

# THE BASS LAKE BULLETIN

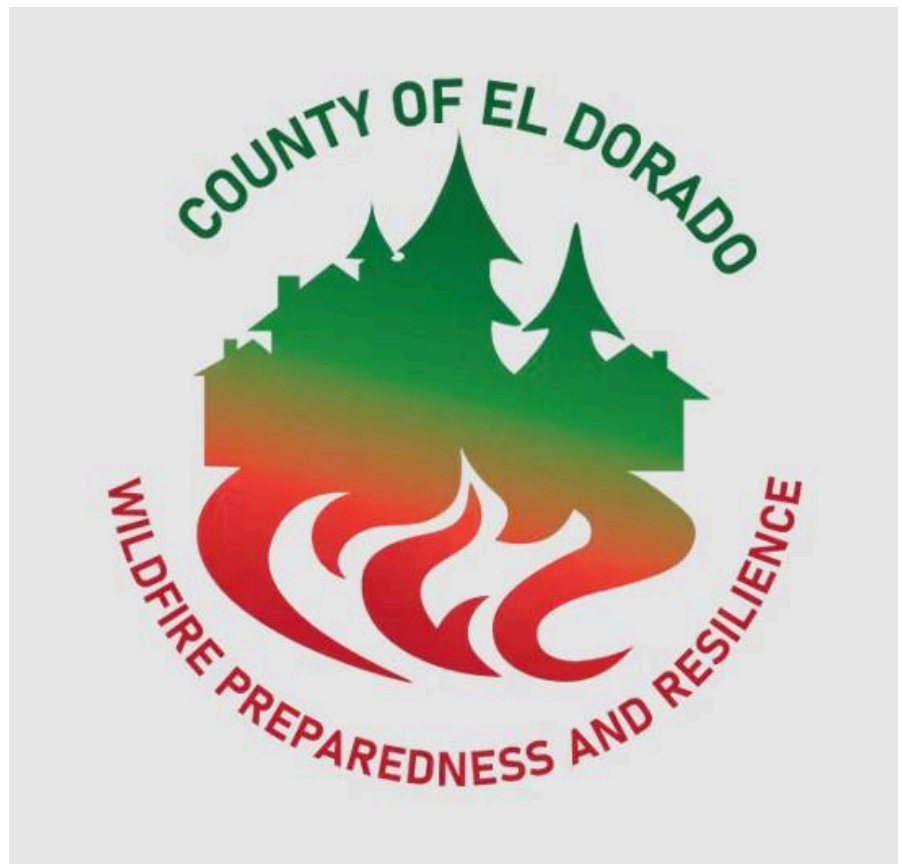
The Voice of the Bass Lake Community  
<http://basslakeaction.org>

## 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.



*image credit - EDC Office of Wildfire Preparedness And Resilience*

## ANNUAL FIRE PREVENTION/SAFETY

*By David B. Smith*

As the spring rains dwindle, and the sun gets stronger & hotter, the wildfire danger will increase in our area. Now is the time to work on your wildfire safety plan! Vegetation management, home hardening and debris cleanup/removal will all help reduce the risk of a wildfire affecting your property. There are several local resources for information, guidance and assistance with your individual safety plan and preparation.



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## ANNUAL FIRE PREVENTION/SAFETY

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Within El Dorado County's website, the webpage for the [Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience](#) has many resources about wildfire safety and preparation. [The Defensible Space Ordinance – Chapter 9.09, adopted July 16, 2024](#) is the current rules for vegetation management within the county. The Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and Wildfire Strategy Report provide the county's procedures, details, staffing and organization to manage wildfire protection and safety. The website provides a daily notice of Burn/No Burn status, burn permits, and the requirements to be able to burn accumulated dry vegetation on your property. [El Dorado County's Fire Safe Council](#), its Board of Directors and staff are the umbrella organization for all local fire safe councils within communities in the county.

