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LLAD LEVY REPEAT: AUDITOR LEAVES LLAD LEVIES OFF OF 2023/24 PROPERTY TAX STATEMENTS



[EDH CSD website LLAD Page](#)

By John Davey

El Dorado Hills Property owners received their 2023/24 Property Tax statements in the mail in mid September, and for the second year in a row, the annual Landscaping & Lighting Assessment District (LLAD) assessment levies were not included.

LLADs are governed by the California Streets and Highways Code, and were established by the Landscaping & Lighting Act of 1972. Their purpose is to provide funds for maintenance, repair, and replacement of identified assets; including

providing services, utilities and capital improvements associated with landscape medians, corridors, entrances, and parks. The work is anticipated to specifically enhance the environment and economic value of those properties located with the assessment district. Every year each LLADs is required by state law to have an Engineer's Report submitted. These Engineer Reports and the required public hearings document new cost estimates that are developed to determine the costs to fund the LLAD improvements, maintenance, and operation for the upcoming fiscal year. LLADs in El Dorado Hills are

managed by the El Dorado Hills Community Services District (EDH CSD).

In 2022, County Auditor Joe Harn rejected the LLAD assessments for properties in 24 of El Dorado Hills' 25 LLADs. The Auditor had cited that in the previous year, 2021, the EDH CSD Board had approved an LLAD assessment for the Carson Creel LLAD #39 at \$15.74, but the EDH CSD's Consultant DTA, the professional engineers that develop the annual Engineers Reports, had

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submitted the Carson Creek LLAD assessment in the amount of \$13.74. The Auditor asked for clarification, and the EDH CSD legal counsel responded that the "... the District is opting to levy assessments at the lower amount of \$13.74 per parcel." The Auditor believed that the documents submitted violated the intent of the Streets and Highways Code. Following this, the EDH CSD directed DTA to change the levy back to what the EDH CSD Board had originally approved, a \$15.74 per lot assessment.

In 2022, Auditor Harn observed that the Streets and Highway Code specifies that immediately after the adoption of any resolution confirming an assessment, that the approving body (the EDH CSD Board) shall file the assessment with the County Auditor. Auditor Harn stated that the EDH CSD consultant delivered the assessments for the 15,000-plus parcels more than 60 days later. He also indicated The EDH CSD had conveyed to the Auditor that a certain number of parcels contained homes that had been constructed on them, but the following day ECH CSD Consultant DTA submitted a levy that indicated that those parcels were undeveloped lots.

Following Harn's actions, the EDH CSD filed a lawsuit against El Dorado County and Auditor Harn.

This year, the Auditor submitted an email to the EDH CSD on June 13,

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2023 where he communicated that LLAD assessment resolution approved by the EDH CSD Board does not comply with the CA Street and Highways Code - primarily because the resolution establishing 2023/24 LLAD Assessments included language that stated that assessment amounts were "not to exceed" instead of just stating the assessment amount. In his email the Auditor challenged the EDH CSD that:

... the "assessment" must be determined by your Board of Directors. Your Board can not delegate to the CSD's staff the authority to modify the "assessment". As I wrote you on June 8th, when I offered to talk to you on the phone, the "not to exceed" language in the resolution is vague and variable. The SHC (Streets and Highway Code) requires that your Board, and only your Board, adopt specific LLAD assessments.

I have been contacted by property owners in El Dorado Hills threatening litigation if I place these assessments on the tax roll.

The Auditor concluded that he did not intend to include the EDH CSD LLAD assessments on the 2023/24 Property Tax statement.

In 2022, the EDH CSD's response letter was included in the October 2022 Bulletin, and remains their position regarding the LLADs today:

The District relies on the County to apply the assessments to property taxes which fund the LLADs. Last year (2021) the County Auditor, Joe Harn, unexpectedly required a written letter to additionally attest as to the accuracy of the files the District submits for these LLADs. Without enough time to research the matter, the District partially complied in

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providing that letter. This year (2022), the District was again confronted by this requirement from the Auditor. However, it has become increasingly apparent that this requirement of the County Auditor is not based in any law or fact. Rather it is about his office being bothered by questions from the public; a basis in conjecture of a slipshod civil grand jury report about LLADs, and; his concern for the District charging a lessor assessment than the maximum permitted by resolution of the District Board of Directors.

