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NATIVE OAK TREES IN THE BASS LAKE AREA



Image credit - Ron Wolf, California Native Plant Society.

By John Davey

The Bass Lake Area is noted for native oaks and grasslands. This month we explore the oaks that surround us.

The Bass Lake Area in and around El Dorado Hills is home to six native oak tree species: blue oak, valley oak, interior live oak, canyon oak, California black oak, and huckleberry oak. These trees are an important part of the local ecosystem, providing food and shelter for wildlife, and helping to improve air and water quality.

Varieties

- Blue oak is the most common oak species in El Dorado Hills. It is a deciduous tree with blue-green leaves that turn yellow and orange in the fall. Blue oaks are tolerant of drought and poor soil conditions.
- Valley oak is the largest oak species in California. It is a deciduous tree with broad, lobed leaves that turn golden brown in the fall. Valley oaks are found in floodplains and other areas with moist soils.
- Interior live oak is an evergreen tree with thick,

leathery leaves. It is found in a variety of habitats, including woodlands, chaparral, and riparian areas.

- Canyon oak is an evergreen tree with narrow, glossy leaves. It is found in canyons and other areas with moist soils.
- California black oak is a deciduous tree with dark green leaves that turn yellow and orange in the fall. It is found in the foothills and mountains of California.

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- Huckleberry oak is a low-growing evergreen shrub. It is found at higher elevations in the Tahoe area.

Watering

Native oak trees are drought-tolerant and do not need to be watered regularly. However, it is important to water them deeply once a month during the summer, especially during the first few years after planting.

Underplanting

Native oak trees can be underplanted with a variety of shrubs and wildflowers to create a beautiful and sustainable landscape. Some good options include:

- Shrubs: manzanita, ceanothus, toyon, coffeeberry, and buckwheat
- Wildflowers: California poppy, clarkia, lupine, and penstemon

Pruning

Native oak trees should not be pruned unless they are diseased or damaged. If pruning is necessary, it should be done in the late winter or early spring, when the trees are dormant.

Fertilizing

Native oak trees do not need to be fertilized. In fact, over-fertilizing can damage the trees.

Leaf disposal

Native oak leaves can be composted or used as mulch around the trees. Mulching helps to retain moisture and suppress weeds.

Impact of Development on Oak Trees

Development can have a number of negative impacts on oak trees.

These impacts can include:

- Habitat loss: Development often involves clearing land for roads, buildings, and other infrastructure. This can destroy oak woodlands and other habitats that are important to oak trees and other wildlife.
- Fragmentation: Development can also fragment oak woodlands, breaking them up into smaller, isolated patches. This can make it difficult for oak trees to reproduce and disperse their seeds.
- Increased pollution: Development can lead to increased air and water pollution. This can damage oak trees and make them more susceptible to pests and diseases.
- Changes in soil and water conditions: Development can also alter soil and water conditions, which can stress oak trees and make them more vulnerable to mortality.

In addition to these direct impacts, development can also have indirect impacts on oak trees. For example, development can lead to increased traffic and noise, which can disturb oak trees and other wildlife.

Development can also increase the risk of wildfires, which can damage or kill oak trees.

What can be done to minimize the impact of development on oak trees?

There are a number of things that

can be done to minimize the impact of development on oak trees. These include:

- Preserving oak woodlands: Whenever possible, oak woodlands should be preserved and protected from development.
- Minimizing fragmentation: When development does occur in oak woodlands, it should be done in a way that minimizes fragmentation. For example, developers can create corridors of habitat that connect isolated patches of oak woodland.
- Mitigating pollution: Developers can mitigate the impacts of pollution on oak trees by planting trees and shrubs, using low-emission construction materials, and installing stormwater management systems.
- Protecting soil and water resources: Developers can protect soil and water resources by using sustainable construction practices and managing stormwater runoff.

In El Dorado County, the preferred action for development is to preserve oak trees where possible. When removal is required, developers or property owners are governed by ordinance via the County's Oak Resources Management Plan (ORMP). Developers/builders are required to offset the impact of oak tree removal by an In-lieu Fee - Cash payments that may be paid into the County's Oak Woodland Conservation Fund by an owner or developer as a substitute for a Deed Restriction, Conservation Easement

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or replacement planting. In-lieu fee amounts for Individual Native Oak Trees, Heritage Trees, and Oak Woodlands as presented in the ORMP may be adjusted by the County over time to reflect changes in land values, labor costs, and nursery stock costs.

