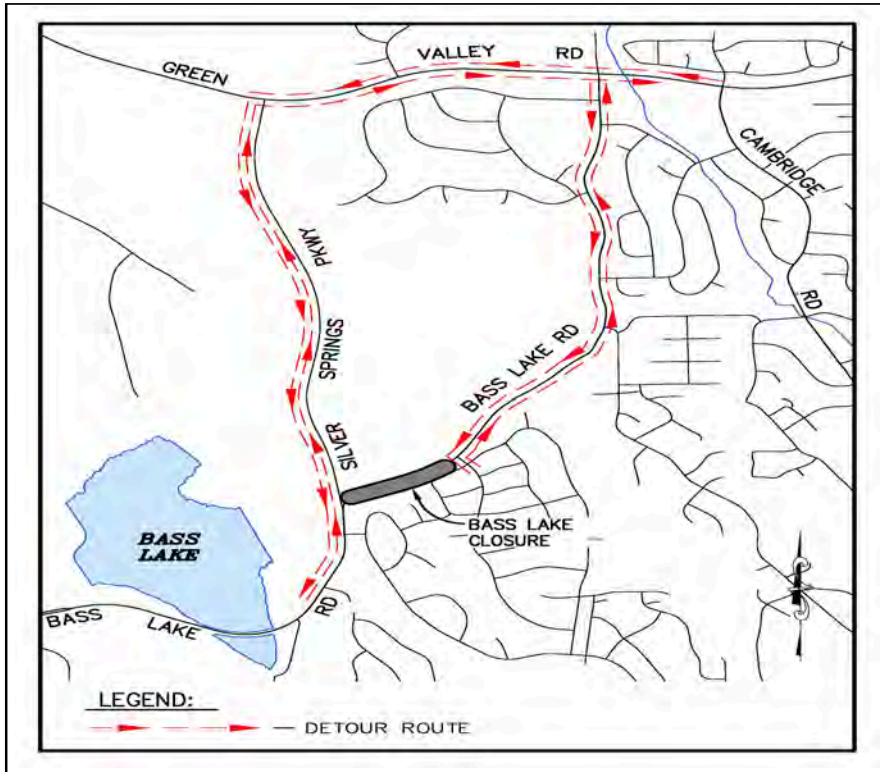


## BASS LAKE ROAD CLOSURE APRIL 13-MID JUNE DETOUR VIA SILVER SPRINGS PARKWAY & GREEN VALLEY ROAD



Bass Lake Road Closure and Detour April 13- mid June - image courtesy El Dorado County

By John Davey

El Dorado County's planned closure of Bass Lake Road at the new Silver Springs Parkway intersection just north of Madera Way in El Dorado Hills, began April 13, 2021, and will last through mid June 2021.

The closure will be in place between the new Silver Springs Parkway connection at the 25 MPH curve on Bass Lake Rd (Sandhurst Hill Rd) east to Magnolia Hills Drive.

On April 13th, crews from Granite Construction spent the day paving the new Silver Springs Parkway connection to Bass Lake Road with the paving activity completed on April 13th, Silver Springs Parkway opened to motorists between Madera Way and Green Valley Road. This is the planned Detour route while Bass Lake Road is closed.

While Bass Lake Road is closed from Silver Springs Parkway to Magnolia Hills Drive, construction crews will realign Bass Lake Road and construct an ADA compliant sidewalk and crosswalks on Bass Lake Road at the new intersection.

Southbound Bass Lake Road will be constructed with left and right turn lanes. The left lane will be for motorists traveling south on Bass Lake Road towards US50, the right turn lane will allow motorists to continue north onto Silver Springs Parkway, towards Green Valley Road.

Northbound Bass Lake Road at the new Silver Springs intersection will feature a straight through lane to continue north on Silver Springs Parkway towards Green Valley Road, as well as a right turn pocket for motorists to continue north on Bass Lake

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## BASS LAKE VILLAGE RESIDENTS CONTINUE SEEKING SOLUTIONS REGARDING SPEEDING CONCERNS

By John Davey

A group of residents in the Bass Lake Villages (Woodridge and The Hills of El Dorado) took their concerns regarding speeding to El Dorado County Government, along with local representatives of the California Highway Patrol, and the El Dorado Hills Fire Department.