The previous statement is supported by the County Auditor's letters to the District ... and it leaves the District with an understanding that the Auditor's Office does not want any members of the public to contact his office and make inquiries; it will make determinations upon unsupported and unlawful information and it wants members of assessment districts to be charged more, even if the amount should be less because more contributors were assessed at the time of final tax transactions...

To add insult to injury, the Auditor has stated that the District could submit the attestation and that he'd then file a supplementary tax bill to property owners...for a fee amounting to nearly \$60,000 to the District, aka: the taxpaying community of EDH.

... Sadly, the District has sought to resolve this without avail and is now required to take action in the form of seeking legal remedies to compel the El Dorado County Auditor, Joe Harn, to do what is right, as he has provided zero lawful or factual basis in his

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decision making. Please read through the District's recent letter to the County and the Letters from the Auditor on this matter. You may ask, "Why not just supply the written letter the Auditor wants?" The simple answer is the attestation has already been provided by the hired consultant of the District – in part, that is why we have a third party consultant perform this work. In the end, should there be errors, the District has proven it will own its actions and correct those situations even if it means issuing refunds.

More information is available on the LLAD page of the EDH CSD website here:

[https://www.eldoradohillscsd.org/about/administration_finance/landscape_lighting_assessment_districts_\(llads\).php](https://www.eldoradohillscsd.org/about/administration_finance/landscape_lighting_assessment_districts_(llads).php)

For Bass Lake Area LLADs this means that property owners will now be two years in arrears for these LLAD Assessments owed:

Bass Lake A - The Hills of El Dorado

2022-23 \$275.48 (missing from property tax assessment)
2023-24 \$272.02 (missing from property tax assessment)
-Possible annual MAX assessment levy per parcel \$286.66-

Two year total owed: \$547.50

Bass Lake B - Woodridge

2022-23 \$120.74 (missing from property tax assessment)
2023-24 \$110.42 (missing from property tax assessment)

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- Possible annual MAX assessment levy per parcel \$608.22

Two year total owed: \$231.16

Hollow Oaks - Laurel Oaks

2022-23 \$363.22 (missing from property tax assessment)
2023-24 \$625.28 (missing from property tax assessment)
-Possible annual MAX assessment levy per parcel \$893.17

Two year total owed: \$988.50

These following three Bass Lake Area LLADs have not begun assessing property yet, as they are either in construction, or just finishing construction:

Hawk View

2022-23 \$0
2023-24 \$0
-Possible annual MAX assessment levy per parcel \$907.09

Bell Ranch

2022-23 \$0
2023-24 \$0
-Possible annual MAX assessment levy per parcel \$1433.22

Bass Lake North

2022-23 \$0
2023-24 \$0
-Possible annual MAX assessment levy per parcel \$594.43

Again in 2023, as in 2022, there was no notification provided to El Dorado Hills LLAD property owners from El Dorado County, the El Dorado County Auditor Controller's office, or from the EDH CSD before the property tax statements were mailed to property owners. The EDH CSD did post details on the LLAD page of their website in October 2022, fully a month after property tax statements had been delivered.

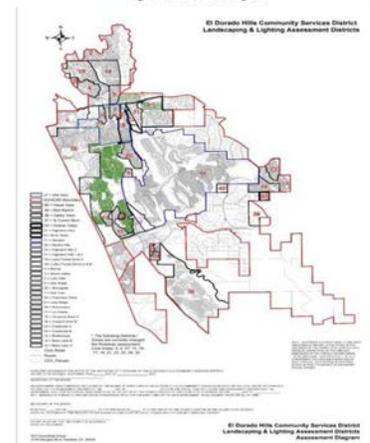
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Arguably there are property owners that don't even realize that there is an LLAD assessment on their property tax statement, or if they do, they likely don't notice that the assessment has been missing for two years. When the Assessments finally return to the property tax statement sometime in the future, property owners will be faced with a minimum of two years of missed assessments - if a supplemental property tax statement isn't issued before September of 2024, and the two missed assessments end up on the 2024/25 Property Tax Statement, property owners may be presented with THREE years worth of assessments at once.

And lastly, as we detailed in the Bass Lake Bulletin October 2022 issue - because the EDH CSD and and El Dorado County are involved in litigation, El Dorado Hills residents are paying for BOTH the EDH CSD legal costs, as well as El Dorado County's legal costs to defend the lawsuit. This entire situation injures El Dorado Hills Property Owners. Arbitration would be the best course of action to serve El Dorado Hills residents, as a legal remedy has not been manifested through litigation in the past year.

