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EID DISTRICT 4 RACE HEATS UP WITH ANZINI CHALLENGING COCO

Voters in El Dorado Irrigation Division 4 will have a choice between incumbent EID Director Dale Coco and challenger Lori Anzini. Division 4 encompasses Cameron Park and the eastern portion of El Dorado Hills.

When running in 2013 Coco, a retired physician, chided EID for escalating rates, the failure to control debt, and unfunded pensions. Coco at the time listed what he would do as an EID director, saying the first thing would be to freeze rates for three or four years. He said EID's cost of operations could be reduced by putting the agency through a value engineering or total quality management (TQM) program, saying, "We need to retool the organization to make it more efficient and cost-effective." As far as debt reduction, Coco said he would take some of the $10 million profit EID made in 2013 and put part of it into capital improvements and part into paying down the debt. He also advocated allocating a portion of all fees to pay down the debt and build a capital improvement fund.

Anzini, as a 15-year employee of the East Bay Municipal Utility District in Oakland, which services more than 1.3 million people in the East Bay of San Francisco, gained in-depth knowledge of how a large water delivery system works. She moved to Cameron Park four years ago to be closer to family. "I decided to run for EID Division 4 because I believe there needs to be better transparency and communications with the ratepayers." says Anzini. She also has experience in human resources, which she says gives her an understanding of the value of retaining employees and improving customer service. Her second career in information technology lasted nearly 30 years.

Both candidates were kind enough to give the Bulletin campaign statements, which appear below. No editorial changes have been made to their statements. ~

Lori Anzini

You asked what type of experience I have that makes me a good candidate for El Dorado Irrigation District, Division 4. Here's the good news, I don't have to hit the road as an elected official. I've been there already.

Here are my qualifications: 25 years in business and technology working for East Bay Municipal Utility District, in Oakland, CA, (a water/wastewater public agency), as well as owning my own small technology business. I also had 13 years as an elected official: 8 years elected to a school board, and 5 years elected to a City Council. During my career with East Bay Municipal Utility District, I had the privilege of serving my community by being elected to the Pittsburg Unified School District Board and from there I was elected to the City Council in the City of Pittsburg, California. I was an active member of the League of Cities, and a sitting member of the Tri-Delta Transportation Board.

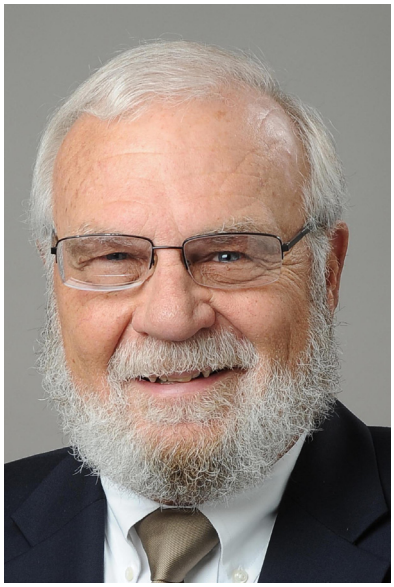
I have worked in both private and public employment areas. My first career in Human Resources brought me an understanding of the value of retaining employees and improving customer service. My second career started when I moved into the Information Technology arena. With nearly 30 years in that field, I semi-retired in 2002 and created my own small business consulting called Funnygate Technologies.

What is motivating me to run?

1. There is acrimony on the current Board demonstrating a lack of consensus building. My leadership experience will only help this agency be better stewards for the ratepayers. I will always listen.

2. There are too many lawsuits demonstrating a lack of communication with ratepayers. Litigation costs public agencies more money.