There are several community-based Fire Safe Councils (FSC) within or near the Bass Lake area. These are communities that have organized themselves, and acted to make their community more resilient to the risks of wildfire, by educating their members, creating defensible space within the community as well as individual homes, preparing evacuation plans and more. The local

FSCs are: [Lake Hills FSC](#), [Serrano FSC](#), [Greater Cameron Park FSC](#), and [El Dorado Hills - South FSC](#).

All have websites with good information available.

The basis for all wildfire protection preparation is creating defensible space in and around your property. The County's Defensible Space Ordinance spells out the vegetation requirements for each area (zone), including areas that may be outside your property lines. Attached is the county's defensible space diagram with details for each zone.

In addition to defensible space, it is important to think about and have a plan for: receiving emergency alerts from public agencies, an evacuation plan and route for getting out of your community if the need arises, and having emergency contact information for family, friends and neighbors. Preparation now will allow you to react better in the event of a wildfire or other emergency.



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## COUNTY CREATES ENTERTAINMENT ZONES CODE

By John Davey

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors on May 12 conceptually approved the establishment of Entertainment Zones in unincorporated areas of the county, a move aimed at supporting local businesses and drawing visitors. The discussion was initiated by representatives from El Dorado Hills Town Center, drawing on the authority granted by Senate Bill 969.

Effective January 1, 2025, SB 969 authorizes California cities and counties to create designated Entertainment Zones where individuals 21 and older may legally possess and consume open containers of alcoholic beverages within a specific geographic boundary, provided those beverages are purchased from licensed participating businesses.

### The Case for Entertainment Zones

Nina Watkins, Vice President of Marketing Operations for El Dorado Hills Town Center, framed the proposal in terms of economic development and community vitality, citing precedents from cities including San Francisco, Sacramento, Auburn,

and Redding.

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*"At its core, this is about economic development and community vitality. From our research and conversations with other cities and municipalities, such as San Francisco, Sacramento, Auburn and Redding, we've seen consistent outcomes. These zones increase foot traffic and local spending, support restaurants and small businesses, and create a reason for residents to stay local rather than traveling to neighboring regions. They also provide a safe and organized environment for community gathering."*

— Nina Watkins, VP of Marketing Operations, El Dorado Hills Town Center

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Town Center representatives submitted a detailed management plan outlining how events would operate in a controlled and responsible way, including defined geographic boundaries, limited hours of operation, on-site security, ID verification and wristband systems, container restrictions, clear signage, and enforcement measures. Watkins characterized the opportunity as low-risk and high-impact.

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*"Ultimately, this is a low-risk and high-impact opportunity. It supports*

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*local businesses, strengthens communities and provides the county with a flexible tool to thoughtfully activate its commercial areas without requiring new infrastructure or long-term commitments."*

— Nina Watkins, VP of Marketing Operations, El Dorado Hills Town Center

### Business Community Support

El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Debbie Manning also voiced strong support, citing the flexibility Entertainment Zones would provide for special events, outdoor dining, live music, seasonal activities, and community celebrations.

*"Our goal is to work together with the county business owners, property owners, and community stakeholders to ensure Entertainment Zones are implemented responsibly, safely and in a way that reflects the needs of each community."*

— Debbie Manning, President/CEO, El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce

Manning added that the zones would strengthen partnerships among businesses, property owners, local government, public safety agencies, and community organizations, and

would help El Dorado County become more business-friendly overall.

### How the Process Would Work

Rob Peters, Deputy Director of Planning, explained that once regulations are established and approved by the Board of Supervisors, each Entertainment Zone

proposal would go through an individual review process. Proposals must address:

- Geographic boundaries
- Days and hours of operation
- Allowable open alcoholic beverage containers and alcohol type
- Signage requirements
- Reporting requirements

Peters noted that county staff has been reviewing how other California jurisdictions have structured their Entertainment Zone ordinances and are coordinating closely with the Sheriff's Office.