VIII ASSESSMENT DIAGRAM

Figure 1: Assessment Diagram



Map of EDH CSD LLADs

**MARGARET FORTUNE
ENTERS EDC BOS
DISTRICT 1 2024
RACE**

By John Davey

Margaret Fortune, an education pioneer and longtime resident of El Dorado Hills, has announced her candidacy for the open El Dorado County Board of Supervisors District 1 seat. Known for her extensive career in building and leading a network of public charter schools, Fortune is dedicated to improving the academic performance of underserved students across Sacramento and San Bernardino counties.

Fortune’s career spans advising two California governors on education policy and operating an organization with 460 employees and a \$52 million budget. She has served as an education advisor to Governors Gray Davis and Arnold Schwarzenegger, chaired the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, and was a trustee on the California State University Board of Trustees for eight years.

Following in her parents’ footsteps as educators, Fortune founded Fortune School, a network of 12 public charter schools serving 2,200 students in Sacramento and San Bernardino. Her mission: to prepare low-income students for college starting in preschool through 12th grade. In 2023, 100% of seniors at her early college high school graduated, with 82% accepted to a four-year college and over a third earning full-ride scholarships.

Fortune’s commitment to her community extends beyond education.

After volunteering in the wildfire relief effort to help reopen seven schools that had burned down in the Camp Fire, she was elected to the El Dorado Resource Conservation District Board in 2023. Her campaign focuses on housing opportunities for seniors, protecting open space, improving wildfire prevention and response, and fiscal responsibility.

Fortune, 51, has lived in El Dorado Hills with her wife Anette for nearly a decade. Anette, originally from a small town in Germany, is adjunct faculty in child development at Folsom Lake College. Fortune’s goal is to serve the community where she and Anette have made a happy home and found friends with common values.

For more information, visit Margaret4Supervisor.com.

Source: The Village Life
https://www.villagelife.com/news/local/margaret-fortune-tosses-hat-in-district-1-supervisor-race/article_4de3cff6-3f7e-11ee-9c1b-7786b2902001.html

**EDH RESIDENT LINDA
CAMPBELL FILES
FOR BOS DISTRICT 1**

By John Davey

A social media posting on September 15, 2023 indicated that El Dorado Hills resident Linda Campbell has filed with the El Dorado County Elections Department for the 2024 El Dorado County Board of Supervisors District 1 open seat.

Mrs. Campbell is a chaplain with Sierra Chaplaincy serving El Dorado

Sheriff’s Department, Senior Director at Oracle, and a small business owner.

No campaign details are available at press time about the Campbell candidacy, or from the County Elections Department. The Bass Lake Bulletin was unable to discover a formal announcement.

Mrs. Campbell joins the D1 BOS race alongside candidates Greg Ferrero, and Margaret Fortune.

As more details are announced from each supervisor candidate’s campaigns, we will share them here in the Bass Lake Bulletin.

**CHP ROLLS OUT
E-BIKE ONLINE
SAFETY TRAINING**

CHP Press Release

As the popularity of electric bikes continues to skyrocket, the California Highway Patrol is launching an online e-bike safety and training program to help keep commuters and recreational cyclists ride safe.

“With the rise in popularity of e-bikes across the state, the CHP worked with Gov. Newsom’s administration, the Legislature and key stakeholders to develop California’s first e-bike safety and training program,” said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. “The CHP’s program can be accessed on our website and is designed to promote safety for those who choose to ride this alternative mode of transportation.”

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Find the e-bike safety program online at chp.ca.gov/Bike-and-Ped-Safety.

Assembly Bill 1946, which was signed into law by Newsom and took effect on Jan. 1, required the CHP to work with relevant stakeholders to develop an online training program that offers information on e-bike safety, emergency maneuver skills, rules of the road and laws related to e-bikes. The e-bike safety and training program features tutorials, videos, a quiz and other interactive elements with an easy-to-follow, intuitive presentation to help make the material engaging, practical and informative.

Electric bicycles are heavier and faster than standard bicycles and, without the proper safety education and training, e-bike riders have a higher risk of becoming severely injured or killed in a crash. As e-bikes become more commonplace, it's also important for drivers to familiarize themselves with sharing the road with e-bike riders.