3. Rates must be controlled with input from the public. I will establish a citizen advisory committee to look at rates and potential solutions. ~



Dale Coco

I am pleased to report that I honored my campaign pledge to "Stop Runaway Rate Increases." Before I was elected to the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID), water rates were increasing at an average rate of 12% a year and sewer rates at 10% a year. Over a very short period of time rates doubled. While that was then and not now, the threat of runaway rate increases will never go away. Case in point, the State's $19.9 billion Delta tunnel plan aims to divert EID's surplus water to Southern California. This water grab will lead to draconian

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water restrictions and higher rates. This is why I voted to sue the State to stop it. I also championed reforms that required EID to be more transparent and accountable to ratepayers, and developed a plan to fight rate increases, retire debt and improve public infrastructure. This is good news for lower costs are critical to protecting a family's budget, our economy, creating new jobs and ensuring the preservation of open space and agriculture. This recognition earned me the support of the El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce, family farmers and ratepayers. Thank you for your consideration on November 6th.

To learn more about my campaign and to take my ratepayer survey, visit www.coco4eid.com and for timely campaign updates follow me on Facebook www.facebook/coco4eid.com, Twitter @coco4eid and Instagram @coco4eid. ~

THE EDH 2018 LOCAL ELECTION CANDIDATES

The November 2018 ballot is set with the following local races/candidates:

Buckeye Union School District candidates (3 seats): Winston E. Pingrey, incumbent; Brenda Hanson-Smith, incumbent; and Jon Yoffie.

Rescue Union School District candidates (3 seats): Suzanna George, incumbent; Kim White, incumbent; and Nancy Brownell, incumbent.

EDHCSD Board of Directors (3 seats): William A. Willman, retired project manager; Bill "Billy V" Vandegrift, incumbent; Allan J. Priest, incumbent (see statement below); Michael Martinelli, small business owner; and Sean Hansen, small business owner. ~

Credit: Julie Samrick, Village Life

Allan Priest

EDH CSD SLATE TO INCLUDE INCUMBENT ALLAN PRIEST

El Dorado Hills deserves positive and effective leadership and I understand the value of collaboration, effective business management, and superior customer service. My proven experience in building relationships and fiscal responsibility will continue to help El Dorado Hills and the CSD embrace future challenges and opportunities for exceptional recreational experiences and facilities.

On the CSD Board since 2014, I have worked hard to help evolve the District's culture to be the most effective agency possible for our growing community. We have done so in a number of ways: key leadership hires; fiscal stability and budget surpluses; a well-crafted and future-driven master plan; new and updated policies; and expanded recreation programs and parks.

In the next four years I will focus on land acquisition of over 250 acres for new open spaces, additional parks and fields, a major recreation center, and new and premium parks for our growing community. As our community continues to grow – we will need to expand and build on our existing resources, parks, programs, senior services, and facilities - many of which are already nearing capacity. Also, I will strive to provide the policy guidance and leadership needed to make the CSD a great place to work for our staff as well as a central hub for our entire community.

Married 26 years, my wife Jennifer and I have lived in EDH since 2000 and raised two children here. I have a BS Degree in Environmental Science and, following a 21-year consulting career, I own and operate two EDH-based businesses and own properties from EDH to South Lake Tahoe. With significant ties to El Dorado County, I'm passionate about this community, will commit to consistent and honest leadership, and will promote a positive future for EDH. ~

Note: All CSD candidates were invited to submit a campaign statement to the Bulletin. — Editor

PLANNERS APPROVE CHICK-FIL-A IN EDH

Despite vocal opposition from many El Dorado Hills residents, a Chick-fil-A drive-thru restaurant and new commercial building were unanimously approved by the El Dorado County Planning Commission at its August 23 meeting.

Part of the Saratoga Retail Project, the property is located on the west side of El Dorado Hills Boulevard, south of the intersection of Saratoga Way.

Originally approved by the commission in 2009, the Project initially consisted of three commercial buildings totaling 30,628 square feet divided into two phases. Phase I consisted of the construction of a 13,263-square-foot Walgreens. Phase II was to include putting up another commercial building and and a restaurant building.

In December the developer proposed a revised Phase 2, with changes to the 2009 plans. Instead of the original plan, the revised plan called for a commercial building and two drive-thru restaurants occupied by Chick-fil-A and Habit Burger.

