

THE BASS LAKE BULLETIN

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THE BASS LAKE ACTION COMMITTEE

The Bass Lake Action Committee was formed by a group of concerned property owners in the Bass Lake Area and incorporated in 2003 as Non-profit organization, a 501(C)(4) corporation.

Our Mission Statement:

To provide a voice for Bass Lake homeowners in dealing with the county and other community agencies.
To keep homeowners informed about issues and meetings.



BASS LAKE ROAD COMMUNITY SAFETY POLL RESULTS

By John Davey

In October the Bass Lake Action Committee published a poll from our Traffic and Safety Committee, which focused on garnering community feedback about prioritizing potential safety improvements along Bass Lake Road for traffic, pedestrians, and bicyclists. To be clear, many obstacles would have to be overcome for any of these potential safety improvements to be approved and funded, but the goal of the poll was to determine what improvements that our Bass Lake Community wanted to prioritize.



BASS LAKE ROAD POLL

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Based on the poll results, safety improvements were the top priorities identified by the Bass Lake Community. Community members also identified needed capacity improvements, but mainly focused on traffic and pedestrian safety items.

The number one priority identified by residents was the need for a Multiuse Pedestrian & Bike Path from Silver Springs Pkwy to Sienna Ridge Rd. Since the Sienna Ridge Road shopping center was completed, there has been no pedestrian pathway or bicycle lane to connect the 1000-plus homes on the east side of Bass Lake. Consequently, pedestrians are left to walk along the edge of Bass Lake Road utilizing the narrow dirt foot path on the outside of the guardrail where the road crosses the Bass Lake overflow. Bicyclists have to try to navigate the edge of Bass Lake Road.

The second highest priority in the poll results was for turn pockets at the entrances of residential villages. The entrances for the Serrano J6 and J7 Villages along Bass Lake Road at Whistling Way and Barbary Way were not required to construct frontage improvements. The Bridlewood Drive entrance for Bridlewood Canyon lacks a turn pocket, but it also includes a bus turnout that was designed and constructed in the 1980s, and is essentially nonfunctional for school buses today. The entrance for The Hills of El Dorado Village at Magnolia Hills Drive includes a left turn pocket, but lacks a right turn pocket.

The third place priority for improvements is an expansion of Bass Lake Road to Four Full Lanes from US50 to Serrano Parkway.

[See the poll results online.](#)

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FULL Bass Lake Rd - US50 interchange improvement	53 (26.11%)	30 (14.78%)	47 (23.15%)	23 (11.33%)	50 (24.63%)
Change Westbound US50 Bass Lake Rd Off Ramp to Full STOP - remove YIELD	106 (52.22%)	30 (14.78%)	26 (12.81%)	16 (7.88%)	25 (12.32%)
Four Lane Bass Lake Rd - US50 to Serrano Pkwy	62 (30.54%)	10 (4.93%)	24 (11.82%)	29 (14.29%)	78 (38.42%)
Four Lane Bass Lake Rd - US50 to Silver Springs Pkwy	73 (35.96%)	21 (10.34%)	31 (15.27%)	21 (10.34%)	57 (28.08%)
Four Lane Bass Lake Rd - US50 to Green Valley Rd	87 (42.86%)	27 (13.3%)	25 (12.32%)	14 (6.9%)	50 (24.63%)
Bass lake Rd at Hollow Oak Dr Traffic Signal	82 (40.39%)	30 (14.78%)	58 (28.57%)	14 (6.9%)	19 (9.36%)
Bass Lake Rd - Bridlewood Dr Stop Sign	81 (39.9%)	24 (11.82%)	25 (12.32%)	20 (9.85%)	53 (26.11%)
Bass Lake Rd - Bridlewood Dr Roundabout	67 (33%)	15 (7.39%)	43 (21.18%)	28 (13.79%)	50 (24.63%)
Sienna Ridge Shopping Center Fuel Station Driveway Right Turn OUT only	60 (29.56%)	13 (6.4%)	49 (24.14%)	24 (11.82%)	57 (28.08%)
Bass Lake Rd Residential Entrances - Turn Pockets	22 (10.84%)	18 (8.87%)	27 (13.3%)	39 (19.21%)	97 (47.78%)
Northbound Bass Lake Rd Madera Way right turn lane SIGNS and Road Paint	52 (25.62%)	24 (11.82%)	55 (27.09%)	25 (12.32%)	47 (23.15%)
Bass Lake Rd Multiuse Pedestrian & Bike Path from Silver Springs Pkwy to Sienna Ridge Rd	35 (17.24%)	9 (4.43%)	26 (12.81%)	12 (5.91%)	121 (59.61%)

