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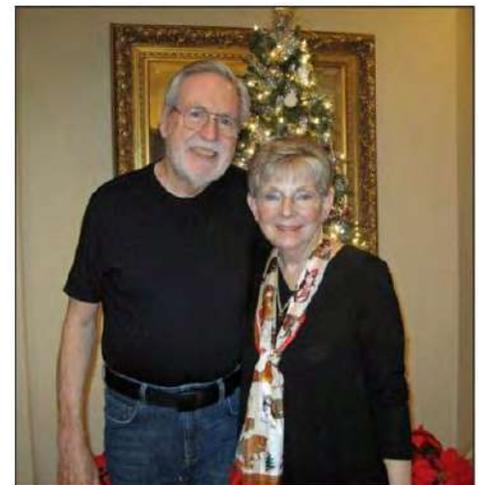
## EL DORADO HILLS CSD ANNOUNCES BASS LAKE REGIONAL PARK COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

## NEW ADVENTURE FOR BASS LAKE ACTION FOUNDING MEMBERS

By John Davey

It may be October, but this is no trick, and it is definitely no treat for Bass Lake Area neighbors: Bass Lake Action Committee founding members Fran and John Thomson are setting off on a new adventure which will take them to Arizona.

Fran and John have been very active in the Bass Lake Area, and in El Dorado Hills, since moving here in the very early 2000s – and the list of those activities is impressive



John and Fran Thomson

Fran and John were founding members of the Bass Lake Action Committee, serving on the board of directors at times as President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Additionally, John served as the editor of the monthly Bass Lake Bulletin from 2003 through the end of 2019.

Fran and John were also founding members of the Clarksville Region Historical Society, serving on the board of directors of that non-profit organization.



Concept Design of the Bass Lake Regional Park from the EDH CSD Directors October Board meeting. Full image available at [http://basslakeaction.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/CSD\\_BLRP\\_Survey\\_design.jpg](http://basslakeaction.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/CSD_BLRP_Survey_design.jpg) image courtesy El Dorado Hills CSD

By John Davey

At the October El Dorado Hills Community Services District Board of Directors meeting, a presentation of the completed Bass Lake Regional Park Community Stakeholders survey was shared with the EDH CSD Board.

The Survey was widely shared via the CSD E-Newsletter, Social Media, and the CSD website, also among Community Stakeholders such as the Rescue Union School District, the Cameron Park CSD, and right here in the Bass Lake Bulletin for multiple issues, as well as on the Bass Lake Action Committee Facebook Page, Nextdoor, and directly to our Bass Lake Action Committee members via email. See the Survey Results PDF at <http://basslakeaction.net/bass-lake-park-survey>.

A very strong survey result generated 2996 unique responses. A response rate of 400-500 responses would be

considered very successful.

More impressive, 1084 respondents indicated that they would like to be contacted for volunteer opportunities.

From the survey results, the top five ranked amenities were:

- #1 Walking Trails
- #2 Natural Playground
- #3 Picnic Shelters
- #4 Kayak Launch & Floating Pier
- #5 Mountain Bike Trails

Further back in the amenities results were features such as Disc Golf, Nature Interpretive Center, Interpretive Natural Trail Signage, Demonstration Garden, and Turf Sports Fields.

A long suggested Disc Golf amenity requires further study of actual demand, as the Cameron Park CSD has installed a Disc Golf feature at Cameron Park Lake .

Another planned feature is an 8500 sq ft

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NEW ADVENTURE (cont)

- The Clarksville Region Historical Society (CRHS) mission is to identify and preserve historical sites, documents, artifacts, records and other items of interest related to historic Clarksville (El Dorado Hills) and the region.

The CRHS also educates the public and increases awareness of the historical significance of Clarksville, recognizing the benefits and beauty in preserving and promoting its rich history.

CRHS meetings have featured many different guest speakers addressing the long history of our El Dorado Hills region, and of course, has created, organized, and conducted the annual Clarksville Day event.