According to preliminary data from the California Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System, there were more than 9,600 bicycle-involved crashes in 2022. At least 225 of those crashes involved an e-bike, including four that resulted in fatal injuries. This reflects a significant increase from the previous year when there were 80 e-bike crashes reported in California.

CHP's online e-bike safety and training program is designed to help riders of all abilities and all ages identify potential hazards, while

offering information on safe riding practices and hazard-avoidance maneuvers.

CHP officials collaborated with many stakeholders who assisted with the content and creation of the e-bike safety and training program. This diverse group of safety stakeholders includes several leading organizations committed to bicycle safety; federal, state and local government traffic safety partners; and injury prevention coordinators from hospitals throughout the state

BOS RESPONDS TO GRAND JURY REPORT

By John Davey

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors has responded to the 2023 Grand Jury report on the county's permitting process, which found that the process was inefficient and delayed.

The board's response acknowledges that there are issues with the permitting process and that it is committed to improving it. The response also outlines a number of steps that the county is taking to address the issues, including:

Hiring a new position in the Planning and Building Department with the sole responsibility of improving the permitting process. This new position will be responsible for identifying and implementing ways to streamline the permitting process and reduce delays.

Revamping the Planning and Building website to include a map of all processed projects and their information, including all documents submitted. This new website will make it easier for residents to track

the status of their permit applications and to see what information is required for each step of the process.

Benchmarking staff work to identify areas for improvement. The county will be benchmarking the performance of its Planning and Building staff against other counties in California to identify areas where the permitting process can be improved.

Improving communication between county staff and residents looking to get through the permitting process. The county will be developing new communication protocols to ensure that residents are kept informed of the status of their permit applications and that they have access to the information and support they need to navigate the permitting process.

In addition to these steps, the county is also considering a number of other recommendations from the Grand Jury report, including:

- Expanding the simple permit program to allow homeowners to request and pay for the permits online. This would make it easier for homeowners to obtain permits for minor projects, such as building a fence or deck.
- Creating a permitting ombudsman position to assist residents with the permitting process. This ombudsman would be responsible for answering questions, resolving disputes, and helping residents to navigate the permitting process.
- Developing a performance dashboard to track the progress of the county's efforts to improve the

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permitting process. This dashboard would be made available to the public so that residents can see how the county is doing in its efforts to improve the permitting process.

The board's response to the Grand Jury report has been met with mixed reactions from the public. Some residents are pleased that the county is taking steps to address the permitting issues, while others believe that the response does not go far enough.

One public commenter during the board meeting, identified as K. Davis, took issue with the county's response stating that staff is "simply" working with IT to resolve many of the permitting issues. Davis said that this does not seem like an adequate response and urged the board to direct staff to prepare a better response.

The board voted to send the official response to the Grand Jury during its September 19 meeting.

It is important to note that it will take time to implement the changes that have been proposed. In the meantime, residents who are applying for permits should expect to experience some delays.

The county has encouraged residents to contact the Planning and Building Department ombudsman if they have any questions or concerns about their permit application. The ombudsman can help residents to understand the permitting process and to navigate any challenges that they may be facing.

Residents can also contact the board of supervisors directly to express their concerns about the permitting process. The board is committed to improving the process and wants to hear from residents about their experiences.

In addition to the steps that the county is taking, there are a number of things that residents can do to help streamline the permitting process:

Be prepared when you submit your permit application. Make sure that you have all of the required documentation and that your application is complete.

Be responsive to requests from county staff. If you are asked to provide additional information or to make changes to your application, do so promptly.

Be patient. The permitting process can be complex and time-consuming. It is important to be patient and to understand that the county is working to improve the process.

Sources - El Dorado County Legistar and Mountain Democrat Reporting https://www.mtdemocrat.com/news/staff-supes-hash-out-permitting-woes-in-grand-jury-response/article_565c83c6-536a-11ee-bc96-fbdb90b309e9.html

ENJOY A HARVEST OF FALL EVENTS AT WAKMATSU

American River Conservancy

September through November events

Plein Air Paint-out at Wakamatsu Farm Oct. 21, Nov. 4, 8:30 a.m. to noon

Join artist David Yapp for a time of plein air painting at Wakamatsu Farm. "En plein air" is a French term meaning "in the open air" and refers to painting outdoors (normally a landscape or townscape) on location. This was a very popular approach of the French Impressionist painters, who incorporated the natural light, color and movement of the outdoors into their paintings. Bring your own paints and equipment for a time of self-guided painting. You supply all your own materials and equipment (easel, canvas, oils, acrylics, watercolors, etc.), choose your subject and enjoy the camaraderie of painting outdoors with other artists. Instruction not provided. We encourage meeting together for picnic lunch after the session. Rain cancels. All painting levels welcome. Responsible children 12+ welcome (w/adult supervision). Meeting location Gold Hill/Placerville area. Cost: \$15/members, \$20/non-members. A detailed email will be sent once you register online at app.donorview.com/VyAqz.