El Dorado County District 1 Supervisor John Hidahl met with residents and CHP Officer Andrew Brown along Summer Drive near the intersections of Basil Court and Tea Rose Drive to discuss both the past history of vehicle accidents along Summer Drive, and more specifically the recent increase in vehicle accidents along Summer Drive in the first three months of 2021.

CHP Officer Brown offered to check recent accident records and to conduct a deeper look into the road conditions along Summer Drive to determine if increased CHP enforcement patrols could be conducted.

Following this meeting CHP Officer Brown did provide the following determination in a subsequent email message:

*"After reviewing and counting the houses along Summer Dr., it is my opinion the entire length of Summer Dr. conforms with 515 of the Vehicle Code and therefore the entire - (continued on page 2)*

### BASS LAKE ROAD CLOSURE (con't)

Road towards Magnolia Hills Drive, Woodleigh Lane, Gateway Drive, Lambeth Drive, Parkdale Lane, Foxmore Lane, and Green Valley Road. Silver Springs Parkway will be a divided two-lane roadway, with sidewalks and bicycle lanes.

The new Bass Lake Road-Silver Springs Parkway intersection will be a three-way stop sign controlled intersection.

Changeable Portable Reader board signage will be in place to advise motorists of changing conditions and delays. Currently the changeable portable reader boards indicate that the closure is expected to be in place from April 13th through June 11th - the completion date is subject to change due to weather delays, and possible utility relocation delays from PG&E and AT&T.



Bass Lake Road Closure Map (image credit The Bass Lake Action Committee)



Bass Lake Road at Madera Way (image credit Tasha Boutselis Camacho)

### RESIDENTS SEEKING SOLUTIONS ABOUT SPEEDING (con't)

length should be 25mph and enforceable by CHP with RADAR / LIDAR. I'll be briefing our shifts with this and encourage more speed enforcement on Summer Dr.

As a consequence of this determination, the El Dorado County Transportation Department installed five R48-1 (CA)"Radar Enforced" plates on the 25MPH "Residence District" signs on Summer Drive on April 7, 2021.

CHP Officer Brown is also looking into conditions along Tea Rose Drive and Magnolia Hills Drive to discover if they too would qualify for enforcement by CHP using RADAR / LIDAR.

Many residents have been asking about additional speed limit signs, as well as more stop signs at intersections along Summer Drive, Magnolia Hills Drive, and Tea Rose Drive. But stop signs require a significant amount of engineering analysis and traffic studies, costing thousands of dollars per installed stop sign. The analysis is required to make the stop signs legally enforceable in terms of traffic citations, as well as in the event of a vehicle accident. Along with the costs, speed studies could actually make a finding that the road conditions would allow for an increase in the speed limit along these roads - something that most residents don't want.

At Supervisor Hidahl's recommendation, residents also reached out to the El Dorado Hills Fire Department for guidance in determining additional public safety measures - traffic calming devices such as speed bumps, which may delay EDH Fire s response times, are not supported by the EDH Fire Department.

Speed bumps also pose the potential for damage

to EDH Fire s apparatuses, and pose an additional consideration regarding the wear and tear on residents' vehicles.

EDH Fire Department s Deputy Chief Mike Lilienthal forwarded residents questions and concerns onto to EDH Fire's Community Risk Reduction Division for review. EDH Fire Department's Fire Prevention Specialist Marshall Cox provided a copy of EDH Fire Department's Traffic Calming Standards (<http://basslakeaction.net/tcs>). These standards suggest incremental responses to traffic calming solutions. Several of these options would be more obtainable than stop signs, in both the costs, and the required supporting analysis.

The EDH Fire Department has three tiers of traffic calming devices / solutions, beginning with increased enforcement, signage, then moving onto measures such as paint on the road way, Optical Speed Bars, Raised Pavement Markers, Speed Reduction Markings, Speed feedback signs (radar signs that digitally display the vehicle's speed) and finally ending with Offset Speed Tables. The Offset Speed Tables are low speed bumps that only extend the width of one lane of the roadway, which allows fire apparatus to "weave" around the devices when responding to emergency calls.

