-hotline>.

As an aside, interestingly, while many of us have switched completely to cell or digital phones, almost 40% of adults still have a landline, according to Felix Richter in his March 17, 2021 article, Landlines Phones are a Dying Breed.

Landlines can be necessary for some medical devices or security systems as well as faxes. Since traditional phones are self powering, they will probably work when the power is out. However, in our experience they did not work during our past planned PG&E power outages in this area because of a problem at the switching station. A landline can be the best if you want 911 access tied to your location.

References: <https://www.t-mobile.com/support/coverage/ten-digit-dialing>



EXPANDED SCOPE OF WORK FOR BLRP ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW *(con't)*

However, since the traffic study indicated that the conditions “barely” qualified for a left turn pocket, and because it was an existing need, offsite (by 400 feet) of the J7 project, and that the J7 project only generated an additional 13 daily trips at the intersection, the County could not make a left turn pocket at Bridlewood Drive a condition of project approval. With no development funding, and no funding identified in the CIP, the Bridlewood Drive left turn pocket would have to be added to the un-Funded CIP list. Projects on the CIP generally fall into the 10 to 20 year timeline, meaning that projects on the un-Funded list are effectively projects that will never happen.

The Serrano J7 project was approved by the Planning Commission. But County Auditor Controller Joe Harn filed an appeal of the project before the Board of Supervisors citing the lack of progress on the remaining 12.5 acre parkland dedication of the 30 year old Serrano Project, now identified at Bass Lake – Village J Lot H, along with inadequate traffic conditions on Bass Lake Road.

In January 2020, El Dorado County Transportation Department Staff invited Bass Lake Action Committee TSC members to a discussion about Bridlewood Drive. Staff shared information that two proposed left turn pockets and a refuge lane on Bass Lake Road at Bridlewood Drive, and at the Serrano J7 entrance could cost just under \$4 million, and had no identified funding. Staff then proposed that a roundabout at the Bridlewood Drive intersection could be priced at under \$3 million, and could qualify for grant funding – but only if there were seed money. The concept was that Serrano Associates would provide an amount, which later was revealed to be \$200,000, and that Bridlewood Canyon property owners would assess themselves via a CFD/levy to provide additional seed funding that would qualify a conceptual roundabout for grant funding.

TSC members indicated that was something worth exploring, but it would be up to Bridlewood Canyon owners to determine if they were interested. At the meeting TSC members asked if the County had approached the EDH CSD regarding the roundabout, as the EDH CSD was looking for pedestrian access points into the proposed Bass Lake Regional Park. The County had not spoken to the EDH CSD. Improvements to Bass Lake Road and pedestrian connectivity and safety for any proposed park facility at Bass Lake have been the primary concern of the Bass Lake Action Committee since 2003.

At the Board of Supervisors Appeal hearing in January 2020, a compromise was suggested that the County would resolve the Bridlewood Drive

left turn concern with a roundabout, with Serrano Associates providing \$200,000, and that Bridlewood Canyon owners would be asked to approve a levy on their properties via assessment to provide additional grant qualifying funding. If the Bridlewood Canyon owners did not agree to an assessment, then the \$200,000 would be returned to Serrano Associates. The Board of Supervisors added this to the Serrano J7 Conditions of Approval, and denied the appeal. Bridlewood Canyon owners, or the Bridlewood Canyon HOA were consulted.

At the EDH CSD Board meeting, directors observed that they were compelled to “go along” with the roundabout request, [because the District 1 Supervisor wanted the project, and that the EDH CSD was being impacted "disproportionately."](#) (Time stamp 3Hrs 49Mins) The EDH CSD Board did approve the additional scope of work for LSA, and the \$31,000 in additional costs.