*"We've been reviewing other jurisdictions within California that have adopted these Entertainment Zones, and there are now many. And we're using some of those as examples of how we might put together our ordinance. Staff has been*

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*coordinating closely with the sheriff's office ... to understand their position on the matter and to identify any areas of concern. I won't speak directly for them, but they are generally in support of the concept, but want to ... coordinate closely on each individual one to make sure all the aspects of the Entertainment Zone have been met for safety and law enforcement consideration."*

— Rob Peters, Deputy Director of Planning, El Dorado County

Peters also noted that while the El Dorado Hills Town Center request provided the catalyst for discussion, groups in other areas of the county are exploring the option as well.

### Supervisors Weigh In

District 4 Supervisor Lori Parlin was an enthusiastic supporter, pointing to the challenges that current Alcohol Beverage Control regulations create for businesses hosting public events and fundraisers.

*"They're trying to get all the food permits done for the vendors ... and then these excessive regulations have made it just crazy. If you own a restaurant where the event is, people can't take their beverages out and walk around to see the vendors. Then that*

*means the restaurant has to police people and say, 'You can't take that out,' and it's caused some really icky situations. This is really a nice thing for ... these kinds of events. I think Town Center is a perfect place, of course, for it. That's a no brainer."*

— Supervisor Lori Parlin, District 4

Parlin also advocated for Entertainment Zone status in Georgetown, specifically with Founder's Day in mind.

*"This is exactly what we need for Founder's Day, and it's coming up. Can we have this done by this year — September for Founder's Day? Is that even doable?"*

— Supervisor Lori Parlin, District 4

Peters could not promise a rollout before September but did not rule it out.

District 1 Supervisor Greg Ferrero expressed broad support for the concept and cited El Dorado Hills Town Center as a strong starting point, noting the venue already hosts dozens of events annually and manages alcohol sales responsibly within roped-off areas.

*"I think it's a good idea countywide. I*

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*think Town Center is an excellent place to start. They do dozens of events a year ... and they actually sell alcohol, but they have to bring in trucks from outside the area oftentimes to sell it. They do a very good job managing that with roped off areas where you can have alcohol. They have security on site. This would be an expansion to that and allow the businesses that are paying rent and trying to thrive to sell more alcohol that people are going to buy anyway."*

— Supervisor Greg Ferrero, District 1

District 5 Supervisor Brooke Laine offered support with one reservation regarding a requirement in SB 969 that containers be non-metal.

*"The only thing I regret about this particular legislation is the fact that it mandates ... non-metal containers. They make beer and wine in aluminum, and they're highly recyclable. It's so much better than a plastic red cup."*

— Supervisor Brooke Laine, District 5

### Fees and Next Steps

The creation of each Entertainment Zone will involve associated fees, a point that drew some public concern. Chief Administrative Officer Sue Phillips addressed those concerns

directly, emphasizing that fees would be cost-recovery only.

*"Just as with any other service that we provide, we can only recover the cost of providing that service. So this will not be viewed as a revenue source for the county. The fees will be minimal to cover the cost only."*

— Sue Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer, El Dorado County

Supervisor Ferrero made the motion to conceptually approve a county code amendment to allow for the establishment of Entertainment Zones. Supervisor Parlin seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. Staff will now move forward with drafting a formal ordinance for Board consideration.

[Source: Mountain Democrat, May 15, 2026.](#)  
[Reporting by Noel Stack](#)

## A REMINDER: HOMEOWNER IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRE CC&R REVIEW/APPROVAL

*By David B. Smith*

Spring is the time to “spruce up”, improve or change your front yard, and maybe paint your house. If you are thinking of new exterior paint; revising, adding to, removing or replacing fences, patio covers,

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outbuildings trees, shrubs or landscaping, chances are you will need CC&R approval to do so prior to starting your project. Almost all of the subdivisions (villages) within El Dorado Hills have Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs) attached to each property that controls certain aspects of what you can do with the property.

Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions are restrictions on your home/property deed that limit some of the rights you have as the property owner. The CC&Rs are included as part of the purchase contract you signed/received when buying your house. They were established by the developer, and approved by El Dorado County, as a method to protect property values by setting standards and controlling what can be done to the buildings/property by the owner.