However, this would also allow motorists to use the same "weave" maneuver - in this instance, residents could be trading drivers speeding for motorists driving on wrong side of the road to avoid the single lane speed bump. Before suggesting that drivers in our neighborhoods wouldn't do such a thing, also consider that, unfortunately, we routinely see drivers running through existing stop signs, as well as the current speeding problem.

Residents should expect to see more education and enforcement efforts going forward. A community meeting is expected in the coming months to discuss concerns and solutions.

### Speed Legend

*Tier I (Low Intensity - No Effect on Emergency Vehicles/Response Time)*

- Numerals painted on the roadway indicating the current speed limit.
- Usually placed near speed limit signposts.
- Can be useful in reinforcing a reduction in speed limit between one segment of a roadway and another segment.
- May be placed at major entry points of a residential area.

Approximate Cost: \$75 per location

Approximate Speed Reduction Benefit: varied (more dependent on driver behavior)



Example of a Tier I Traffic Calming Treatment from the El Dorado Hills Fire Department Traffic Calming Standard Addendum 12-06-2016



## EID BOARD DECLARES FREE DAY USE AT SLY PARK ON EARTH DAY

*El Dorado Irrigation District Press Release*

During the January 11, 2021, board meeting a resolution was passed recognizing Sly Park Recreation Area as a valuable resource to EID's customers, El Dorado County residents, and the wider community. As such, the Board has declared Earth Day, April 22, an annual day use free access day at Sly Park Recreation Area.

All fees associated with day use activities will be waived for guests on this day and for future Earth Days. Camping fees will remain in effect, along with all other policies and procedures.

Sly Park Recreation Area, with beautiful Jenkinson Lake at its center, sits at 3,500 feet in elevation in Pollock Pines (21 miles east of Placerville on Highway 50, and is a popular destination for campers, hikers, bikers, boaters, anglers, equestrians, photographers, and all-around nature lovers. The lake is surrounded by over nine miles of trails that accommodate hikers, bikers and horses. The trail system winds through thick forested areas and open meadows while closely following the lake shore around the entire perimeter. Scattered throughout the park are a variety of day use areas which are excellent picnic or cookout locations.

All day use areas are in close proximity to the lake and have access to picnic tables, restrooms and water. Sly Park Recreation Area has something for everyone and is open to the public year round.

To learn more about Sly Park and other EID recreation opportunities, visit [www.eid.org/recreation](http://www.eid.org/recreation)

Through their efforts, the Gaal's have successfully organized the following free programs:

- After-school enrichment (arts, crafts, and music)
- Chess club
- Morning coffee & tea
- Yoga, stretch, and balance
- and others

A recent example of Rowland's unwavering commitment was when coronavirus shut down the country, and almost everyone stopped providing in-person activities. Rowland jumped right on board and kept his Yoga, Stretch & Balance online, offering free classes twice a week. Rowland asked the District to provide his class to Gilmore Senior Center members, noting "we could be doing this for a long time, and we need to stick together."

Rowland is also part of the Bass Lake Regional Park working group. A board member for the EDH Promise Foundation provides valuable insight as a naturalist and advocates for a robust outdoor education program and trail development at BLRP. He has spent countless hours at Bass Lake recording flora and fauna so that in the future, our children can begin to learn the natural history while out on walks with their families or on field trips with their school groups. In the BLRP working group, he also leads the Habitat committee and has recruited over 20 members! His incredible docent-led walking tours engage the community and offer educational anecdotes. It is there where he dives deeper into sharing the natural history and academic lessons about the blue oaks, the pine cones, and wildlife that opens the hearts and minds of those on his tours.

- Being a lifelong educator, Rowland taught chemistry, physics, biology, engineering, journalism, and manufacturing.
- Rowland and Sharon both volunteered with the Yosemite Conservancy in Yosemite Valley and Tuolumne Meadows for three years providing visitor information and natural history interpretation.
- In the '70s, Rowland helped develop a summer outdoor education program for the Oak Grove School District which he administered and taught, enrolling 160 students camping and backpacking in Yosemite for five summers.
- After retirement, Rowland volunteered as a nature field teacher at the Placer Nature Center.
- He volunteered as a 5th-grade science aide as well as a 4th-grade science aide.
- He volunteered at his granddaughter's elementary school, developing and delivering science curriculum for her grade level classes from first through fifth grade.
- Rowland leads the Foothills United Methodist church's Nomadic Winter Homeless shelter. Every week the team transports, feeds, and provides shelter to homeless members of the broader community.