However, the roundabout project is not simply a project that the District 1 Supervisor desires – residents desire solutions to our ongoing traffic safety concerns on Bass Lake Road. The proposed roundabout has been the only solution for area traffic concerns that the Transportation Department has suggested to residents that is obtainable. For over twenty years, Bass Lake Area residents have clamored for improvements to Bass Lake Road. And while the funding solution the Transportation Department has proposed seems to be centered on the belief that the Bridlewood Drive intersection is an issue for only Bridlewood Canyon residents, and that they should be responsible for partially funding it, the truth is that the intersection is an issue for the entire Bass Lake Community, and for motorists that use Bass Lake Road. Bridlewood Canyon was developed beginning in the 1980s, and the development paid traffic impact fees. Bridlewood Canyon residents aren't the cause of the intersection problems, it was primarily all of the subsequent development approved in the 1990s and 2000s.

The Transportation Impact Analysis for the BLRP being conducted by LSA had considered a stop sign controlled intersection at Bridlewood Drive and Bass Lake Road, with a driveway onto the Park property. In the past, the Transportation Department has informed the Bass Lake Action Committee that a stop sign controlled intersection on a two lane Bass Lake Road at Bridlewood Drive would be “unworkable”. A roundabout may be the project that provides an acceptable solution.

The Bass Lake Regional Park, which the Bass Lake Action Committee fully supports, is proposed to bring at least 700 parking spaces, and may reach closer to 1000 spaces – almost as many potential vehicles as the existing Bridlewood Canyon and Woodridge developments combined. The Park project as proposed will be bringing significant,

unavoidable impacts that demand mitigation.

While the EDH CSD isn't an agency that normally has to focus on traffic impacts for typical neighborhood or village parks, the BLRP Project is so much more massive in scope that the traffic impacts cannot be ignored, and must be mitigated. The Bass Lake Action Committee is committed to seeing a solution that addresses the current inadequacies of Bass Lake Road, the Park project traffic impacts, and provides safe pedestrian access to the Park property for residents near the lake. ~

TRANSITIONING HOUSING MARKET?

By Kathy Prevost

"The California housing market continues to normalize from the white-hot condition we experienced during the pandemic with both sales and prices moderating...." according to CAR President Dave Walsh.

In his recent article, El Dorado County realtor Ken Calhoun related that June was the peak of the market with the median home in El Dorado County selling at \$673,000. The median price was \$625,000 by July and the number of sales fell by 11%. The August home sales were less than July, however, the median sales price was approximately \$650,000.

With El Dorado Hills being the preferred rural destination for Bay Area buyers moving to El Dorado County, the increased demand and rising prices has raised the median sales price for the county. The median selling price for El Dorado County has been averaging about \$625,000 which is a 19% increase over last year. El Dorado Hills median selling price year-to-date is \$890,000, a 23% increase over last year.

The million-dollar home sales in El Dorado Hills have been increasing the County's average selling prices. In 2020, million-dollar homes accounted for 7% of the home sales for the county. This year they have accounted for 16% of all home sales and 75% of the homes were in El Dorado Hills.

There has been a 75% increase in listings from last spring, however, 65% of all current county listings are in excess of \$600,000. There are more homes listed at \$1,000,000 or more than less than \$475,000.

Calhoun believes that new listings will gradually increase over the fall and winter with a surge in the spring when more California homeowners continue to move out of the state. With the equity that owners have in their homes, there will be plenty of opportunities next spring.

Reference: ["Something in the Air Besides Smoke" by Ken Calhoun in the Home Source magazine, September 3, 2021, Mountain Democrat](#)

The President's Letter September 2021

A Little Bit of This and That

The shorter days and darker mornings are surely an indication that fall is on the way. The Chinese pistache and Mt. Fuji cherry tree leaves are already beginning to turn to their gorgeous colors of red and gold. It has been a tough summer for most of the yard this year with the long periods of high temperatures and the drought but we have been through this before and hope for the rains to arrive soon. Our recent thunder and lightning display accompanied by some showers really helped to refresh the plants by washing away the construction dust.