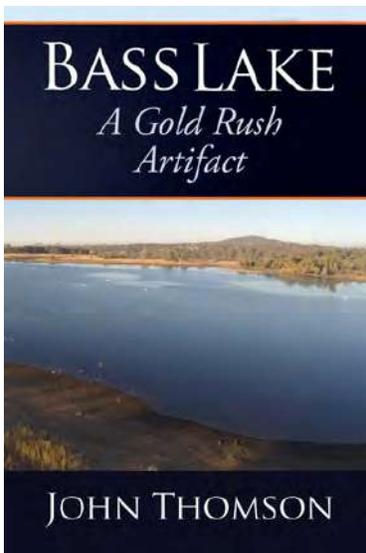
8th Annual Clarksville Day
Celebrate the Rich History of El Dorado Hills
Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Historic Sites & Exhibits • Pony Express Remounts
Live Music by Ole West Trio • Mormon Battalion
Wagon Rides • Gold Panning • Food & Beverages
Antique Cars • Old West Gunfight Re-Creations
Model Railroad • Mountain Men
Craft Beer • Local Wine
Bring Family & Friends
To the Historic Town of Clarksville
White Rock Road and Silver Valley Parkway at Highway 50
Free Admission
For More Information, Call Betty at (916) 933-3173

John and Fran were very active in protesting the proposed 2010 El Dorado Irrigation District water and sewer rate increases.

John led the Bass Lake Action Committee's Propane Subcommittee efforts in securing a pricing contract with Propane provider JS West for Bass Lake Action Committee members in the Bridlewood Canyon, Woodridge, and Sierra Crossing subdivisions.

This is an agreement that saves consumers money on propane pricing, and was recently renewed for another contract term this year.

In 2019, John published his book Bass Lake, A Gold Rush Artifact, a detailed history of Bass Lake, the former American Reservoir, dating to its beginnings as part of the historic gold mining ditch system in the 1800s.



In June 2019, John was recognized with the 2018/2019 Award of Merit in the Author/Scholastic Category from the Conference of California Historical Societies for his work on Bass Lake, A Gold Rush Artifact.



John Thomson receives the 2019 Award of Merit from the Conference of California Historical Societies.

At the same time, John also received a Certificate of Recognition from Assemblyman Kevin Kiley, in recognition of the honor bestowed by the Conference.

In December 2019, upon retirement from his 16-year role as editor of the Bass Lake Bulletin, John was again honored by Assemblyman Kevin Kiley with a Certificate of Recognition. At the December 2019 Bass Lake Action Committee Annual Meeting, John was also honored as Editor Emeritus of the Bass Lake Bulletin.

At the August 2020 Bass Lake Action Committee Board of Directors meeting, the Bass Lake Action Committee Board of Directors voted to honor Fran and John as Members Emeritus – this action was taken prior to discovering the Thompsons' planned move to Arizona.



In recognition of your invaluable contributions to BLAC & the Bass Lake Community, with the deepest affection & gratitude...

At a recent socially-distanced gathering in the Thomson driveway in El Dorado Hills, the Bass Lake Action Committee Board of Directors presented Fran and John with a certificate of recognition of their many years of selfless service to the Bass Lake Action Committee, the Bass Lake Area, and El Dorado Hills.



BLAC Board of Directors recognizing the Thompsons as members emeritus. Front Row L-R: President Kathy Prevost, John Thomson, Fran Thomson, member Karen Brunet. Back Row L-R: Vice-Pres John Davey, Director at Large Ron Cassity, Secretary Jan Buxton, Treasurer Wil Brunet

Fran and John's move to Arizona will find them closer to family, and provide the opportunity to enjoy the always warm Arizona weather. While I would like to hope that an enjoyable retirement finally takes hold for Fran and John, I also wouldn't be completely surprised if their new adventures in Arizona will find them continuing to be active, contributing, and making the very best of their new community.

We're going to miss you, and we can't thank you enough for the active roles you've had in protecting the quality of life for residents in the Bass Lake Area. ~

Additionally, John and Hal's focus on the issues surrounding the Bass Lake LLAD B, in part, led to a 2015-2016 El Dorado County Grand Jury investigation of the El Dorado Hills Community Services District's management of LLADs.