Per the ORMP ordinance, individual oaks may be removed with the following guidelines:

Dead, Dying, or Diseased Trees.

Individual native oak tree removal (including individual valley oak trees and valley oak trees within valley oak woodlands) is exempted from the mitigation requirements included in this Chapter when:

- 1. **The tree is dead, dying, or diseased**, as documented in writing by a Certified Arborist or Registered Professional Forester; and/or
- 2. **The tree exhibits high failure potential with the potential to injure persons or damage property**, as documented in writing by a Certified Arborist or Registered Professional Forester.

Exemption for Personal Use.

Removal of a native oak tree, other than a Heritage Tree or individual valley oak trees and valley oak woodlands, when it is cut down on the owner's property for the owner's personal use, is exempted from the mitigation requirements included in this Chapter provided that no more than 8 trees are removed from a single parcel per year and provided that the total diameter inches at breast height

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(dbh) of trees removed from a single parcel per year does not exceed 140 inches.

Additional tips for caring for native oak trees in the Bass Lake Area:

- Avoid planting native oak trees in areas where they will be shaded by other trees or structures.
- Make sure to water native oak trees deeply once a month during the summer, especially during the first few years after planting.
- Mulch around native oak trees to help retain moisture and suppress weeds.
- Do not fertilize native oak trees.
- Avoid pruning native oak trees unless they are diseased or damaged. If pruning is necessary, it should be done in the late winter or early spring, when the trees are dormant.
- Contact a certified arborist if you have any questions or concerns about caring for your native oak trees.

CIVIL GRAND JURY ASKING COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO SUBMIT THEIR CONCERNS

*Press release
El Dorado Civil Grand Jury El Dorado County Superior Court*

A new Civil Grand Jury for El Dorado County has been impaneled as of July 1 for a 12-month term, to provide public oversight to operations at all levels of local government. This year's Grand Jury is now soliciting public input and

complaints through its website at edcgov.us/GrandJury or via email at contact@civilgrandjury.com.

The primary function of the Grand Jury is to act as the public's watchdog by investigating complaints and to recommend ways local governments can be more efficient, effective, transparent and accountable.

Grand Jury complaints may include but are not limited to allegations of misconduct by public officials or employees and inefficiencies in local government. Complaints and investigations are treated as highly confidential, allowing a complainant to come forward without fear of intimidation.

The Grand Jury is authorized by law to:

Inquire into the condition and management of public prisons within the county

Investigate and report on operations, accounts and records of city and county offices, departments and their functions

Inquire into allegations of willful or corrupt misconduct of public officials and employees

Investigate into the activities of special districts within the county

Submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the presiding judge of the court

Grand Jury service is a volunteer position with modest monthly compensation for meetings and

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round-trip mileage. Members receive a wealth of experience and provide a vital service to the citizens of their community. For more information on the Grand Jury visit edcgov.us/Government/GrandJury.

PRECIPITATION FORECAST FOR EL DORADO HILLS IN AUTUMN AND WINTER 2023-24

By John Davey

The precipitation forecast for El Dorado Hills, CA in autumn and winter 2023-24 is uncertain, as it is too early to accurately predict the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) phase for the upcoming season. However, based on the NOAA's Climate Prediction Center's latest outlook, there is a greater than 90% chance of El Niño persisting through the winter of 2023-2024.

During El Niño winters, California typically experiences above-average precipitation, especially in the southern part of the state. However, El Niño winters can also be variable, and some El Niño years have brought below-average precipitation to California.

If El Niño persists through the winter of 2023-2024, El Dorado

Hills can expect to receive above-average precipitation. However, it is important to note that this is just a forecast, and the actual rainfall could be higher or lower than average.

Even if El Niño does not persist through the winter of 2023-2024, El Dorado Hills can still expect to receive some precipitation. The average annual precipitation in El Dorado Hills is 27.8 inches.

What can you do to prepare for the upcoming rain season?