While the total size of the project was reduced by 6,883 square feet, the revised plans ran into substantial opposition from El Dorado Hills residents, primarily due to traffic concerns. That led the commissioners to turn down the redesign, because of inadequate information being provided which would "justify the requested deviation from applicable zoning standards and the submitted negative declaration for the project."

Back for another try with a modified plan, this time the developer, Peter L. Navarra, proposed building just one commercial building and only one drive-thru restaurant — Chick-fil-A — with the entrance and exit to the Phase II development off Saratoga Way.

County staff reported receiving numerous comments and petitions for and against

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The EDITOR'S CORNER

Hello All,

Those of us that have been around a while—since 2002, to be exact—can remember that to get to Woodridge or Bridlewood, you got off the freeway at Bass Lake Road, wound your way down a narrow twisty two-lane road through open country for a couple of miles until you came to Bass Lake, where the road curved to the east, skirting around the lake, and there you were. What a lot of changes we have seen lately.

Developers were gearing up to change the landscape back in 2007, with plans to build houses along Bass Lake Road, and arguing about how to widen the road. Then came the housing bust, it all collapsed, and we had a 10-year break.

Now we have four housing developments and a shopping center springing up along the road. Seeing all the trucks and equipment along the road and working in the various developments moving dirt reminds me of the last boom. Let's hope this boom lasts longer than the last one.

I notice that the developments along the road are leaving a wide right-of-way for the future Bass Lake Road. The road is eventually going to be four lanes wide with a median strip, I am told.

I think I will wait and see what really happens. I have been told for the last fifteen years that the completion of Silver Springs Parkway is just around the corner. I have been told that a school would be built at Bass Lake. Etcetera, etcetera.

We will see. In the meantime, I hope you all have a fabulous fall, and we will see you next month in the Bulletin.

Sincerely,

John E. Thomson

Editor

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the project. Objections to the project included increased traffic, noise, and reduced air quality, with the impacts primarily upon the residential area across Saratoga from the proposed development.

Speaking on behalf of Navarra, attorney Craig Sandberg said since January the developer had reached out to the public by holding several neighborhood meetings. The result was a redesigned project in which they took out one of the drive-thru restaurants, added sidewalks, parking spaces for RVs and enhanced landscaping and did a traffic analysis of another Chick-fil-A site to get actual numbers of how many people patronize the restaurant.

Those changes did little to change the opinions of those in the audience speaking against the project, many of whom represented neighborhood organizations.

Kim Shultz, a resident of Park Village, spoke of stacked cars and blocked traffic that she maintained will occur because of the popularity of Chick-fil-A. She asked why the county and the local community continued to revisit a project that was not even close to the original concept.

Another resident concerned about traffic was David Meehan, who argued it was the wrong site for the project and predicted it would cause "absolute gridlock." Joining him was Hilary Krogh, a board member of the El Dorado Hills Townhouses Association, who said the drive-thru restaurant would be a "never-ending nuisance" because of the noise from cars and truck deliveries. She also expressed shock at the hours when construction at the site would be allowed.

William Washburn discussed a study that showed the average Chick-fil-A attracts 435,000 cars a year. That would significantly add to traffic congestion as well as air pollution, he said, adding that it equates to an additional 15,000 pounds of CO2 a year put into the atmosphere. He maintained that the project was not consistent with the design standards for the community.

Not everyone in the audience was against the project. Kris Payne, a former manager and engineer with El Dorado County's Department of Transportation, said a sound wall previously installed across from the proposed development would attenuate some of the residents' noise concerns. He also said that eventually Saratoga Way would be widened to four lanes, which would help with traffic.

Others speaking in favor included the grad night coordinator for Oak Ridge High School. She praised Chick-fil-A for the company's involvement in the community. Another person touted the company for serving good, clean food and providing exceptional service to its customers.

The Planning Commission voted 5-0 to approve the project with additional conditions such as those governing the hours for truck deliveries and construction. Parking will also be prohibited on Saratoga Way, the development firm will be required to contribute financially to a traffic improvement fund and more mature landscaping will be required to be planted to help camouflage the site.