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CSD CONCEDES OAK KNOLL PARK ISSUE
In response to requests by Bass Lake Action Committee (BLAC) the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills Community Services District (CSD) has decided to issue a refund of \$299,000 to the residents of Woodridge, part of the Bass Lake Village Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District (LLAD). In effect, the CSD conceded that the residents had incorrectly assessed parcels in Zone B of the LLAD.

they were increased to \$299,000 a year. BLAC became concerned about the LLAD when the CSD increased the Woodridge assessments to \$299,000 in spite of what appeared to be a \$222,000 surplus in the Zone B LLAD operating fund. After a thorough examination of the documents surrounding the establishment and ongoing maintenance of Zone B of the Bass Lake Village LLAD, BLAC notified the CSD that it believed that the CSD had over-assessed the Bass Lake Village LLAD in order to maintain the CSD's Oak Knoll Park, which BLAC contended had never been a part of the Bass Lake Village LLAD. In January, BLAC President John Thomson sent a letter to CSD General Manager Wayne Lowery, setting forth BLAC's position and requesting that the CSD cease operating any LLAD money on the park. The letter also requested that a new engineering report be performed which included only the Woodridge utility landscaping and street lights, and asked for a refund of any over-assessment collected with LLAD money previously spent on Oak Knoll Park. The decision to refund the over-assessment was made at a special CSD Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, January 29, 2009. A CSD press release on the following day set forth the amount of the refund and announced that a neighborhood meeting will be held to explain the refunds to the Woodridge residents. (See related story on page 2.)

# BASS LAKE REGIONAL PARK SURVEY RESULTS

(con't)

- Event Center, and a 2500 sq ft Museum/Outdoor Education Center.

The conceptual designs displayed during the presentation, (available at the EDH CSD Website) now show an entrance for a parking lot on the east side of Bass Lake directly across from Madera Way. The Bass Lake Action Committee has long expressed concerns about traffic impacts on Bass Lake Road from park development, and previous conceptual plans had indicated that an entrance for the eastern parking lot would located be at the new Bass Lake Road Silver Springs Parkway intersection, currently under construction, as an accommodation. This seems to have changed.

Adding another intersection facility between the new Silver Springs Parkway intersection, the existing Madera Way intersection, the Bridlewood Canyon intersection, the under construction Serrano Village J7 intersection, the Serrano J6 Whistling Way intersection, and the planned Regional Park West parking lot entrance on Bass Lake Road near the current EID Maintenance yard driveway, just east of the Serrano Parkway/Sienna Ridge Road intersection, would only seem to exacerbate the current inadequacy of Bass Lake Road as it navigates around Bass Lake.

Walking trails, and pedestrian connectivity were a feature that several CSD Board members expressed interest in.

Most Bass Lake Area residents are very dissatisfied with the lack of pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the area, specifically along the east side of Bass Lake. There is simply no safe way for pedestrians to walk on Bass Lake Road to local amenities such as the Sienna Ridge Shopping Center, let alone safely cross Bass Lake Road to access the future regional park.

The El Dorado County Transportation Commission's latest Active Transportation Plan does indicate a plan for a future Class 1 bicycle and pedestrian path along Bass Lake Road on the Bass Lake Regional Park property from Silver Springs Parkway to Serrano Parkway. The same Active Transportation Plan suggests a Class 2 bicycle lane on Bass Lake Road from the Silver Springs Parkway intersection to Green Valley Road. (see <http://basslakeaction.net/edctc-atp-bike> - page 4)

Next for the EDH CSD in the park planning process: Finalize CEQA analysis, the Traffic Study, then Final Concept Design & budget submitted for Board Approval, and Construction Drawings.

To view the EDH CSD Bass Lake Regional Park Survey Presentation recording visit: <http://basslakeaction.net/survey-video>.



Images from the EHD CSD Bass Lake Regional Park Community Stakeholders Survey Results Presentation