Zen Meditation and Qigong in the Wakamatsu Garden
Oct. 1, Nov. 11, 10-11:30 a.m.

Join local mindfulness instructor Berry Crawford (and special co-leaders Jeanne Courtney and Robert Rosenbaum) for a peaceful and relaxing event at the beautiful and historical Wakamatsu farm. This event will include sessions of qigong, mindfulness meditation and walking meditation. Come learn to relax, recharge and let go with these ancient and effective practices. Responsible/quiet 12-year-olds+ welcome. Meeting location Gold Hill/Placerville area. Suggested donation: \$5/members,

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\$10/non-members. A detailed email will be sent once you register online at app.donorview.com/09nYn

Wakamatsu Open Farm Days

Oct. 21, Nov. 18, times vary

Special programming at each Open Farm Day. See the registration page for more details. Site of the first Japanese colony in America, your self-guided walking tour of Wakamatsu Farm may include a stroll to Okei-san's 1871 gravesite and Charles Graner's original 1850s farmhouse. Take a trip around the lake on the 1.5-mile wheelchair-accessible trail. Bring a picnic and chair to sit and relax. On-site interpreters can share information and answer questions about Wakamatsu Farm's human and natural history. Amenities are limited, so plan for rugged outdoor leisure. Steady rain or temperatures over 100 degrees will cancel. Cost: \$10 per vehicle. Located at: 941 Cold Springs Road, Placerville. Registration link: app.donorview.com/jRNKg.

Pine Needle Basket Class

Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Come learn the technique of coiling and how to start a basket out of pine needles in this one-day outdoor workshop led by basket-maker and ARC member, Nettie Fox. This class is appropriate for all levels, beginning through advanced. All materials will be provided and space is limited. You will receive information on collecting, storing and dyeing pine needles. Learn all about materials, embellishments and a little history on the art of pine needle basket-making.

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Additional supplies will be available for purchase. Ages 12+ welcome, with adult supervision. Meeting location Gold Hill/Placerville area. Cost: \$40/members, \$50/non-members. A detailed email will be sent once you register online at app.donorview.com/NMDZZ.

Stargazing on the Farm Saturday

Oct. 14, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

ARC volunteers and star-gazing enthusiasts Herb Tanimoto and Tim Jackson will host this sky gazing event. Expected sights include the Milky Way, M31 (the Andromeda Galaxy), and double stars such as Albireo. The highlight of the evening will be viewing Jupiter and Saturn through telescopes. Unclear skies cancel. Meeting location Gold Hill/Placerville area. Quiet children welcome. Suggested donation: \$5/members, \$10/non-members. A detailed email will be sent once you register online at app.donorview.com/05D58.

Capturing Wakamatsu: A Poetry Walk/Workshop

Sunday, Oct. 22, noon to 2 p.m.

Taylor Graham, El Dorado County's first Poet Laureate, and award-winning Sacramento-area poet Katy Brown will lead an exploration of farmhouse, barn and surroundings, then ask participants to write a poem inspired by what they've experienced. Any who wish may share their poems with the group and ARC. Children 8+ welcome with adult supervision. Meeting location Gold Hill/Placerville area. Suggested donation: \$5/members, \$10/non-members. A detailed email will be sent once you register online at app.donorview.com/7L9Zp.