Thanks to Rowland's generous nature, EDHCSD, our community, and our county significantly benefit from his active volunteerism. He is most certainly our Champion of the Community!



## BASS LAKE ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBER ROWLAND GAAL RECOGNIZED AS 2020 CHAMPION OF THE COMMUNITY

*Published on the El Dorado Hills Community Services District Facebook Page*



Rowland Gaal

At the EDHCSD Board of Directors April 2021 meeting, Rowland Gaal was recognized as California Parks & Recreation Society's 2020 Champion of the Community! The Champion of the Community award honors and recognizes individuals or organizations who have contributed significant effort to influence and improve the quality of their community through parks and recreation. This statewide award recognizes the contributions of those who volunteer and provide support and services in their community that furthers the mission and quality delivery of park and recreation services, programs, and facilities.

Rowland and his wife Sharon are both retired school teachers and were both very active in developing and implementing free programs at EDHCSD's Oak Knoll Clubhouse.



## From The BLAC Board

April 2021

### The President's Letter

Ten years ago then B.L.A.C. President John Thomson wrote his President's letter about the wet winter and generous snowpack. While we are luckier than other parts of California which continue to reflect the overall dry conditions, the third annual snow survey on March 5th in El Dorado County recorded 56 inches of snow depth at Phillips Station near Echo Summit which is the snow water equivalent of 21 inches, 86% of average for the location.

Typically California snowpack is the deepest and has the highest snow water equivalent on April 1. According to weatherspark.com, the normal rainfall for El Dorado County this month is 1.2 inches and it rarely exceeds 3.0 inches or falls below 0.1 inch. Will we set a record and not receive any rain in April this year?

The long anticipated Empire Ranch interchange was added to the Folsom General Plan in 1993 and the project was studied in 2006, but postponed at that time primarily due to a lack of funding.

It was recently announced that the City of Folsom, in cooperation with Caltrans, is now moving forward with the interchange which will be on the Sacramento County and El Dorado County line between East Bidwell Street and the El Dorado Hills Latrobe Road interchanges along Highway 50. The proponents of the project hope that by redistribution of the traffic in the region, congestion will be reduced and safety improved.

Including a four-lane overpass with roundabout ramp connections to both the westbound and eastbound Highway 50 interchange, the project will connect the existing Empire Ranch Road and Iron Point intersection to a future southern extension of Empire Ranch Road connecting to White Rock Road or -

## HOMEOWNER INSURANCE COVERAGE IN CALIFORNIA

By Kathy Prevost

When my home insurance policy renewed recently, I received a separate mailer from my insurer, State Farm, who has automatically enrolled all their customers in California, Arizona, Washington, Colorado and Oregon with Homeowners and Farm policies in wildfire protection services at no additional cost.

According to the mailer, the program will provide protection to their customer's homes located in an area of an active wildfire effective April 1, 2021. Wildfire Defense Systems (WDS), by an agreement with State Farm, may visit properties to assess the threat of fire and take proactive actions based on their professional judgment.

WDS is headquartered in Bozeman, Montana and according to their website is "The national leader in insurer wildfire services, combining professional wildfire consulting with federally certified emergency response wildfire suppression services." Founded in 2001 to assist the U.S. Forest Service, they added professional services in 2005 and launched comprehensive wildfire loss prevention programs for insurance in 2008.

The company states they cover a twenty state region providing services to the private sector at wildfire agency scale with comprehensive wildfire programs for wildfire suppression and structure protection services.

This is a very positive move for State Farm's policyholders and for the company by proactively reducing possible future losses. But what is happening for other consumers who have had their home insurance either not renewed or canceled?

Many have sought very expensive alternative insurance methods such as the California FAIR Plan which is an insurance pool created by the state after serious brush fires and riots in the 1960s and meant to be a policy of last resort. It provides only basic fire protection with no liability or theft and costs more than a traditional policy. It is available if you have been rejected three times by insurance companies.