Interestingly, ten years ago in September 2011, our Bass Lake Bulletin included articles titled "Higher Propane Prices This Winter", and "Waste Connections HQ in Folsom May Move to Texas", subjects we still discuss today.

My favorite, however, was "Light Bulb Brightness and Color" because of the "fun" I've had trying to correlate LED replacement bulbs with the now extinct incandescent bulbs for the inside and outside lighting bulb replacements. Except for the one LED daylight bulb I accidentally purchased for a bathroom, I haven't done too badly... and that bathroom definitely lights up just like daylight! Locating LED bulbs that fit the pathway lights was definitely a struggle though.

Signaling the coming of fall, the autumnal or fall equinox will arrive at 12:20 p.m. on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. As we know, it is one of the two times in the year when the sun is exactly above the equator and day and night are of equal length. Because of the difference between how the Gregorian calendar defines a year, 365 days, and the time it takes for the Earth to complete its orbit around the sun, (about 365 and 1/4 days) Equinox dates can vary.

After the autumnal equinox, the Sun begins to rise later and nightfall comes sooner.

There are two equinoxes and two solstices which -

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2021 EL DORADO COUNTY FAIR CANCELED

By John Davey

The El Dorado County Fair Association Board has announced the cancelation of the 2021 El Dorado County Fair, which had been scheduled for four days beginning on Thursday September 23rd.

The County Fairgrounds has been used as a base camp for first responders combating the unprecedented Caldor Fire that has been burning in El Dorado, Amador, and Alpine Counties since August 14th.

From the announcement posted to the [El Dorado County Fair & Event Center website](#):

It is with much regret that the Fair Association Board and Staff has made the decision to cancel the 2021 Fair.

With the fairgrounds being utilized as the base camp for the Caldor Fire, and their departure date still unknown, we felt that hosting a fair during this time of crisis was not in the best interest of the community, many are all still dealing with the trauma and devastation of this fire. In fairness to our Sponsors, Vendors and Stakeholders, canceling it now as opposed to later this month was the only decision for all.

We are forever grateful for the support that we have received from our community, and proud to be able to host the Base Fire Camp for all of the brave men and women fighting this destructive fire.

We will continue to be a viable place for our community, and hope that we continue to have it's support and understanding.

We look forward to seeing everyone soon – save the dates for Fair 2022 June 16-19.



EL DORADO HILLS ROTARY PASTA FEED TO BENEFIT CALDOR FIRE VICTIMS

By John Davey

The Rotary Club of El Dorado Hills has pivoted from their planned October 2, 2021 Wine at Town Center event, and will instead hold a Drive-Thru Pasta Dinner. The proceeds from the Drive-Thru Pasta Dinner event will go to benefit victims of the Caldor Fire.

The Drive-Thru event will be held at the El Dorado Hills Community Services District, located at 1021 Harvard Way in El Dorado Hills. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Ticket prices are \$25 per person, or \$80 for a Family 4-Pack. Attendees can choose from three planned pick-up times:

5:00PM – 5:45PM
6:00PM – 6:45PM
7:00PM – 7:45PM

The Rotary Club has announced:

The Rotary Club of El Dorado Hills is hosting a drive thru pasta dinner with proceeds dedicated to help those affected by the Caldor Fire.

Join us October 2nd for a drive thru event featuring a pasta dinner of spaghetti and meatballs, ceasar salad, garlic bread and dessert. Wine and drinks are available from our "Wheel of Wine" or "Plinko for a Drinko" games (cash only please). We will also have a 'sealed bid' auction with great gifts donated by local businesses and supporters.

\$25 per Dinner

\$80 Family 4 Dinners

Advance sales only
<https://caldorfundraiser.eventbrite.com>



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- mark the beginning of a new astronomical season every year. They have played an important role in ancient culture for millennia with many myths and traditions. Traditionally celebrations of the autumnal equinox are associated with harvest, the turning colors of the leaves and ripening of the crops.