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Historic Coloma Sites & Cemeteries Tour

Saturday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On this pre-Halloween history walk led by volunteer Keith Atwater, you'll visit the Union Cemetery on Bassi Road, walk by the historical and sacred Miwok grinding rock site and Chinese store in Gold Discovery State Historic Park, visit Saint John's church and graveyard, walk past the (rumored to be haunted) Vineyard House, and explore Coloma's Gold Rush era cemetery. This 1-mile walk is for quiet children 8+. Well behaved dog on leash OK. Meeting location Coloma area. Suggested Donation: \$5/members, \$10/non-members. A detailed email will be sent once you register online at app.donorview.com/y8O9r

Herbal Crafting: The Art of Distillation

Saturday, Oct. 28, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Join local herbalist Shannon Mann in transforming plants into magical hydrosols using a simple yet ancient distillation process. Experience a live demonstration with a copper still, then learn to recreate the process using a pot on your stove top at home. Learn to source plants with a walk on the farm and discover ways to use hydrosols for skin and body care, aromatherapy, cooking and more. Attendees receive a bottle of hydrosol distilled during the class and a guidebook for making hydrosols at home. Ages 10+ welcome with adult supervision. Meeting location Gold Hill/Placerville area. Cost: \$30/members, \$40/non-members. A detailed email will be sent once you register online at app.donorview.com/ZvgrL.

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ENJOY A HARVEST OF FALL EVENTS AT WAKMATSU *(con't)*

A Wild Crafternoon working with the Autumn Landscape
Sunday, Oct. 29, 2-5 p.m.

Join California naturalist and author of "Why We Need to Be Wild," Jessica Carew Kraft, for an exploration of mid-autumn plants that can be incorporated into your meals, projects and holiday observances. After a short exploratory identification walk, she will demonstrate how to process acorns, make ink with oak galls, create festive wreaths and craft mullein torches to light up your home for Halloween and the early nights to come. You'll return home with some of these items and more understanding of how to responsibly harvest and use abundant native plants. Steady rain or lightning storms will postpone. Ages 8+ welcome. Meeting location Gold Hill/Placerville area. Cost: \$5/person or \$20 max./family. A detailed email will be sent once you register online at app.donorview.com/peOPb

EDH CSD SOCIAL MEDIA: EL DORADO DISPOSAL UPDATES

From EDH CSD Social Media posting

Attention El Dorado Hills Residents,
The following is a customer update from El Dorado Disposal:

El Dorado Disposal can no longer receive tires on a rim. Customer's recycled tires will need to be off of

the rim before drop off at the Materials Recovery Facility.

El Dorado Disposal can no longer take 60-inch or larger TVs at the EDH and Cameron Park Buy Back Centers. 60-inch or larger TVs will need to be self-hauled to the Materials Recovery Facility.

The EDD Materials Recovery Facility is located at 4100 Throwita Way, Placerville. Alternate solutions are currently being explored. We will update the community with potential future changes to the above information.

For more information, please visit www.eldoradodisposal.com.



BOS APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

By John Davey

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors (BOS) has appointed Olivia Byron-Cooper as the new Director of the Health and Human Services Department (HHS). Byron-Cooper has served as the interim director of the department since December 2022, when previous director Evelyn Schaeffer was

dismissed.

Byron-Cooper has worked for El Dorado County since 2008, holding various positions including Director of Public Health, Agency Quality Improvement Manager, Program Manager, and Epidemiologist. She has also worked on tribal health issues in the Amazon Basin of Peru and the Inter-Tribal Council in Lac Du Flabeau, Wisconsin.

Byron-Cooper was praised by county leaders during her public appointment, with supervisors commending her leadership during her time as interim director.

"Your rapport with staff, your ability to build a team and decision-making done with a team have been demonstrated over and over again, particularly with the navigation center and other challenges," said District 1 Supervisor John Hidahl.

"You really stepped up for us in a time that felt like a crisis," said District 4 Supervisor Lori Parlin. "We saw you hit the ground running and you did not just hold us together as an interim, you took charge, took the lead and brought people together on so many efforts that we have going on right now."

Board Chair, District 3 Supervisor Wendy Thomas, also praised Byron-Cooper's leadership and commitment to the department.

"You are an aspirational and inspirational leader, and those are rare qualities," Thomas said. "You have come into HHS in a time when the agency desperately needed your skills and I have continued to be in awe about the great skill and diplomacy,

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NEW DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT *(con't)*

candor, strength and heart with which you bring to the position. I think we all have seen remarkable change in the culture of the agency which will reap benefits for the community and for the people you serve."

Byron-Cooper's appointment will become effective on September 23rd. Her salary has been set at approximately \$236,000.

Under Byron-Cooper's leadership, the HHS is expected to continue to focus on improving the health and well-being of all El Dorado County residents. This includes providing access to quality healthcare, promoting healthy lifestyles, and preventing disease.