A July 25, 2019, letter from our El Dorado County Board of Supervisors (EDC BOS) to California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara spelled out some of the impacts of the inability to obtain insurance.

Homeowners are uniformly willing to make the necessary physical modifications to their property to minimize risk, but many of the notices received by homeowners offer no alternatives whatsoever to cancellation. And the insurance companies often give only 30 days' notice, leaving homeowners in the lurch as they scramble to obtain coverage from another - any other - carrier. As a last resort, some El Dorado County homeowners have tried to pack up and leave, only to find that their property is unsellable or seriously devalued because of the unavailability of fire insurance coverage.

In August of 2019, the BOS met with Commissioner Lara who acknowledged the difficulties of obtaining home insurance and laid out a plan to help homeowners have access to the affordable policies they need in times of disaster.

As of September 16, 2020, California wildfires had destroyed 4200 structures and claimed 25 lives since mid-August according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. It was estimated by Moody's Investors Service that recent California wildfires had caused \$1.5 billion in insured losses based on the destruction at that point of 1800 structures.

In an effort to assist homeowners' ability to afford and maintain insurance in California with the growing wildfire risk, Commissioner Lara used his authority under state law and Proposition 103, (which governs how insurance rates are set in California) to propose four moves to insurance coverage for homeowners in areas susceptible to wildfires on that date.

1. Requiring that insurers seek "adequate and justifiable" rates for homeowners insurance.
2. Giving consumers clear insights into their wildfire risk scores and what they can do to reduce them.
3. Developing science-based standards that apply to all insurers regarding the "hardening" of homes.
4. Setting up premium reducing incentives for structures that have undergone hardening and risk mitigation.

He, also, scheduled a virtual meeting for October 19, 2020, inviting consumers, First Responders, Insurance representatives and others to comment on insurance "availability and affordability" related to the wildfire disasters. This was the beginning of the introduction of new state regulations surrounding wildfire insurance.

Homeowners insurance and wildfire risks legislation had been previously debated by -

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the future Capital SouthEast Connector just west of the county line.

The extension is anticipated to be completed within 5 years.

It is planned to include six foot sidewalks with 8-foot shoulders for bicycle pedestrian access on each side of the ramp across the bridge and a separated class one option is being considered. The project will add a new auxiliary lane between the interchanges on both sides of Highway 50 which will allow vehicles to travel locally between intersections without entering through lanes of traffic. Ultimately, the auxiliary lanes are planned to continue to the Hazel interchanges.

Estimated to cost 60 million dollars, the project will be financed by federal funds, developer impact fees, local sales taxes and gas taxes and they optimistically hope they can break ground in 2025.

As of April 9th, El Dorado County had fewer than 200 residential listings according to Ken Calhoun's column in the Home Source magazine, while the county has experienced previous years where home availability was below average, this last year has been unprecedented, as have the circumstances causing the shortage. According to Calhoun, if the shortage does continue into June there may not be a surge of new listings and this could be the new normal. This is particularly problematic in the entry level price range and El Dorado County has more residential listings priced over \$1 million than priced under \$450,000.

With low mortgage rates, homeowners are refinancing and remodeling rather than selling. The median selling price for an El Dorado County resale is \$580,000, which is an all-time high, and the median price for a new home in El Dorado Hills is over \$750,000 which is pricing many county sellers out of the new home market.

While the median selling price in El Dorado County has increased 17% since March of last year, the house price index compiled by the Federal Housing Finance Agency found a 12% year-over-year increase for US homes over all which is record-setting and the largest annual gain since 1991. Bidding wars are not unusual with the limited supply of homes listed for sale.

This is happening across the country and,

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**HOMEOWNER INSURANCE**

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- the California State Assembly but no action had been taken.

While serving as a state senator in 2018, Lara had written into law that insurance companies must wait one year before dropping a policyholder in an area affected by fire and 2 years if the policyholder's home was destroyed. He used this law in December of 2019 to impose a one-year moratorium against non-renewals in 180 zip codes identified by State Fire officials as having been directly impacted by fires in 2019.

This moratorium was extended in November of 2020, and covered more than twice the previous one.

In February of 2021, Insurance Commissioner Lara proposed new rules for homeowners and businesses to have the ability to access their property wild fire risk scores which have not been generally available. Under the new rules the insurance companies would be required to provide consumers with their properties wildfire risk score and recognize a consumer's mitigation actions to improve their rating by fire hardening and creating defensible space.