While the Romans held a festival which was dedicated to Pomona who was a goddess of fruit and growing things, the most famous ancient myth comes from Greece.

The beginning of fall is closely linked to the story of the abduction of the goddess Persephone, also called Kore or Cora, in major Greek mythology. She was abducted from her mother, the harvest goddess Demeter, and taken to the underworld to become the wife of the god-king, Hades.

Demeter eventually was able to get her daughter back from Hades but only for 9 months of the year. Persephone would return to the underworld to spend 3 months with Hades every fall. Demeter would not use her divine skills to make plants grow for those months and this explains why we have 3 months of winter every year.

The Harvest Moon, which is also called the Corn Moon or Full Corn Moon, is closest to the September equinox. It is astronomically special because the time between one moonrise to the next becomes shorter around this period. This year we will have a Harvest Moon on September 20th at 4:54 p.m.

Daylight Savings Time will end on Sunday, November 7, at 2AM.

Higher Propane Prices This Winter?

Higher crude oil prices, seasonal withdrawals from propane inventory, and increased global demand for U.S. propane exports lead to increased propane prices to the consumer during the 2020-2021 winter and it appears we can expect the same in the coming 2021-2022 winter too.

Propane is primarily a byproduct of oil and gas production and a smaller volume is a byproduct of oil refining. The production of propane increased as the Shale Revolution (hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling which now account for 36% of the - (Continued on page 6)

GROCERY OUTLET MARKET PROPOSED FOR CAMERON PARK SHOPPING CENTER

By John Davey

A proposed Grocery Outlet store on Green Valley Road between Cambridge Road and Winterhaven Drive has a Public Hearing scheduled for September 27 2021 to review a proposed mitigated negative declaration.

From the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration:

The County of El Dorado, as lead agency, has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the below referenced Project. The Draft MND analyzes the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

This Notice of Intent (NOI) is to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with notice of the availability of the Draft MND and solicit comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed Project.

A Planned Development Revision, PD-R20-0009, to modify an approved development plan, PD05-0004 Green Valley Station, to allow development of a new 16,061 square foot market, Grocery Outlet, on a 2.0-acre portion of the 5.37-acre parcel. In accordance with the Parking and Loading Standards in the Community Design Standards, the project includes associated improvements for 77 standard parking spaces, four (4) handicapped-accessible parking spaces, lighting, landscaping, recycling/trash enclosures, building signage, and one freestanding monument sign.

Access would be from Green Valley Road, a County-maintained roadway. The project includes road improvements to Green Valley Road, with a 6-ft wide meandering sidewalk along part of the northern property boundary line adjacent to Green Valley Road, and expansion of the existing utilities on-site by extending the public utility lines with 400-ft of sewer force main and 1,400-ft of waterline. Electricity/utilities would be provided by connecting to PG&E. Typical hours of operation are 8:00am-9:00pm 7 days per week, and the number of employees would be 30. There would be mutual access and reciprocal shared parking between both developments for Phase I and a portion of Phase II for the Green Valley Station.



Residents can view the embedded project documents at <http://basslakeaction.net/grocery-outlet>

A feature that is noted in the Application Packet on page 25 <http://basslakeaction.net/grocery-outlet-app> is that later phase / future development on the site shows the potential for two Quick Service Restaurants (QSR) each with a drive thru lane.

EDH CSD AND EID BOARD MEETING VIDEO RECORDINGS NOW POSTED ONLINE

By John Davey

In a departure from previous practices, both the El Dorado Hills Community Services District (EDH CSD) and the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) have now begun posting video recordings of their Board Meetings online.

Meeting recordings provide valuable insight for the community, as they provide the tone of conversations that written minutes seldom reflect.

The Bass Lake Action Committee applauds both the EDH CSD and EID Boards for this commitment to transparency.