CC&Rs are enforced by either the El Dorado Hills Community Services District (EDH CSD), or the Home Owners Association (HOA) that manages each subdivision. To determine if the CC&Rs in your village are managed by the EDH CSD or your HOA, you may visit the EDH CSD website at:

[www.eldoradohillscsd.org/residents/cc\\_rs/index.php](http://www.eldoradohillscsd.org/residents/cc_rs/index.php) to view a table of enforcement authority for each village (either EDH CSD or HOA). If you do not have a copy of your CC&Rs, you may also download a copy from the EDH CSD at the above website.

Relative to the improvement project you may have in mind, the CC&Rs require Design Review or Architectural Control by the enforcement authority to manage the compliance of your project to the CC&R requirements. This management requires an application and fee to the EDH CSD prior to the start of your project, to provide details of your project so they can review/approve/request changes to assure compliance with the CC&Rs. HOAs that manage the Architectural Control of villages have similar processes for approval of improvement projects.

While your individual CC&Rs have the full list of improvements or changes that require design review/approval before construction, in general, these activities will require design review/approval before starting your project: tree planting/removal, exterior paint, roofing, fencing, retaining walls, swimming pools, solar, landscaping,

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hardscape, certain remodels, room additions, outbuildings, changes to existing home footprint. For the EDH CSD, the application process is usually a 2-3 week time period. If the improvement project is started before design review/approval an additional penalty fee is applied to the late application.

The EDH CSD also has a process and team that deals with CC&R violations either in the design/review/construction process or other CC&R violations. This team investigates CC&R violation complaints, notifies the homeowner of the observed violation(s) and provides options for remedy of the violation by the homeowner. Follow up inspections, additional notices and possible final legal action may occur depending on the reaction of the homeowner and resolution of the issue.

While the process of getting your home improvement project reviewed and approved by your CC&R authority may seem daunting at first, it is a relatively straightforward process that works to assure uniform building standards throughout a community. Allowing enough time in the beginning to get the review and approval will

ease the process of upgrading your home.

You also, as an EDH homeowner, have the ability to participate in the overall Design Review and CC&R compliance process. The Design Review Committee is a volunteer citizen group, appointed by the EDH CSD Board. Applications to join the committee can be found on the EDH CSD website. Similarly, the CC&R Citizen Advisory Committee is a volunteer committee that assists the EDH CSD with recommendations regarding CC&R violations. Applications for this committee are also on the EDH CSD website. Both committees are looking for participants.

## **EDC TRANSPORTATION DEPT 2026/27 MAINTENANCE PROJECTS**

*By John Davey*

The El Dorado County Department of Transportation's road maintenance team and contractors face a busy summer and fall, backed by funding from Senate Bill 1 (the state gas tax), Tribal funds, Transient Occupancy Tax/General Fund revenue, and Measure S in the Tahoe Basin. The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

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## DOT 2026/27 MAINTENANCE PROJECTS *(con't)*

received a presentation on the program on April 21, covering projects wrapping up in the current fiscal year as well as those set to launch in 2026-27.

DOT divides its resources roughly equally across all five supervisorial districts, maintaining a total of 1,086 centerline lane miles of county roads.

### Strategy and Funding

Incoming Deputy Director of Maintenance and Operations Nathan Haynes described the data-driven approach DOT uses to prioritize which roads receive attention each year.

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*"We look at the potential roads we've noted throughout the five districts, analyze the data, including Pavement Condition Index and Average Daily Traffic, and the estimated life and return, and factor in the economies of scale, which is where we try to tie in projects within the known work area to reduce costs since equipment is already mobilized within that area."*

— Nathan Haynes, Incoming Deputy Director of Maintenance and Operations, El Dorado County DOT

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Haynes outlined the department's core funding philosophy: directing 80 percent of available funds toward

roads already in fair-to-good condition to maintain them, and 20 percent toward rehabilitating roads rated poor. He noted the strategy has produced measurable results.