COUNTY DOT SHARES BASS LAKE ROAD - SILVER SPRINGS PKWY IMPROVEMENTS

By John Davey

El Dorado County Transportation Department Director Rafael Martinez shared the following status update on a recent Bass Lake Road - Silver Springs Parkway intersection improvement from Traffic Superintendent Jim Hunnicutt:

There were 2- 36" STOP signs and 1-30" STOP sign which was upgraded to 36" last week on Bass Lake at Silver Springs. We will continue to monitor and if it becomes a High Collision Location, we will evaluate.

Many residents have observed that motorists frequently fail to stop at the three-way stop sign controlled intersection. By replacing a smaller STOP sign with the larger STOP sign, the hope is to provide a more visible notification to motorists.

Additionally, motorists in the center lane traveling northbound on Bass Lake Road onto Silver Springs Parkway often don't see motorists on southbound Bass Lake Road waiting their turn to turn left southbound onto Bass Lake Road, or right onto northbound Silver Springs Pkwy, due

to traffic queuing in the northbound Bass Lake Road right turn lane blocking the view.

SECOND AREA CODE FOR 530 REGION BEGINS JANUARY 31, 2025

By John Davey

Starting January 31, 2025, a new area code, 837, will be added to the 530 area code region. This change is due to the increasing demand for new phone numbers in the area.

What does this mean for you?

No change to existing numbers: Your current 530 number will remain the same.

New numbers may have 837 area code: If you need a new phone line or service, you may be assigned an 837 number.

10-digit dialing: To make local calls, you'll need to dial 10 digits, including the area code, even for calls within the same area code.

Impact on El Dorado Hills

It's important to note that this change, combined with the 279 area code overlay added to the 916 area code region in 2018, means that the El Dorado Hills and Bass Lake areas will

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SECOND AREA CODE FOR 530 *(cont)*

now have four area codes in use: 916, 279, 530, and 837.

Sources:

California PUC

[Mountain Democrat December 6, 2024 reporting](#)

EID SEATS NEW DIRECTORS, APPROVES IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

By John Davey

The El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) welcomed new board members and approved several improvement projects at its recent meeting.

New Board Members Paul Penn, and Chuck Mansfield were sworn in as new members of the EID Board of Directors. Reelected Division 5 (EDH) Director Alan Day was also sworn in for his new term. Pat Dwyer was elected President, and Lori Anzini was elected Vice-President.

Retiring Employees Honored The board recognized several retiring employees for their long and dedicated service to EID.

Community Partnerships Members of the Strawberry Fire Safe Council

addressed the board, expressing gratitude for EID's support in fire safety initiatives. They also discussed the importance of a formal partnership agreement between the two organizations.

Improvement Projects EID approved funding for the following projects:

- **Reservoir 1 and Pollock Pines Reservoir Replacement Project:** \$59,000 to expedite the rehabilitation and recoating of these reservoirs.
- **Bridlewood Reservoir 4 and Reservoir 7A Tanks:** These tanks are the next in line for rehabilitation and recoating as part of EID's 2024-28 Capital Improvement Plan.
- **Sly Park Boat Launching Facilities Upgrade Project:** \$240,187 in grant funding to improve the Doolittle and Stonebraker boat launching facilities, including widening ramps, adding ADA-compliant restrooms, installing fish cleaning stations, and upgrading parking areas.

Sources:

EID Meeting Minutes

[Mountain Democrat December 13, 2024 Reporting](#)



BOS APPROVES TIF UPDATE, EL DORADO HILLS SEES 80% INCREASE

By John Davey

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors recently approved an update to the county's Traffic Impact Fee (TIF) program. The update, which has been in development for over a year, aims to ensure the county's transportation infrastructure can adequately support future growth.