According to Commissioner Lara, Giving consumers their wildfire risk scores and the ability to lower them will incentivize the home-hardening and community mitigation efforts already underway to better prepare us for future wildfires".

Since taking office in 2019, Commissioner Lara, has held in-person and virtual meetings on wildfire issues in 36 counties which were attended by more than 10,000 people. At the first investigatory wildfire insurance hearing held in October of 2020, many consumers spoke about their frustration and confusion because of nonrenewal or seeing their premiums increase despite taking actions to reduce their wildfire fire risk.

He, also, announced new rules to strengthen his ability to protect consumers through a review of insurance company rate filings. The new proposed regulation changes clarify that insurance companies are required to submit complete information used to determine which properties underwrite or renew. It will also provide more clarity to the insurance companies regarding what materials and information is required in filed rate applications.

Since the December 10, 2020 meeting, he has also been exploring the use of catastrophic modeling as a ratemaking tool to possibly benefit market competition and to increase insurance availability for consumers.

Following a public pre noticed workshop on March 30, 2021, on wildfire risk score regulations and on April 6, 2021, regarding the complete rate filing regulations, including input from the public, he began the formal regulatory process for adoption of the new rules.

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

- for example, my grandson is in the process of purchasing his first home in Denver after winning a bidding war with no less than 20 other potential buyers.

In a normal March, El Dorado Hills would have about 160 homes for sale, however, at the end of the month there were only 34 homes listed for sale in the area according to Keller Williams Real Estate Company. Realtor.com reports the median list price for a house in March of 2021 in El Dorado Hills was \$700,000 with a median sales price of \$780,000, and homes were selling for 2.45% over list price with an average of 40 days on the market.

There is a lot happening at the county level and I thought Bulletin readers might find the following articles very informative. We were residents at the time of the last Supervisorial redistricting and it was a very interesting process to follow.

### EL DORADO COUNTY REDISTRICTING INFORMATION

In March, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors approved a process and timeline for carrying out redistricting and formed an internal redistricting team which consists of the Chief Administrative Officer, Surveyor, County Council and Registrar of Voters.

The 2010 Census Data indicated that El Dorado County had grown by nearly 25,000 residents from 2000 to 2010 and the growth was spread disproportionately across Supervisorial districts with District 5 losing 10% of their population and District 2 increasing population by 46%. County staff believes that the 2020 census will likely reflect the same changes in population and will require redrawing of the boundary lines.

A redistricting webpage will be set up on the County's website to provide up-to-date information including agendas, minutes, meeting announcements, press releases, maps, and etcetera. The page will, also, include a link to information about the general explanation of the redistricting process; procedures for members of the public to testify during public hearings or submit written testimony directly to the board; a calendar of all public hearing and workshop dates with the time and location of the public hearing or

workshop; the notice and agenda for each public hearing and workshop; the recording or written summary of each public hearing and workshop, and each draft map considered by the board at a public hearing.

There will be an email address or comment form to allow for public comments and questions and residents may subscribe to the webpage so they can receive an email notification when new information is added. At least four public forums will be scheduled in different parts of the county and at least one public forum must be held to provide input regarding the composition of the Supervisor Districts before the board draws a map. Using census data, the Surveyor's office will use their Geographic Information Mapping System to analyze and map District boundaries.

The public will be able to view the maps and data layers of each proposal.

When the public forums conclude, the Board of Supervisors will schedule a formal public hearing on the map alternatives and a second public hearing will be scheduled to adopt one of the map alternatives on or before November 15th. While a schedule for conducting the redistricting has been established, there is legislation pending in the California legislature to alleviate the deadline which could affect upcoming elections. At this point, the US Census Bureau plans to deliver the information in the House of Representatives to the President by April 30.

El Dorado County will hold the first public hearing on a pre-draft map between May and September and the public will be invited to provide input for the composition of Supervisor Districts. This is required before the Board of Supervisors draws the draft map. A second public hearing may take place in September before the Board of Supervisors draws a draft map because the US Census Bureau will be sending data to be used by the states for redistricting by September 30th which is a delay from the traditional date of March 31st.