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*"Our strategy (is) prioritizing the roads that are already in fair to good PCI category, allocating 80% of the available funds towards maintaining those roads ... and 20% toward rehabilitating the roads that are in poor condition. (This) has led to a significant improvement in the county's overall PCI. In the last seven years, the PCI has increased from 64 to 70, which is the benchmark that most other counties aim to achieve."*

— Nathan Haynes, Incoming Deputy Director of Maintenance and Operations, El Dorado County DOT

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Haynes also emphasized that the department continuously seeks additional funding sources. An additional \$650,000 from Tribal funds, approved by the board, has been used to significantly expand the roadside vegetation management program. Since July, DOT has cleared multiple areas in Gold Ridge, Cambridge, and South Shingle, and completed countywide tree cleanup following storm damage.

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*"We are always looking to explore any avenues of funding to repair any of the roads available to us."*

— Nathan Haynes, Incoming Deputy Director of Maintenance and Operations, El Dorado County DOT

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### Vegetation Management and Fire Safety

Brush removal is an integral part of DOT's work, particularly for improving fire safety and emergency access. In addition to contracted companies, the department utilizes resources including Growlersburg, Ponderosa Fire Camp, and the Tribal Fire Department to clear areas such as Davidson and Green Valley roads.

DOT also coordinates with the EDC Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience and local fire safe councils to implement the county's Vegetation Management & Defensible Space Ordinance. Haynes described one upcoming example of this work.

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*"These joint initiatives help to improve the ingress and egress in areas with limited access, including one-way in and one-way out communities. For example, in May, we will begin a brushing project on*

*Oak Hill Road, which serves the sole access route for all residents in that area."*

— Nathan Haynes, Incoming Deputy Director of Maintenance and Operations, El Dorado County DOT

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### Summer 2026 Projects

The following projects are underway or scheduled to begin this summer:

**Districts 2, 3 & 5:** Sly Park Road Area Phase 2 Road Rehabilitation and Surface Treatment, Mormon Emigrant to Pleasant Valley Road, including work on Leisure Lane, Park Creek, and Mormon Emigrant Trail

**District 1:** Lakeridge Oaks and Highland Village Road Rehabilitation and Surface Treatment

**District 3:** Barkley Road and Larsen Drive Phase 2, and North Canyon Road Phase 1 Road Rehabilitation

**District 4:** Green Valley Road Phase 2 Road Rehabilitation and Surface Treatment

Haynes highlighted two projects as illustrations of the department's coordination and cost-saving methods. The Larsen and Barkley Phase 2 project involved waiting for PG&E to complete underground utility work before beginning road repairs, avoiding the need to dig up new work and resulting in a cleaner final product. The

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**DOT 2026/27  
MAINTENANCE  
PROJECTS** *(cont)*

project also employs an overlay and wedge-cut grinding method to restore proper road crown and improve drainage and safety.

The Sly Park Phase 2 project demonstrates the economy-of-scale approach, with nearby roads such as Park Creek and Mormon Emigrant Trail incorporated into the project since equipment is already staged in the area, reducing the overall cost compared to completing those roads independently at a later date.

District / Road	Est. Cost
District 1 — El Dorado Hills Blvd (Harvard Way to Hwy 50)	<b>\$1.95 million</b>
District 2 — Cambridge Road (Hwy 50 north to Green Valley Rd)	<b>\$1.4 million</b>
District 3 — North Canyon Road Phase 2 (Audubon Dr to Hassler Rd)	<b>\$1.6 million</b>
District 4 — Green Valley Road Phase 3 (Lotus Rd to Placerville city limits)	<b>\$1.4 million</b>
District 5 — Christmas Valley & Lower Paradise Area	<b>\$1.5 million</b>

**2026-27 Projects:  
District-by-District**

The Board of Supervisors approved DOT's 2026-27 SB1 project list on April 21 in a 4-0 vote (District 4 Supervisor Lori Parlin was absent), with an estimated \$8.7 million coming from the state. Work is set to begin in the fall. The following summarizes each district's approved project.