There are a number of things you can do to prepare for the upcoming rain season, including:

- Clean your gutters and downspouts. This will help to prevent water from pooling on your roof and overflowing.
- Trim any trees or shrubs that are overhanging your roof. This will help to prevent branches from falling on your roof or blocking your gutters.
- Woodridge Property owners: Some homes in the Woodridge neighborhood in the Bass Lake Villages have pumps in their yard to move storm water off of the property to public storm drains. If your property has one of these devices, check your sump pump to make sure it is in working order. A sump pump can help to prevent flooding on both your property, and neighboring properties.
- Have your roof inspected and repaired by a qualified professional. This will help to ensure that your roof is in good

condition and can withstand heavy rain.

By taking these steps, you can help to protect your home and property from the effects of the upcoming rain season.

STATE-WIDE CALIFORNIA PREPARING FOR A POSSIBLE WET EL NIÑO YEAR

Department of Water Resources News release

SACRAMENTO — California and its federal and local partners are preparing for the new water year that started Oct. 1 and the possibility of another wet season under strong El Niño conditions.

California's investments in forecasting and emergency preparedness paid off during last season's storm events and the state is incorporating lessons learned during the last water year and advancing the science and technology that will be critical to managing water in the coming years, according to a news release from the Department of Water Resources. Utilizing the most advanced forecasting tools with partners like NOAA, Scripps and others, DWR will prepare for whatever may come to California in the months ahead.

Officials with DWR and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which operate the State Water Project and Central Valley Project respectively,

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say they are closely coordinating to ensure the state’s reservoirs have flood space available under a second year of flood conditions as well as store as much water as possible in case of a return to drought conditions.

This past winter’s storms provided a huge boost to the State Water Project. Information from DWR shows Lake Oroville levels recovered and had the single biggest increase in the State Water Project’s history last year. The SWP was able to capture a total of 3.5 million acre-feet in reservoirs since Dec. 1, 2022. On Wednesday Oroville was 136% of historical average, up from 64% of average a year ago. San Luis Reservoir, the jointly operated reservoir in Merced County, was sitting at 190% of historical average, up from 67% this time last year. Find additional reservoir levels at the California Water Watch webpage, water.ca.gov.

In addition to smart water management, DWR officials note they are working to prepare communities for the threat of a second year of flood conditions. DWR is providing vulnerable communities with funding, flood fight training and continued material support across the state. DWR is starting this water year with more flood fighting materials on hand than last year, including 2.4 million more sandbags, pre-positioned at more locations.

Gov. Gavin Newsom, in partnership with the Legislature, has invested a total of more than \$430 million in the most recent budget to support flood response and projects to protect communities from future flooding.

As the new water year gets under way, communities and all Californians are urged to be aware of local flood risks, be prepared to evacuate and know evacuation routes and take action immediately when evacuation orders are issued by local authorities. State agencies are coordinating during California Flood Preparedness Week, Oct. 21-28, to help local communities prepare for possible flooding.

**COUNTY APPROVES
AMNESTY PROGRAM
FOR OWNERS OF
PREVIOUS
UNPERMITTED WORK**

By John Davey

El Dorado County has approved a new amnesty program for owners of property with unpermitted work. The program is designed to help property owners who are unaware of unpermitted work that was done on their property before they purchased it.

Under the program, property owners can pay a \$107 fee to have their property inspected by a county code enforcement officer. If the property is found to be safe and the unpermitted work does not pose a health or safety hazard, the property owner will be issued a "certificate of compliance." This certificate will allow the unpermitted work to

remain on the property and will not prevent the property owner from selling the property.

The amnesty program is a courtesy to property owners who may be unaware of unpermitted work on their property. It is also intended to help keep real estate transactions moving forward.

Here are some key points about the amnesty program:

- The program is open to all property owners in El Dorado County, regardless of when the unpermitted work was done.
- To be eligible for the program, the property owner must be unaware of the unpermitted work before they purchased the property.
- The property owner must pay a \$107 fee for the pre-site inspection.
- If the property is found to be safe and the unpermitted work does not pose a health or safety hazard, the property owner will be issued a "certificate of compliance."
- The certificate of compliance will allow the unpermitted work to remain on the property and will not prevent the property owner from selling the property.

The amnesty program is a valuable resource for property owners who may be unaware of unpermitted work on their property. If you think your property may have unpermitted work, you should contact the

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El Dorado County Planning and Building Department to learn more about the amnesty program.

<https://edcgov.us/Government/Building>

Sources: [El Dorado County Legislator Mountain Democrat](#)

AMY POOLEY TO LEAD EL DORADO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Press Release

The El Dorado Community Foundation has named Amy Pooley incoming executive director for the El Dorado Community Foundation.