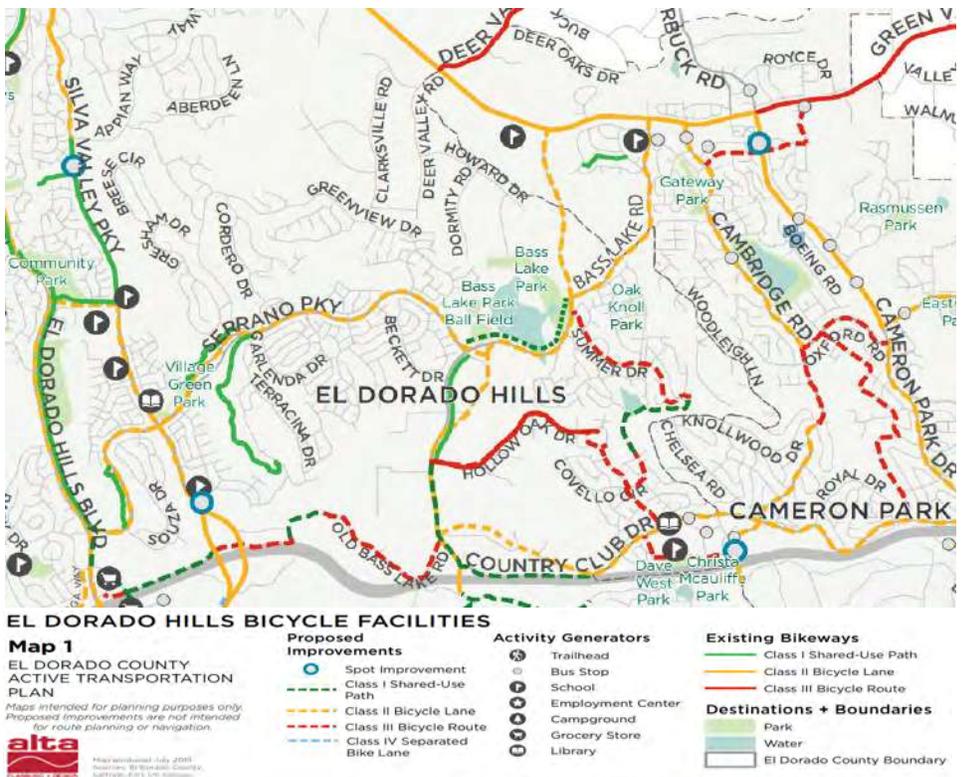


Figure 7-3: El Dorado Hills Proposed Bicycle Facilities



### From The BLAC Board

President's Letter  
October 2020

Happy Fall!!!

Gratefully, as I write the President's letter this month it is a beautiful clear crisp fall day and the leaves on the trees are turning their gorgeous shades of yellow, orange and red. Chosen especially for their fall colors eighteen years ago when planted, they have been much enjoyed. It may be time to pull out the heavier sweaters!

Based on information from the latest Home Source magazine in the Mountain Democrat, the home sales in El Dorado County gathered momentum over the summer with low mortgage interest rates and more people working from home as reported in earlier months this year in the bulletin. While sellers were staying in place and the number of listings falling, by early September there was less than 1 month supply of available inventory.

According to local realtor Ken Calhoun's column, of the 376 sales, 63% sold in less than 30 days from the time they were listed and the average home sold in 17 days. Multiple offers were received by nearly half of the home sales and it was the highest percentage of sales in less than 30 days since 2005 which pushed sales prices above listing prices for half of all accepted offers in September.

Between August and September, home prices increased 7% in a month and homes sold at 101% of the listing price. This has caught the attention of possible sellers and in the past 2 weeks, 200 new listings have been added which could possibly moderate future price increases.

We were new residents in Illinois when daylight saving time was implemented in the 1960's and I remember well the effects it had on us. At the time, I did not realize the long history it has had in the United States and world.

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## NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION LOCAL CANDIDATES

By John Davey

The ballots are in the hands of voters, and the date is looming. Everyone's mailbox is full of candidate mailers. Non-stop political ads on TV, radio, and as you browse the Internet. As a non-profit 501(C)(4) corporation, the Bass Lake Action Committee remains neutral on candidates - we don't offer endorsements. As an effort to remind voters about which candidates are running in which races, we've prepared this list of local candidates.