**District 1: El Dorado Hills  
Boulevard Road Rehabilitation and  
Surface Treatment**

**Harvard Way to Highway 50 |  
Estimated cost: \$1.95 million |  
Approx. 2.1 miles**

Phase 1: Roadside brushing — removing hazardous trees and low-hanging foliage, and opening up sight distances as needed. Phase 2: ADA curb ramp upgrades and possible culvert replacement or lining, with all culverts inspected for life expectancy. Phase 3: Repair of damaged asphalt along the 2.1-mile

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## **DOT 2026/27 MAINTENANCE PROJECTS** *(cont)*

corridor where needed. Phase 4: Rubberized multi-layer cape seal surface treatment and thermoplastic roadway markings.

### **District 2: Cambridge Road Rehabilitation and Surface Treatment**

**Highway 50 north to Green Valley Road | Estimated cost: \$1.4 million | Approx. 3.36 miles**

Phase 1: Roadside brushing in conjunction with herbicide application. Phase 2: Ditching to correct drainage issues and ensure all cross culverts are free of debris and functioning at full capacity, with culvert inspection and replacement or lining as needed. Phase 3: Asphalt repair along the 3.36-mile corridor where needed. Phase 4: Micro grind to improve rideability, rubberized multi-layer cape seal surface treatment, and thermoplastic roadway markings.

**District 3: North Canyon Road Phase 2 Road Rehabilitation Approx. Audubon Drive west to approx. Hassler Road | Estimated cost: \$1.6 million | Approx. 1.6 miles**

Phase 1: Roadside brushing in conjunction with herbicide application. Phase 2: Ditching to correct drainage issues, with culvert inspection, replacement, or lining as needed.

Phase 3: 3-inch overlay and thermoplastic roadway markings.

### **District 4: Green Valley Road Phase 3 Road Rehabilitation and Surface Treatment**

**Lotus Road to Placerville city limits | Estimated cost: \$1.4 million | Approx. 3 miles**

Phase 1: Roadside brushing in conjunction with herbicide application. Phase 2: Ditching to correct drainage issues, with culvert inspection, replacement, or lining as needed. Phase 3: Repair of damaged asphalt within the 3-mile corridor where needed. Phase 4: Micro grind to improve rideability, rubberized multi-layer cape seal surface treatment, and thermoplastic roadway markings.

### **District 5: Christmas Valley and Lower Paradise Area Road Rehabilitation**

**Christmas Valley (west of Hwy 89, south of Hwy 50) and Lower Paradise (south of Country Club Dr, west of Hwy 50, north of Hopi Ave, east of Bakersfield St) | Estimated cost: \$1.5 million**

This project focuses solely on repairing and rehabilitating failed areas of pavement on arterial, residential, and rural roadways in the

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## DOT 2026/27 MAINTENANCE PROJECTS *(con't)*

Christmas Valley and Lower Paradise areas of South Lake Tahoe in El Dorado County. Repairs will involve removal and replacement of failed pavement and base material, with roads inspected to identify the most critical locations first.

### Board Response

The board's approval came with considerable praise for DOT's work. District 2 Supervisor George Turnboo credited the department for results that extend beyond road quality to community safety.

*"You guys have done a great job; you really have. And I appreciate that very much, and especially Sand Ridge ... because now we have an escape route just in case we do have a horrific fire. And it's not if; it's when. It could happen any time."*

— Supervisor George Turnboo, District 2

District 3 Supervisor Brian Veerkamp acknowledged the challenge of stretching a limited maintenance budget as far as it will go.

*"I believe Rafael and all of you are magicians ... moving money here and*

*moving money there, and getting the grant. It's all a process, unfortunately, and a game. But you all do a good job. The workers ... down to the shovel in hand are to be commended for the work that they do."*

— Supervisor Brian Veerkamp, District 3

[Source: Village Life, April 29, 2026 Reporting](#)

## E-NOUGH: IT'S NOT THE E-BIKES, IT'S THE BEHAVIOR

*By John Davey*

The El Dorado Hills Community Services District (EDH CSD) hosted a community panel discussion on April 29th focused on youth, e-bikes, and public safety. The event brought together law enforcement, school administrators, and community members to address growing questions about what electric bikes and scooters are legal for children to ride, and - perhaps more importantly - how young riders are behaving on public roads.