Residents should expect to see a number of positive changes from the HHS under Byron-Cooper's leadership. For example, the department is expected to become more responsive to the needs of residents, and it is expected to be more proactive in addressing public health challenges.

[El Dorado County Press Release](#)

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors yesterday unanimously appointed Olivia Byron-Cooper as the County's Director of Health and Human Services Agency. Byron-Cooper has been Interim Director for the last nine months.

"We are thrilled to have Olivia at the helm of this large and complex agency, applying her steady and collaborative approach to leadership,"

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said Board chair, Wendy Thomas. "She has demonstrated her thoughtful leadership skills since becoming Interim Director late last year, particularly in the area of the establishment of the County's temporary Navigation Center and participation in the Strategic Plan refresh. She is clearly the right woman at the right time to take these reins."

Byron-Cooper began her career with El Dorado County in 2008 and has held positions as an epidemiologist, program manager, agency quality improvement manager, and Director of Public Health before being named Interim Director. Prior to coming to the County, she received her master's degree in public health from the University of Michigan, worked in the Amazon Basin of Peru, and the Inter-Tribal council in Lac Du Flambeau, Wisconsin regarding tribal health issues. She received her bachelor's degree from California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo.

"I'm humbled and honored to have the Board's support to lead the Agency to ultimately improve the health and wellbeing for all residents in El Dorado County," said Byron-Cooper. "I look forward to the myriad opportunities that exist within the department to create more efficiency and working across the County to improve the services we provide to our citizens."

The appointment is effective September 23, 2023 at a salary of approximately \$236,000.00.

Sourcing: El Dorado County Legistar and Mountain Democrat Reporting <https://www.mtdemocrat.com/news/byron-cooper-becomes-new-head-of-hh>

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EDH CSD TRY-ATHON SET FOR SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH 8AM-12PM

EDH CSD Social Media Post

Join us for the 3rd Annual Kids TRY-athlon event! Kids with special needs (up to age 22) are invited to participate in this adaptive SWIM-BIKE-RUN event. Each participant should have at least one coach per leg of the event to assist them with transfer stations, adaptive equipment, safety, etc. Friends and family are invited to celebrate these athletes by cheering them on throughout the race and attending the Finisher Party at the Community Park. This event is brought to you in partnership with Walk With Austin.

More details, including training advice and gear suggestions, will be sent once registration has closed. Sign up today: <https://bit.ly/3OyELDN>.

Date: Saturday, September 30
Time: 8am – 12pm Location: Community Pool & Park

Fee: \$50, includes bib/t-shirt, medal & swag bag



TEN YEARS AGO IN THE BASS LAKE BULLETIN

By John Davey

In the 2013 September Bulletin the big news was roads.

The north segment of Silver Springs Parkway from the new Green Valley Rd intersection was underway. While this north section of Silver Springs Pkwy was completed by 2014, the roadway remained closed to the public until 2021, when the southern section of Silver Springs Pkwy to the new Bass Lake Road alignment was completed.

Sienna Ridge Road realignment construction - which was the old Bass Lake Road alignment until 2005.



LOCAL EDH ROAD PROJECTS MOVE FORWARD
Three road projects in the El Dorado Hills area, two of which are in Bass Lake, are proceeding at a rapid pace and are scheduled to be completed this year...

Also in the September 2013 Bulletin: Bass Lake Village LLAD Under Scrutiny - a topic that seems to remain timeless.

JULY LOCAL MEETING RECORDINGS

By John Davey

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

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

September Meeting
https://youtu.be/19eV3LU-eZA?si=M R9pmxoTLz3qxZcR

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

September Meeting
https://www.youtube.com/live/9lipacr Tmq?si=-Ju7TXNTHxBlnH4W

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

September Meeting
https://basslakeaction.net/edhcsdsep2 023

El Dorado Irrigation District Board September Meeting: Sept 25, 2023 9AM-2PM
EID Meetings, Agendas, Minutes -
https://www.eid.org/about-us/board-of-directors/meetings-agendas-and-minutes

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



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NEXT BLAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



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

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

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

The construction of the El Dorado Hills Blvd interchange was wrapping up, moving the westbound off ramp from HWY50 the west side of EDH Blvd, and removed the old Saratoga Way connection to EDH Blvd.