### CA 1st Senate District

Brian Dahle  
Incumbent



Pamela Swartz

### CA Assembly 6th District

Kevin Kiley  
Incumbent



Kevin Kiley at the 2018 BLAC Christmas Party



Jackie Smith

### El Dorado County Supervisor District 1

John Hidahl  
Incumbent



John Hidahl at the 2018 BLAC Christmas Party



Ron Briggs  
Former District 4  
Supervisor

### El Dorado County Supervisor District 2

George Turnbo



Ken Pimlot

### El Dorado Hills Community Services District Board of Directors (pick 2)



Ben Paulsen  
Incumbent



Sita Burgess  
Registered Nurse



Noelle Mattock  
Incumbent



Dan Sozzi  
Community Banker  
*Has withdrawn from race,  
still appears on ballot*

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President's Letter - (con't)

- With the time change coming soon, I thought you might find the following information interesting....as I did.  
**Spring Forward, Fall Back**  
**A Mnemonic Word Play**

The saying "early to bed early to rise makes a man healthy wealthy and wise" was published by Benjamin Franklin in a letter to the Journal de Paris while he was an American envoy to France (1776-1785), suggested that using early morning sunlight to arise would save on the use of candles.

This year, daylight saving time (DST) will end on All Saints Day, November 1, 2020 and we will set our clocks back to Pacific Standard Time (PST) gaining back the hour of sleep we lost in the spring.

In ancient times, daily schedules adjusted more easily as the daytime hours became progressively longer during spring and shorter during autumn. By using water clocks with different scales for different months of the year, the Romans were able to keep time.

While Franklin did not actually propose DST, the advent of rail transport and communication networks brought the beginning of the standardization of time in Europe and in 1810, the Spanish National Assembly, Cortes of Cadiz, moved certain meeting times forward by one hour from May 1 to September 30th because of the seasonal changes but did not actually change the clocks.

George Hudson, who was a New Zealand entomologist and avid golfer, was the first to propose the modern idea of DST because he valued more hours of daylight which allowed him to both collect insects and play golf. Consequently, he wrote a paper which he presented to the Wellington Philosophical Society proposing a 2-hour daylight saving shift which received considerable interest in Christchurch.

Many credit William Willett, a prominent English builder and outdoorsman, as conceiving the idea of DST in 1905. He proposed the solution to advance the clock one hour during the summer months 2 years later having noticed Londoners slept through a large part of the summer days.

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**GENERAL ELECTION**  
**LOCAL CANDIDATES** (con't)

**El Dorado Irrigation District Division 5**  
**Director (El Dorado Hills)**



Alan Day  
 Incumbent  
 Unopposed

**El Dorado Hills County Water/Fire Board of**  
**Directors 4 year term (vote for 2)**



Bobbi Bennett  
 Appointed Incumbent



John Giraudo  
 Incumbent

**El Dorado Hills County Water/Fire Board of**  
**Directors - Unexpired Short Term (vote for 1)**



Charles Jim Hartley  
 Incumbent



Gatha I Willyard  
 Homemaker

**Los Rios Community College District**  
**Trustee Area 3 Governing Board Member**  
**4 year term (vote for 1)**



John R Knight  
 Incumbent

*John Knight at the 2018  
 BLAC Christmas Party*



Susan Didriksen  
 Adjunct Professor /  
 Fiduciary



Chris Yatooma  
 College Fiscal  
 Administrator

**El Dorado Union High School District,**  
**Governing Board Member**  
**(4 year term – vote for 2)**

David J Del Rio  
 Incumbent

Lori M Veerkamp  
 Incumbent

**El Dorado Union High School District,**  
**Governing Board Member**  
**(2 year term – vote for 1)**

Jessica Rodgers  
 Incumbent

**Rescue Union School District Governing**  
**Board Member**  
**(4 year term – vote for 2)**

Rebecca Weinstein-Hamilton  
 Attorney / Grandmother

Jenny Robles  
 Accountant / Caregiver

Dan Anzini  
 Parent / Banking Manager

Taggart "Tagg" F Neal  
 Incumbent

Sheila Fruge  
 Business Owner / Parent

Michael R Gordon  
 Educator / Parent

**OUR EL DORADO HILLS**  
**HISTORY SERIES WILL**  
**CONTINUE IN THE NOVEMBER**  
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**Fall, Leaves, Fall**

Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;  
 Lengthen night and shorten day;  
 Every leaf speaks bliss to me  
 Fluttering from the autumn tree.  
 I shall smile when wreaths of snow  
 Blossom where the rose should grow;  
 I shall sing when night's decay  
 Ushers in a drearier day.  
*By: Emily Brontë*  
 From *A Poem for Every Night of the Year*

## President's Letter - (con't)

- His proposal was introduced to the House of Commons and examined in a select committee but it did not become law and several other bills failed as well in the following years.