Currently serving as the executive director for CASA El Dorado, she will join the foundation with a track record of championing community needs, developing relationships and making positive impacts in the region, states an El Dorado Community Foundation news release.

“Amy’s leadership over these past two years has been essential to our flourishing organization,” noted CASA El Dorado Board President Steven Schwarzbach. “CASA El Dorado is stronger than ever and we are grateful for her service here. We are excited to see what she continues to do at the El Dorado Community Foundation.”

Pooley succeeds Bill Roby, who after 17 years of dedicated service to the foundation, announced his retirement earlier this year.

“A past employee of the foundation, Amy has also served as the coordinator for the Women’s Fund El Dorado,” shared Roby. “I am well acquainted with Amy’s abilities and work ethic. It is with full knowledge of her capacity and talent that makes this transition positive for the foundation, our donors, our nonprofits and for our community.”

Pooley’s vision for the foundation includes elevating philanthropy, supporting nonprofits and helping to ensure a vibrant future for El Dorado County.

“El Dorado County is my home — I grew up here and chose to raise my children here,” stated Pooley. “I am passionate about ensuring our continued greatness for the future. My drive behind every professional career choice and every volunteer service hour is my dedication to serving this passion. I look forward to elevating our community through philanthropy, community leadership and compassion.”

“The foundation board of directors joins me in praising our selection of Amy Pooley as our next executive director,” noted El Dorado Community Foundation Board President Katy Peek. “Amy has already proven herself as a strong leader, an inspiring individual and we are confident that the foundation’s future is in good hands.”

Pooley will officially assume the role as director of the El Dorado

Community Foundation in January 2024.

Founded in 1991, the El Dorado Community Foundation is a nonprofit charitable organization that brings together people who care with causes that matter. For more information on the foundation or ways to support the community visit eldoradocf.org.

BOS DISCUSSES TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX USES IN 2023-24 COUNTY BUDGET

By John Davey

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors (BOS) discussed how to allocate discretionary funds from the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) during its September 19, 2023 meeting. The board had just over \$216,000 to work with and ultimately decided to send \$25,000 to the Coloma Lotus Business Council, \$25,000 to the Shingle Springs–Cameron Park Chamber of Commerce, and \$29,000 to the Clean Tahoe Program in South Lake Tahoe.

The chamber, business council, and Clean Tahoe almost did not receive the money, as the board initially deferred their requests in favor of replenishing capital designations for projects tied to tourism impacts, such as replacing the Shakori Garage. However, some supervisors lobbied for giving money to the Shingle Springs–Cameron Park

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Chamber and Clean Tahoe, arguing that they generate TOT funds with their hotels and Airbnbs and that they have a clear impact on tourism.

“They generate TOT funds with their hotels and AirBnBs. This is just a small request,” District 2 Supervisor George Turnboo said.

District 1 Supervisor John Hidahl also expressed favor for supporting West Slope chambers.

"If we can see that an investment is bringing back tourist dollars and generating tax revenue ... to me that is tangible," Hidahl said. "(If we can) estimate what the tangible revenue increases are to the county, whether they be in sales tax revenues or in some other form, to try to help us understand that providing money we are going to see that money come back by normal projections in some way ... that is where I would support these kinds of things."

Other supervisors, wanting to treat all West Slope chambers fairly, were less enthusiastic allocating the money to the Shingle Springs–Cameron Park Chamber.

"My recollection is their ask was mostly just for their regular operating expenses, which I'm not sure we should go there," Parlin said, who urged the board to consider allocating money to the Coloma Lotus Business Council.

Parlin noted the council had been conducting a study on bringing in more tourists to the Coloma area before COVID-19 pandemic hit, along with the ensuing shutdowns.

"COVID delayed that study for a couple of years and they lost momentum," Parlin added. "In my mind, this (ask) makes sense to me."

Colette Thiel, president of the Shingle Springs–Cameron Park Chamber of Commerce, championed the funding, stating visitors stop into the chamber's office and use its website seeking information on tourism information for the county.

"We are also an avenue for economic development in the Shingle Springs and Cameron Park area," Thiel said. "Like all Western Slope chambers, we are working hard to support our local businesses that come into the community."