The Surveyor's Office will analyze all data to develop map alternatives in October 2021 and they will be published for public review.

A third and fourth public meeting will be scheduled and the public will be able to provide input on the draft maps. The map alternative will be adopted by ordinance.

The revised map is expected to be published in November of 2021, 7 days prior to adoption and by November 15th, the board will adopt the new District boundaries to meet the December 15, 2021 deadline.

If a County has a regular election after January 1, 2022 and before July 1, 2022, the elected leadership must adopt District boundaries not later than 174 days before that election. The next regular election, which is a primary, is scheduled for June 7, 2022.

### EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIENT OCCUPANT TAX

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors recently agreed on how to spend a portion of the anticipated transient occupancy tax funding for the 2021-22 fiscal year. When visitors stay for 30 days or less in any lodging facility, except for campsites, a 10% transient occupancy tax is collected by the county. Established in 2004, this tax revenue can be used for anything but has been mainly directed towards tourism and economic development.

Recently the county has been directing 10% of the transient occupancy tax or TOT to the Treasurer Tax Collector's office budget to cover costs associated with administering the vacation home rentals program and collecting the tax, 5% has been directed to fund the El Dorado County Veterans Commission grants and activities and at least 51% of the TOT has gone to the county economic development budget with the remaining amount to the General Fund to offset other general, ongoing obligations.

County staff is projecting approximately \$5 million in transient occupancy tax for the fiscal year 2021- 22 but it could be higher. After the allocations had been decided, there was a remaining \$2.15 million with requests for funding totaling \$4.5 million, far exceeding the available amount.

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- District 4 Supervisor Lori Parlin suggested part of the leftover funds should be used to hire a person to work exclusively for a two year period to create design standards or community plans for some of the county's rural centers. District 1 Supervisor John Hidahl suggested that El Dorado Hills was interested in the preparation of a community plan as opposed to just design standards.

After much discussion, the Supervisors agreed to spend the leftover TOT funds accordingly: \$1.3 million for road maintenance, \$500,000 for snow removal equipment, \$142,500 for an additional code enforcement officer and vehicle, \$85,500 to hire an additional senior development technician, \$68,000 for El Dorado Hills Fire Department 2020 search and rescue impacts, \$5,800 for Georgetown Fire Department rescue equipment, \$222,000 for Lake Valley Fire Department to handle visitor calls for service and \$350,000 to Lake Valley Fire quick attack fire apparatus.

Any remaining TOT will be used for staffing for the preparation of a certain number of community plans for rural centers in the county.

Respectfully,

Kathy Prevost

President  
Bass Lake Action Committee



**EL DORADO COUNTY  
MASTER GARDENERS  
HOLDS FIRST SPRING  
PLANT SALE ON APRIL 17th  
SECOND SPRING PLANT SALE TO  
FOLLOW ON MAY 1st**

The University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners of El Dorado County held their first of two planned spring plant sales for April & May on April 17th.

The sale was conducted via shopping reservation and walk ins at the Sherwood Demonstration Garden, located at the Folsom Lake College El Dorado Center, 6699 Campus Drive in Placerville along Green Valley Road near the Missouri Flat Road intersection.

The Saturday event featured edible plants, including fruit, vegetables, and herbs.

The second event will be held Saturday May 1st, and will include trees, shrubs, grasses, succulents, native, and perennial plants. The May 1st event is scheduled for 8:00AM through 3:00PM.

The El Dorado Master Gardeners reported on their Facebook page that the April 17th event was a smash!

UCCE Master Gardeners of El Dorado County are community members trained under University of California Cooperative Extension, UC Davis. Learn more on their website:  
[http://ucanr.org/sites/EDC\\_Master\\_Gardeners/](http://ucanr.org/sites/EDC_Master_Gardeners/)



image courtesy of the UCCE Master Gardeners of El Dorado County Facebook page

Flier courtesy of the UCCE Master Gardeners of El Dorado County

**B.L.A.C. BOARD MEETING  
SET FOR MAY 10, 2021**

The next BLAC Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2021 at 7PM. All BLAC Members are invited to attend. Members will receive an email invitation that will include the Zoom Link and instructions for attending the Virtual meeting.

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).

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