### About the Panel

The discussion featured four guest speakers:

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**CHP Officer Andrew Brown,  
California Highway Patrol**

**Lt. Jason Blocks, El Dorado County  
Sheriff's Office**

**Aaron Palm, Principal, Oak Ridge  
High School**

**Jim Shoemake, Superintendent,  
Rescue Union School District**

Topics covered included the legal classifications of e-bikes and e-scooters under California law, which vehicles require a driver's license to operate, and which are prohibited from public roads and trails entirely. The panel also addressed the important distinction between legal e-bikes and e-motorcycles, which are regulated very differently.

### **What the Schools Are Seeing**

Both Palm and Shoemake reported that e-bikes and e-scooters are not a significant problem during the school day. Schools have invested in communicating clear expectations to students and parents, and that effort appears to be working. Issues tend to arise after school hours, when students are on or near campus without direct supervision. The consistent message from school leadership: informed families make better decisions.

### **What Law Enforcement Is Planning**

Both the California Highway Patrol and the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office confirmed they are expanding their efforts on two fronts: increased community outreach and education to help residents understand the rules, and stepped-up enforcement for those who are not following them. More information about these programs will be made available as plans are finalized.

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### **The Statewide Picture: Amazon Takes Action**

The local conversation is part of a broader statewide concern. Following a consumer alert from California Attorney General Rob Bonta, Amazon announced it will no longer allow the sale of e-bikes in California that exceed the state's legal speed limits. The move came after an [investigation by KCRA 3](#) found numerous high-speed electric motorbikes - some advertised at speeds over 40 mph - being sold as "e-bikes" despite clearly qualifying as mopeds or motorcycles under California law. Amazon has since removed non-compliant listings and is requiring all third-party sellers to comply with state law.

### **A Word to Parents**

Many of the high-powered e-bikes, e-scooters, and e-motorcycles being

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ridden in our community carry price tags well beyond what any child could purchase independently. That means parents are buying them - often without fully understanding what they are purchasing or what California law requires. A vehicle marketed online as an "e-bike" may actually be a moped or motorcycle, carrying very different legal requirements.

Before purchasing any electric two-wheeled vehicle for your child, verify its legal classification and confirm it is appropriate for your child's age.

### Know the Rules: California E-Bike Classifications

The following summarizes California law for common electric vehicle types:

**Class 1** e-bikes (pedal-assist, up to 20 mph): Legal for all ages. Helmet required under age 18.

**Class 2** e-bikes (throttle-assist, up to 20 mph): Legal for all ages. Helmet required under age 18.

**Class 3** e-bikes (pedal-assist, up to 28 mph): Riders must be 16 or older. Helmet required under age 18.

**E-scooters:** Require a valid California driver's license to operate. Helmet required under age 18.

**Mopeds and e-motorcycles:** Require a driver's license, registration, and

license plates. A DOT-approved helmet is required for all riders.

Illegal e-bikes and e-motorcycles - those that do not meet the legal definition of a Class 1, 2, or 3 e-bike - cannot be operated on ANY public roads or public trails in California. They may only be used on private property.

### The Bigger Issue: Behavior

The most consistent message from every panelist was this: the classification of the vehicle matters, but rider behavior is the more pressing and more difficult challenge.

Any person operating an e-bike, e-scooter, or e-motorcycle on a public road in California is subject to the same traffic laws as any other motorist - stopping at signals, yielding to pedestrians, riding in the correct lane, and not weaving through traffic.

Changing that behavior requires both education and enforcement. Law enforcement is committed to both. Parents and community members can help by setting clear expectations at home.