District 5 Supervisor Brooke Laine, requested the board allocate money for the Clean Tahoe Program, which removes trash in South Lake Tahoe, calling it a clear impact of tourism.

"It is a very small ask from the Clean Tahoe Program for a \$29,000 designation, certainly in regards to impacts to tourism ... trash is way up there," Laine said. "The Clean Tahoe program for over 20 years has been receiving the exact same amount from the taxpayers with no change."

Clean Tahoe gets revenue from small taxes paid by South Lake Tahoe homeowners. There is talk of the program reaching out to the community to raise the funds for

continued operation, according to Laine.

Most of the allocations were approved unanimously, with Parlin and Board Chair Wendy Thomas both disagreeing with allocating funds to the Shingle Springs–Cameron Park Chamber.

Other budget action

A contribution of \$77,555 from the General Fund will go to the Placerville Aquatic Center.

Supervisor Thomas, whose district includes the city of Placerville, requested the board support for funding the city's pool, "recognizing how important it is to the kids in our community to have a city, county pool that they can go to."

In another discussion of the adopted budget, Chief Administrative Office analyst Emma Owens said the county saw a decrease in discretionary sales tax revenue by 7% from the previous fiscal year.

"We were already pretty conservative in our budget of only \$9 million of this discretionary revenue, so we didn't need to change the budget because we still had just over \$9 million this year," Owens told the board. "Hopefully there won't be more of a decrease and that some of the weather impacts from earlier this year impacted that revenue and that (hopefully) is why it decreased."

Auditor-Controller Joe Harn told the board his belief the county will see a further reduction in sales tax revenue after reviewing sales tax

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returns made from online sales.

"We are going to see a different direction between statewide sales tax and our local sales tax that the state collects for us for transactions that take place in the county because more of these online sales taxes are going to go toward jurisdictions that have fulfillment centers and less of it will go to El Dorado County," Harn explained.

Regarding General Fund reserves and designations, the county is going to add more than \$3.8 million to help offset CalPERS public pension expenses for a total allocation of more than \$6.7 million.

The county's actuarial reports for CalPERS projects an increase of more than \$11 million in General Fund costs over the next five years; added money this year aims to meet the board's two-year financial goal per county policy.

"We are concerned because CalPERS' initial investment returns for this year are lower than what their assumptions were," Owens told the board. "That means that our unfunded accrued liability will increase in the next actuarial and that will (increase costs.)"

Owens said the county needs to be cautious when designating money in the case discretionary revenues slow down, which will bring hardship to add an additional \$1.8 million for a third year.

"We are going to continue to work with our actuarial consultant to see what that actual cost is and we will hopefully be able to include that in our recommended budget for next year when we meet the policy again, but for now it is a higher amount than we have seen in this designation for a while, but we feel this is the safest way to go," Owens added.

The county also had trouble finding discretionary resources to hold its policy of keeping \$5 million aside for disaster expenses. The board was left to approve just more than \$1.8 million for the designation, but Owens reassured supervisors the general reserve and contingency has been set aside, which will have a balance of \$12 million for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

Schmid added that while the county waits for a \$4 million road infrastructure reimbursement, the county will have to front the bill.

"When there are these disasters that affect the county and its infrastructure, the county is the one that fronts the bill in part until we wait for reimbursement, which sometimes doesn't occur," she told the board. "That is a General Fund hit to making those road repairs."

The board unanimously approved all the adopted budget provisions, which can be viewed on the county's legistar's website for the board's Sept. 19 meeting at eldorado.legistar.com.

Sources: [El Dorado County Legistar](#) [Mountain Democrat](#)

NOVEMBER EVENTS AT WAKMATSU

American River Conservancy
November events

Creative Collage
Nov. 11, 2-4:30 p.m.

Join artist David Yapp for this fun, creative workshop. Using reproductions of old engravings, you will create a nature-themed collage on a panel which you will embellish with acrylic paint using a range of interesting techniques. No experience necessary. Art materials provided. Ages 12+ welcome. Yapp works in a diverse range of visual media, including watercolors, oils, mixed media and acrylics. His favorite genre is landscape painting. He enjoys exploring the Sierra Nevada mountains and foothills for subjects to paint. He has exhibited in both Europe and the U.S. All painting levels welcome. Rain moves indoors. Responsible children 10+ welcome (w/adult supervision). Meeting location Gold Hill/Placerville area. Cost: \$45/members, \$55/non-members. A detailed email will be sent once you register online at <https://app.donorview.com/ER096>.