Key changes in the updated TIF program include:

Increased Fees: The new TIF rates will vary depending on the location within the county. In some areas, such as El Dorado Hills, fees could increase by as much as 80% per housing unit, potentially reaching up to \$30,000.

Zone Structure: The current system uses eight fee zones. Some supervisors expressed concern about the complexity of this system and suggested exploring the possibility of combining zones in future updates.

Opposition and Concerns

The TIF update faced opposition from local developers and homebuilders who argued that they were given insufficient time to review the proposed changes. Concerns were also raised about the transparency and fairness of the update process.

Community concerns centered on the 80% increase in fees in Zone C, which is mainly in El Dorado Hills, while in comparison Zone B, which includes the areas south of US50 and Bass Lake Road, which will only include a 1% average increase in residential TIF fees.

Zone B has the largest proposed development projects in the County - the Village of Marble Valley Specific Plan (3,200 residential units) and Lime Rock Valley Specific Plan (800 residential units). Both projects propose to be included within the County defined boundaries of the El Dorado Hills Community Region.

Despite these concerns, the Board of Supervisors voted 3-1 to approve the TIF update, emphasizing the need to address the county's growing transportation needs and ensure adequate funding for infrastructure improvements.

Next Steps:

The approved TIF update will now be implemented. The county will continue to monitor the effectiveness of the program and may consider further adjustments in the future.

Sources:

El Dorado County BOS Meeting Minutes

[Mountain Democrat December 6, 2024 Reporting](#)

EDH CSD SWEARS IN DIRECTORS, SELECT 2025 BOARD PRES & VICE PRES

By John Davey

At the December 12, 2024 El Dorado Hills Community Services District (EDH CSD) Board of Directors meetings, The winning candidates from the November 2024 election were sworn in for their 2025-2028 terms. Re-elected Director Noelle Mattock and newly elected Director Chuck King took their oaths of office to begin the meeting.



EDH CSD Director Chuck King takes the oath of office. image credit - John Davey



EDH CSD Director Noelle Mattock takes the oath of office. image credit - John Davey

Since the EDH CSD Board cancelled their November 2024 meeting due to a lack of quorum, the December Board meeting had a very large agenda, with items carried over from November, and new items for the December agenda. Therefore in the December 12th meeting Agenda, the EDH CSD Board and staff elected to adjourn the meeting to a second session on December 19th.

At the December 19th meeting, the EDH CSD Board received the investigation summary of District Board of Directors Mattock and Paulsen dated November 13, 2024 regarding complaints of misconduct. The summary essentially found that there was not enough evidence of misconduct, with the some of the findings indicating:

- *It is more likely than not that Mattock and Paulsen acted for legitimate reasons in supporting the decision not to sign the 2022 and 2023 attestations Harn required.*
- *Although the District is incurring attorneys' fees in its litigation with the County, there is no evidence that the litigation is the result of Mattock's or Paulsen's alleged improper use of their authority.*

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EDH CSD SWEARS IN DIRECTORS *(con't)*

After expressing dissatisfaction with many of the elements of the investigation, the Board of Directors voted to receive the investigation summary, to take no further action, and to forward the investigation summary to the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) for review. Pending any additional findings by the FPPC, the Directors stated that their preference was to “move on.”

The Board of Directors closed the December 19th meeting by selecting the Board President and Vice President for 2025. Director Heidi Hannamann recommended that Director Steve Ferry serve as President, and that Director Chuck King serve as Vice President. The Board approved these nominations on a 5 - 0 vote.

NEW RESIDENTIAL PROJECT PROPOSED ON SILVER SPRINGS PKWY

By John Davey

A development Pre-Application was submitted to El Dorado County for a 27 unit residential project called Silver Springs Estates on November 13, 2024. The project is located along the west side of Silver Spring Parkway, south of Pleasant Grove Middle School, and south of property

owned by El Dorado Union High School District for a potential future High School site.

The Silver Springs Estates property covers 52 acres, and includes one entrance road (Street A) and two internal roads/courts (Street B and Street C).

The project proposed to change the existing zoning from RE-5 (residential estate) low density to R-1 residential. Lots sizes range from a quarter to a third of an acre.