Commission Chairman Gary Miller also noted that the decision is appealable to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors. ~

Credit: Dawn Hodson, Village Life

IT'S OPEN — FINALLY

The brand-new $7 million gas station and convenience store near the Red Hawk Casino has officially opened

The new gas station convenience store, located off Highway 50 at Shingle Springs Drive, is owned and operated by the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians. The 4,000-square-foot convenience store will also feature local products as part of the settlement. The development includes a neighboring dog park and car wash and is the first phase of a larger development that could ultimately include a hotel and restaurants..

It was the center of a lawsuit against El Dorado County after county supervisors approved an easement so the tribe could install water and sewer lines and an access road to the facility.

A group of Shingle Springs residents organized as the El Dorado Council Inc. filed a lawsuit against the county saying an environmental impact report was needed for the project. In May, the lawsuit was settled with the tribe granted the necessary easement and road access.

The Red Hawk Casino, owned by the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, is already the fourth-largest employer in El Dorado County, with 1,300 workers. ~

Credit: Mountain Democrat and Sacramento Bee.

PROPANE NEWS

Propane prices continue to move in step with crude oil prices in a relatively narrow band. Third quarter propane prices spiked along with the crude oil price, but soon slid back into a relatively narrow trading range.

Prices should remain stable through September, with demand naturally picking up when colder weather arrives. Nationwide, wholesale prices are tending to stay in the lower half of the historical range, with the Mont Belvieu average posted price around 100 cents per gallon. Propane wholesale futures are in the 104 cents per gallon range through the end of the year. Since we source our propane locally in Richmond, our delivered prices usually differ, but in any case no inordinate price increases seem to be looming this winter.

JS West Propane Reminder

Homeowners in Woodridge, Bridlewood Canyon and Sierra Crossing are reminded that BLAC has negotiated a contract with JS West Propane of Placerville for them to buy propane from them at an advantageous rate.

The JS West price is the per gallon price of propane at the refinery, plus the delivery cost from the Targa refinery to JS West (ranging from 4 to 10 cents per gallon) plus 50 cents, delivered. No extra hazard or other junk fees.

In addition, new customers get a new tank with no charge for the switch-out, and no tank rental for the first two years. Also, tank rentals are broken into two payments a year.

JS West also will fill your 20-pound tanks at the contract rate, and they will re-certify your out-of-date 20-pound tanks at their Placerville location (but you have to leave them overnight). ~

As Summer Into Autumn Slips

As Summer into Autumn slips
And yet we sooner say
"The Summer" than "the Autumn," lest
We turn the sun away,

And almost count it an Affront
The presence to concede
Of one however lovely, not
The one that we have loved —

So we evade the charge of Years
On one attempting shy
The Circumvention of the Shaft
Of Life's Declivity.

—Emily Dickinson

IN MEMORIAM

Dale Chambers

The Bulletin is saddened to report that Dale Chambers, past president of Bass Lake Action Committee, passed away recently at the age of 74 while on vacation in Ukiah, California. Dale is survived by his wife Ahn and his son Barton and wife Christine.

Dale and Ahn retired to El Dorado Hills several years ago.

A celebration of Dale's life will be held at the Chambers home, 2188 Summer Drive, El Dorado Hills, 95762, on Sunday September 16, 2018, at 1:00 PM. For information, please call Jeanette D'Amico at 530-676-7368.

BLAC BOARD SETS AUGUST MEETING

The November Board Meeting of the Bass Lake Action Committee will be held on Monday, November 3, 2018, at the home of Jeanette and Joe D'Amico, 400 Basil Court, Woodridge, El Dorado Hills, 530-676-7368.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. BLAC Members and members of the public are cordially invited to attend, but please call and let us know you are coming, so we may arrange for seating.

The BLAC Christmas Party and Annual Meeting will take place on Monday, December 3, 2018, at 6:00 PM at the home of John and Fran Thomson, 501 Kirkwood court, Woodridge, El Dorado Hills, 530-677-3039. Invitations will be sent to all members and guests

For further information about BLAC meetings and membership, please contact Vice-President John Davey at 530-676-2657.. ~

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