Sogetsu Ikebana Classes (see detailed descriptions below)
Sundays, Nov. 12, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Instructor Yasmin Spiegel is a "sensei" (teacher) in the Sogetsu School of Ikebana, Japanese flower arranging. Ages 8+w/adult supervision. Meeting location Gold Hill/Placerville area.

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Cost: Individual classes \$35/members, \$45/non-members. A detailed email will be sent once you register online at <https://app.donorview.com/LbE16>.

Nov. 12: Mixing Dried and Fresh Materials in Fall Arrangements

Fall is turning into winter and we celebrate both the abundance and glory of ripe fruits and flowers, as well as the crisp dying and dead leaves and branches. Fall is a rich time of year to find both fresh and dried materials. All these wonderful textures and colors can be combined into table center pieces and decorations for Thanksgiving parties, or striking floor or garden decorations. Come create a festive celebration of the earth's bounty.

Herbal Crafting: Tinctures & Teas Saturday, Nov. 4, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Take your wellness into your own hands, literally! Learn to transform wild and garden-grown plants into two practical herbal medicines: tinctures and teas. You will learn the basics of tincture making and herbal tea blending, with a focus on empowering you to create personalized recipes in connection with your environment. You'll gain energetic and intuitive tools to identify plant allies and bring mindfulness into crafting your own custom locally sourced plant medicine. This workshop, taught by herbalist Shannon Mann, will include a walk in the native garden. Attendees return home with a custom tincture and tea as well as a

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simple guidebook for continuing their personalized herbal crafting at home. Ages 10+ welcome with adult supervision. Meeting location Gold Hill/Placerville area. Cost: \$25/members, \$35/non-members. A detailed email will be sent once you register online at <https://app.donorview.com/bpO17>.

Green Tea Tasting of Legacies Blend Sunday, Nov. 5, 1-2:30 p.m.

Discover the aromas and beneficial properties of Japanese green tea and learn how to make a good cup of tea and the Tea Journey story of presenter Nao Magami. Nao led a project to protect and nurture tea tree believed to be the descendants of those planted by the settlers of the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm Colony in Placerville, the first group of Japanese immigrants to arrive in the U.S. in 1869. Guests will sample tea and receive a small bag to take home. Meeting location Gold Hill/Placerville area. Cost: \$10/members, \$15/non-members. A detailed email will be sent once you register online at <https://app.donorview.com/Vy0jo>.

Fall Bird Walk at Knickerbocker Creek Sunday, Nov. 19, 8 a.m. to noon

Tim and Angela Jackson will lead this fall walk to see what songbirds, raptors and water birds can be found. Tim maintains a website (eldoradobirds.com) on birdwatching in El Dorado County. Angela is a local writer and photographer. This is a slow-paced, easy-moderate hike of 3-4 miles. Quiet, mature children 8+ welcome. Meeting location in Cool area. FREE. A detailed email will be sent

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once you register online at <https://app.donorview.com/qbOA6>.

iPHONE ARTISTRY Sunday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Betty Sederquist, local photographer and teacher, will guide you through this short, fun workshop where she will teach you the basics of phone photography, and peeking at some of the many photo apps available. Although iPhones are preferred, we can work with most newer phones. You'll receive a list of apps to download the week of the class. 14-year-olds+ welcome. Meeting location in Gold Hill/Placerville area. Cost: \$45/members, \$55/non-members. A detailed email will be sent once you register online at <https://app.donorview.com/xX3Km>.

EDH CSD TRUNK OR TREAT SPOOKTACULAR FRIDAY OCT 27TH!

The El Dorado Hills Community Services District once again hosts their annual Trunk or Treat Event at the EDH CSD Community Park, 1021 Harvard Way on Friday October 27th from 4:30PM to 7:00PM.

Trunk or Treaters walk from trunk to trunk, collecting candy from volunteers who have decorated their vehicles to serve as a backdrop for this spook-tacular event! Our Trunk or Treat Event is open to all ages, individuals, families, clubs, groups, & businesses. Each person, family or group may only enter one time

TWENTY YEARS AGO IN THE BASS LAKE BULLETIN

By John Davey

October 2003, twenty years ago, [the very first issue of the Bass Lake Bulletin!](#)

It is hard to believe, but the Bass Lake Action Committee, as well as The Bulletin, are twenty years old.