On July 1, 1908, Port Arthur, Ontario, Canada became the first city to enact DST.

While serving as mayor of Orillia, Ontario, William Sword Frost introduced DST from 1911 - 1912. Later, the German Empire States introduced DST nationally as did its World War I ally Austria-Hungary on April 30, 1916 to conserve coal during wartime.

Many European neutrals, Britain and most of its allies also followed suit while Russia and a few other countries waited until the next year. With the view of saving energy, the United States Congress passed the first law on daylight savings time on March 19, 1918.

Titled "an act to save daylight and to provide Standard time for the United States" divided the continental United States into five zones longitudinally and the Interstate Commerce Commission was charged with the defining the limits of each zone "having regard for convenience of commerce".

It was only in effect for about a year-and-a-half and was repealed over President Wilson's veto on August 20, 1919, however, the sections of the law which had established standard time zones remained in effect and in 1921, the western boundaries of the Central Standard Time zone were adjusted to include parts of Texas and Arizona.

During World War II it was again widely adopted in the United States and Europe for energy savings reasons but after World War II its use varied among states and localities until 1966. In the middle 1960s, airlines and other transportation industries lobbied for daylight savings time uniformity in the United States.

While from year to year the dates to change the clock had been moved for political or social reasons, the Uniform Time Act of 1966 did formalize the

United States use of daylight saving time as lasting 6 months.

The United States began DST earlier in both 1974 and 1975 in response to the 1973 energy crisis but due to public opposition to the late sunrise times during the winter months, it was not continued.

In 1986, the six month period was extended first to seven months and then to eight months in 2005 to include Halloween which was motivated in part by lobbyists for the candy industry. In subsequent years, the United States Congress transferred the authority over time zones to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

While states can elect not to participate in DST, they cannot enact laws to forgo the 1 hour change to Standard Time in November without Congress changing the Uniform Time Act of 1996.

Since 2018, nine states have passed legislation to make DST permanent, however, they need approval from the federal government before their bills can go into effect since a time change is a federal mandate.

In 2019, 25 states introduced bills to adopt DST year-round. However, some states with proposals for permanent DST also have bills for the states to not observe DST filed by other lawmakers.

There are obviously both benefits and drawbacks to DST and a 2017 meta-analysis of 44 studies found an electricity savings of about 0.3 % occurred during the days when it applies. The savings is greater for countries further from the equator while subtropical regions use more electricity because of DST.

The ability to save energy from DST is primarily from the effects on residential lighting which uses about 3.5% in the United States and Canada. The use of electricity is significantly affected by geography, climate and economics and studies performed in one area may not be relevant to another country or climate.

Those businesses that would benefit most from later daylight hours are retailers, sporting goods makers and other businesses that benefit from extra sunlight.

Only Hawaii and Arizona do not observe daylight saving time (though the Navajo Nation in northeastern Arizona does observe DST on tribal lands) as well as the territories of American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands.

Currently, DST starts on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November. The time change takes place at 2 a.m. local time and it lasts for 248 days or 34 weeks every year which is about 65% of the year.

Don't forget to vote!

Respectfully,  
Kathy Prevost  
President  
Bass Lake Action Committee

### **BASS LAKE ACTION COMMITTEE QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 9TH**

Due to the ongoing restrictions from the State of California regarding public gatherings, it is likely that the November 9th Bass Lake Action Committee Board meeting will once again need to be held virtually, online. All Bass Lake Action Committee Members are invited to attend, will receive an email invitation that will include the Zoom Link and instructions for attending the meeting in November.

On the November Agenda will be the BLAC Board of Directors Candidate slate for 2021, as well as a determination of how the ballot will be conducted, with consideration paid to the limitation on public gatherings.

For further information about BLAC meetings and membership, please contact Vice-President John Davey at 530-676-2657, or email [basslakemembers@gmail.com](mailto:basslakemembers@gmail.com). Residents can also visit our online membership form at <http://basslakeaction.net/members> ~

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