If you witness a child operating an e-bike or e-motorcycle illegally, the EDC Sheriff's Office and the CHP encourage you to report it as you would any traffic violation. Do not

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attempt to stop or confront riders yourself - let law enforcement handle it.

#### Watch the Full Panel Discussion

The EDH CSD E-Bike Panel Discussion is available on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/WGtyB90jsr8?si=p3oIyqx3luF1CgvM>


Click the images below to view the full versions

**Know the Rules Before You Ride**

<p><b>Class 1 E-Bike</b> No License Needed</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No age restriction</li> <li>PEDAL ASSIST ONLY</li> <li>Assist stops at 20 mph</li> <li>Helmet required if under 18</li> <li>Bike lanes &amp; trails OK</li> </ul>	<p><b>Class 2 E-Bike</b> No License Needed</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No age restriction</li> <li>MAY exclusively propel bike up to 20 mph</li> <li>Assist stops at 20 mph</li> <li>Helmet required if under 18</li> <li>Bike lanes &amp; trails OK</li> </ul>	<p><b>Class 3 E-Bike</b> No License Needed</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Driver must be 16+ years old</li> <li>PEDAL ASSIST ONLY</li> <li>Assist stops at 28 mph</li> <li>Helmet required for ALL</li> <li>Restricted on some trails</li> </ul>
<p><b>E-Scooter</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DRIVER'S LICENSE OR INSTRUCTION HELMET required</li> <li>No passengers</li> <li>No riding on sidewalks</li> <li>If used, speed limit is max 20 mph + must be ridden in Bike Lane, Bike Lane or Handicapped</li> <li>Max speed: 15 MPH</li> <li>Helmet required if under 18</li> <li>Many state rules (2123 VC, 21223 VC, 21229 VC, 21227 VC, 21228 VC, 21229 VC, 21480 VC, 21481 VC)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Moped / Motorized Bicycle</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Driver's License (M2) required</li> <li>Must be registered &amp; plated</li> <li>DOT motorcycle helmet</li> <li>Max speed: 30 mph</li> <li>Restricted on trails</li> </ul>	<p><b>Motorcycle (Electric or Gas)</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Driver's License (M2) required</li> <li>Must be registered &amp; plated</li> <li>DOT motorcycle helmet</li> </ul>

FREE E-BIKE SAFETY COURSE FROM THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL: 

**CLASS 2**



Pedal Assist & Throttle  
Max Speed = 20 MPH  
No minimum age  
No license plate required  
A helmet is required if under age 18

**CLASS 3**



Pedal Assist Only  
Max Speed = 28 MPH  
Minimum age is 16 years  
No license plate required  
A helmet is required for all ages

**CLASS 1**



Pedal Assist Only  
Max Speed = 20 MPH  
No minimum age  
No license plate required  
A helmet is required if under age 18

**E-MOTORCYCLE**



Max Speed ≈ 60 MPH  
Minimum age is 16 years  
Drivers License & Insurance Required  
**NOT AN E-BIKE**

## MAY LOCAL MEETING RECORDINGS

By John Davey

Recordings of local meetings in El Dorado Hills and El Dorado County in May 2026.

### El Dorado Hills Area Planning Advisory Committee Meetings:

Typically the second Wednesday of each Month

#### May 20th Meeting

<https://www.youtube.com/live/IDUEbMtWxZA?si=DaKFZzyrNSfsBHEp>

### El Dorado Hills Community Services District Board of Directors Meetings:

Second Thursday of each month

#### May 14th Regular Meeting

<https://basslakeaction.net/edhcsd-5-14-26>

### 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](http://www.EID.org/YouTube)



OR VISIT:

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## BLAC BOARD MEETING



The Bass Lake Action Committee held the second quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors on May 11th at the home of John & Meirve Davey

The next quarterly business meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday August 10, 2026

Members will receive the Meeting location details via email invitation. All Members are welcome, and are encouraged to attend.

For more information about meetings and membership, please contact President John Davey at 530-676-2657, or email [basslakemembers@gmail.com](mailto:basslakemembers@gmail.com).

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