ASBESTOS FOUND IN SAMPLE TAKEN AT AT BASS LAKE REGIONAL PARK SITE

Bass Lake Action Committee has obtained a copy of the soil report for proposed Bass Lake Park that shows unacceptable levels of naturally occurring asbestos (NCA) at the site. After weeks of effort, BLAC obtained from the county a copy of the soil report compiled by Youngtall Consulting Group in October of 2012. The report says that at least one test hole on the site had results of less than 1% Toxicity. This amount exceeds the less than 0.25% limit set by state and federal guidelines.

In a letter to the county, BLAC urged that more sophisticated testing methods similar to those used at Oak Ridge High School and Promontory School be used to fully determine the NCA level so that remediation can be done which will assure the safety of park users and park neighbors.

BLAC is especially concerned that dangerous airborne asbestos dust could blanket the downtown neighborhoods of Bridlewood Canyon, Woodridge, and Hills of El Dorado during park construction.

See more information at the Bass Lake Action Committee website: [25](#)

BASS LAKE ROAD TO BE IMPROVED

Representatives of Bass Lake Action Committee who attended the September 29th Commission meeting in Placerville heard Randy Preece from El Dorado County DOT explain the county's arrangement with Hollow Oak developers that will lead to the improvement of Bass Lake Road over the next two years.

The project is budgeted to cost approximately \$7 million and includes the cost of purchasing some rights-of-way. The cost to be borne by the developer of Hollow Oak, a new subdivision east of Bass Lake Road. The design phase is expected to be completed this winter, with project completion anticipated sometime in 2025.

From Highway 50 North to Stone Hill Road

The road is to be widened where necessary to provide for shoulders, including a bike trail and a walking trail.

From Stone Hill Road to Serrano Parkway

The road to be realigned and widened to a two-lane divided road. The realigned road will bear to the west of the existing road and reconnect with the old right of way near its intersection with Serrano Parkway. The center divider will be graded but unimproved.

From Serrano Parkway To Bass Lake

The existing Bass Lake Road between the intersection of Serrano Parkway and the lake will remain substantially the same. DOT points out that where the road circles the lake there is no room to widen the road without encroaching on the wetlands.

Presently there are no DOT plans to put any bicycle or pedestrian access along Bass Lake Road as it goes around the east side of the lake and passes the entrance to the planned park.

The Action Committee has urged the DOT to take into account the need for safe bicycle and pedestrian access to the new park when preparing the draft EIR for the park.

Serrano Parkway West of Bass Lake Road

A general all-weather fire road will temporarily connect Bass Lake Road with the end of Serrano Parkway, west of Bass Lake Road, at the request of the fire department. A pipe gate located about a quarter-mile west of existing Bass Lake Road will bar public access.

From Bass Lake to Green Valley Road

North of the proposed park there is a 100-foot wide road easement that goes up to Green Valley Road. Financing for building this section of the road has not yet in place, and this re-

directors also went on record as recommending that the renovations to Bass Lake Road be completed before the park is opened, and expressed their opposition to allowing any consumption of alcohol in the park.”

OCTOBER LOCAL MEETING RECORDINGS

By John Davey

Recordings of local meetings in El Dorado Hills and El Dorado County in October 2023.

El Dorado Hills Community Council Meetings: First Monday of each month.

October Meeting
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V2iftP6DXt8>

El Dorado Hills Area Planning Advisory Committee Meetings: Typically the second Wednesday of each Month

October Meeting
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X_KeAkiYHNE

El Dorado Hills Community Services District Board of Directors Meetings: Second Thursday of each month

October Meeting
<https://basslakeaction.net/edhcsd-oct-2023>

El Dorado Irrigation District Board October Meeting:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bVsWRCsIVDs>

EID Meetings, Agendas, Minutes -
<https://www.eid.org/about-us/board-of>

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EID Recorded Meetings on EID YouTube Channel -
<https://www.youtube.com/@eldoradoirrigationdistrict3994>



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NEXT BLAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



The next meeting is scheduled for Monday November 13th at 7PM in-person & virtual via ZOOM. Members will receive the Agenda & Meeting link/location details via email.

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

Bass Lake Area Residents can also visit our online membership form at <https://basslakeaction.net/members>