EDH CSD Board Meeting Recordings are available on the [Directors Agenda Packets page](http://basslakeaction.net/edhcsd-video) <http://basslakeaction.net/edhcsd-video>

EID meeting recordings are available on the [EID YouTube Channel](http://basslakeaction.net/eid-video) <http://basslakeaction.net/eid-video> ~

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- total US crude oil production) was beginning and volumes doubled between 2011 and 2019. During this time the consumer demand in the United States (U.S.) for propane was flat, but exports increased to balance the market.

Previously, propane prices had been lower because capacity at the docks was not sufficient to export the entire surplus of shale driven propane production growth.

The production of propane tended to stay ahead of the demand internationally and the export dock capacity, resulting in a market surplus much of the time. Eventually, the market did respond and international buyers, especially in Asia, began expanding plants using the imported propane and stock capacity was increased to allow for more exports.

More recently the U.S. has been competing with the exports which have accounted for about 60% of the demand of U.S. production.

When Covid-19 reached the U.S., propane production fell as well as crude, natural gas and NGLs (Natural Gas Liquids). The supply-demand imbalance was thrown into limbo and inventories were at record highs with export volumes dropping but not for very long. They quickly returned to the pre Covid-19 levels and did not seem to be affected by the disruptions that affected other energy markets during 2020.

Prices needed to increase in order to increase U.S. inventories and discourage the exportation of propane. However, as of July 2021, the export of propane was still very high and production was only slightly increased. This resulted in an insufficient replenishment of stock for the market to be comfortable with the winter season needs.

As many of you may have noticed our propane prices did not fall this summer which would normally happen. Propane futures on June 30, 2021, were trading at \$1.09 and \$.95 cents a gallon respectively at the hubs in Mont Belvieu, Texas and Conway, Kansas. This is roughly twice their levels for the past two summers and spot prices moved in a similar way.

Retail prices rose but not sharply and the Energy Information Administration (EIA) indicated that U.S. households could expect to spend an average of 14% more on propane this coming winter, and perhaps even more if the forecasted weather is colder than expected.

As an example of what may lay ahead, on September 3, when our almost empty propane tank was filled, the propane price was \$2.19 per gallon, a significant increase as compared to the September, 2020, price of \$1.47, and September, 2019, price of \$1.38.

The residents of Bridlewood, Woodridge and the Sierra Crossing subdivisions are very fortunate to have an exclusive volume pricing agreement for propane services which was renewed April 1, 2020 with JS West propane gas company and will expire on April 1, 2025 for a price of \$.50 over the laid in price per gallon. There are no additional fees or charges. Interested residents of these communities should contact Kari Veerkamp Norton at her direct phone number (530) 391-7076 and the J.S West phone number is (530) 642-7001.

Reference: BPN - Butane-Propane News - Navigating Supply Challenges in a Potentially Difficult Winter Season", By Pat Thornton

Early Deadline on the Communities of Interest Redistricting Component

The El Dorado County Geographic Information System (GIS) Department was able to begin to create map alternatives for redistricting six weeks earlier than planned because of the early release of the data needed from the U.S. Census Bureau and the California statewide databases. This allowed for a September 7th, deadline for the public input on the Communities of Interest (COI) component of the effort.

"The submissions and enquiries about the COI have been relatively flat, but we believe the public will become more engaged once map alternatives have been created and made available for comment in discussion," said El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Chair John Hidahl.

The County GIS department is working to finalize the system to create map alternatives and a public download application which will allow the public the ability to create their own maps. The comment application will include both public and county proposed alternatives. This information was available for download beginning on September 7th,

from the County's redistricting web page.

Residents may use the download and census data with whatever tools they may have available.

Map alternatives will be provided by the GIS and the Redistricting team, as well as any maps submitted by the public, at the next redistricting public meeting which is scheduled for October 14th.