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A pre-application is a process for a developer to submit a conceptual

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NEW PROJECT ON SILVER SPRINGS PKWY (con't)

application, which is presented to the Board of Supervisors at a J-6 hearing. The Board of Supervisors provides feedback on the concepts of the proposal, which allows the applicants to either move forward, modify the proposal, or choose to not proceed with their project.



Project location outlined in red

BLAC ANNUAL MEETING & CHIRSTMAS PARTY

By John Davey

The Bass Lake Action Committee held our annual meeting and Christmas party on December 14th to elect officers and gather to celebrate the holiday.

Continuing as Board of Directors of the non-profit Bass Lake Action Committee in 2025 are:

- Jan Buxton - Secretary
- Ron Cassity - Vice President
- John Davey - President



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The 2025 Board of Directors anticipates appointing two members in early January to serve in the vacant Treasurer, and Director At Large positions.

The BLAC Board of Directors meet quarterly on the second Monday of February, May, August, and November.

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BLAC ANNUAL MEETING & CHRISTMAS PARTY (con't)



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EDH FIRE CHIEF MO JOHNSON SET TO RETIRE

By John Davey

El Dorado Hills Fire Chief Maurice Johnson is set to retire from his leadership role in the fire department effective Dec. 30, 2024.

Chief Johnson has served as the EDH Fire Department Chief since March 2019.

Chief Johnson has served in the Sacramento County Fire Protection District as a firefighter for the Fair Oaks Fire Department, which later merged and became the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District. He left Sac Metro Fire after 28 years concluding his service as assistant chief, Special Operations/Governmental Affairs.

Chief Johnson actually was elected to a seat on the EDH Fire Board of Directors in 2018 as an El Dorado Hills resident. Needing to hire a new Department Chief, the EDH Fire Board selected Chief Johnson before he took office in 2019. To serve as EDH Fire Chief, he had to be sworn in as a Director, and then resign his seat.

EDH Fire Deputy Chief Michael Lilienthal, was named interim fire chief by the EDH Fire Board during a special Dec. 9th meeting.

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EDH FIRE CHIEF JOHNSON TO RETIRE

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A message from EDH FIRE

Department Chief Maurice Johnson

After much thought and reflection, I have made the decision to retire from the El Dorado Hills Fire Department. It has been the greatest honor of my career to serve this community and lead this outstanding organization for the past six years.

The men and women of the El Dorado Hills Fire Department are among the finest I have had the privilege to work with in my 34-year career. Their unwavering dedication to serving and protecting this community inspires me every day. I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished together, always with the goal of improving the safety, resilience, and quality of life in El Dorado Hills.

The timing feels right, and I am excited to focus on the next chapter. While this is my retirement from the El Dorado Hills Fire Department, I will continue

to remain involved at the state, local, and national levels as an advocate for the advancement of the fire service and firefighter safety.

To the citizens of El Dorado Hills, thank you for your trust, support, and partnership. It has been a privilege to serve you, and I will forever cherish the opportunity I've had to be part of this incredible community.

*With deepest gratitude and respect,
Chief Maurice Johnson*



*EDH Fire Chief Mo Johnson
Courtesy photo.Meadow Elementary*

DECEMBER LOCAL MEETING RECORDINGS

By John Davey

Recordings of local meetings in El Dorado Hills and El Dorado County in December 2024.

El Dorado Hills Area Planning Advisory Committee Meetings:

Typically the second Wednesday of each Month

December Meeting

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQ88KuNesgQ>

El Dorado Hills Community Services District Board of Directors Meetings:

Second Thursday of each month

December Meeting(s)

Dec 12

<https://basslakeaction.net/edhcsd-12-12-24>

Dec 19

<https://basslakeaction.net/edhcsd-12-19-24>

El Dorado Irrigation District Board

EID Meetings, Agendas, Minutes -

<https://www.eid.org/about-us/board-of-directors/meetings-agendas-and-minutes>

EID Recorded Meetings on EID YouTube Channel -

www.EID.org/YouTube

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BLAC BOARD MEETING



The Bass Lake Action Committee Board of Directors is holding our first Quarterly Board meeting of 2025 on February 10th at 7PM.

Members will receive the Agenda & Meeting location details via email invitation.

For more information about meetings and membership, please contact President John Davey at 530-676-2657, or email

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Bass Lake Area Residents can also visit our online membership form at

<https://basslakeaction.net/members>