Reference: <https://www.edcgov.us/redistricting>, September 1, 2021, Mountain Democrat Article - [Deadline Close on Community of Interest Redistricting Input](#)

Pioneer Energy Coming to El Dorado County

Pioneer Community Energy, who will be serving El Dorado County's 68,000 western slope PG&E accounts and Placerville beginning January 2022, made a presentation to the September 13 El Dorado Hills Community Council Meeting ([video here](#)). The next day Pioneer Community Energy held the first independent Community meeting on September 14th in person at the Gilmore Senior Center and via Zoom.

As previously mentioned in the June 2021, Bulletin, Pioneer is a community-owned, not-for-profit agency which serves unincorporated Placer, and the incorporated areas of Auburn, Colfax, Lincoln, Loomis, and Rocklin.

Currently they serve 93,300 residential and commercial accounts. They were formed to provide electric generation at stable rates and to offer programs that deliver both economic and workforce benefits for the local community.

According to their web site, they are governed by a board of locally elected officials and have an established goal of providing electricity at more stable and competitive rates. Their board meetings are open to the public and the public may comment on the board's agenda items as well as on items not on the agenda generally.



El Dorado Hills Community Council September meeting recording

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The Pioneer board makes the decisions on rates and the supply sources of their electricity. They do not use taxpayer dollars and invest in local communities providing stable and competitive rates, investing in local electric projects which support and create local jobs, and expanding the energy saving programs.

Reference: Pioneer Community website - <http://pioneercommunityenergy.ca.gov/>
<http://www.basslakeaction.org/images/bulletins/2021/06.pdf>

Old Farmer's Almanac Forecast for the Winter 2021 to 2022

The 230 year old 'Old Farmer's Almanac' recently released its annual forecast for the winter of 2021 - 2022. The Almanac, which claims to make predictions with 80% accuracy, is calling this winter the "season of shivers" because it's going to be very cold for many parts of the United States.

Below average temperatures and above average snowfall are expected to affect the New England area, parts of the Appalachian region, throughout the Ohio Valley, in the northern part of the Deep South, and even in Southern New Mexico. Janice Stillman, the Old Farmer's Almanac editor, said this would or could be "one of the longest and coldest that we've seen in years".

However, their map shows the western part of the United States as either being mild and dry or cold and dry. California and parts of Washington, Oregon, Nevada and New Mexico fall into the mild and dry prediction and the rest is cold and dry.

[References: Country Living, The 'Old Farmer's Almanac' Just Released the Forecast for Winter 2021-2022 by Kelly O'Sullivan](#)

Hazardous Waste Drop off on September 18, 2021

Faith Episcopal Church ... Church Location - 2200 Country Club Drive, Cameron Park, CA 95682

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off September 18, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Appointments Required! To make an appointment call (530) 621-5300 OR email hww@edcgov.us. Household hazardous waste (HHW) is leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients.

Improper disposal pollutes the environment and poses a threat to human health. Every El Dorado County resident can make a vital contribution to preserving our environment by recycling leftover household hazardous waste products.

Recycling is easy, saves energy, and preserves our natural resources. No business waste accepted.

[Faith Episcopal Church https://faithec.org/](https://faithec.org/)

While we continue to pray for the safety of those fighting the fires in El Dorado County and other locations in California, and all first responders, we also want to remember all those who have generously stepped up to donate and volunteer in many different capacities. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do!

Respectfully,

Kathy Prevost

President.



BOARD MEETING SET FOR NOV 8, 2021

The fourth quarter meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bass Lake Action Committee will be held on Monday November 8th, at 7:00PM. The Meeting location will be announced in the October Bass Lake Bulletin. The meeting Agenda and details will be emailed to Bass Lake Action Committee members. Partial meeting topics will include a determination on the December Annual Meeting and Christmas Party, as well as the slate of candidates for the 2022 Board of Directors.

For information about BLAC meetings and membership, please contact Vice-President John Davey at 530-676-2657, or email basslakemembers@gmail.com.

Residents can also apply via our online membership form at <http://basslakeaction.net/members> ~



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