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EDH INCORPORATION STILL IN THE STARTING BLOCKS AFTER EDH CSD DIRECTORS MEETING



A large turnout of residents at the July 13, 2023 EDH CSD Board of Directors Meeting - image credit: EDH CSD

By John Davey

The El Dorado Hills Community Services District's (EDH CSD) Board of Directors returned to a decision on pursuing incorporation, but due to concerns with the question of public support, the determination has been postponed once again following the July 13, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.

At the May 11, 2023 EDH CSD Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted to extend the question of funding an incorporation analysis that might result in putting El Dorado

Hills on a potential path to cityhood. The EDH CSD Board asked to see more demonstrated public support of the effort before they would consider providing funding for the analysis.

Citing a delay in setting up stakeholders' meetings, primarily due to summer vacations, and the need for more public support, the EDHCSD's Board of Directors decided to put the incorporation effort on hold for the time being. Board Chair Noelle Mattock explained that there is still much work to be done, and critical conversations about the kind of city

El Dorado Hills wants to be have not taken place yet.

Director Steve Ferry, who supports incorporation and has worked for several years in leading the community organizing effort to pursue incorporation, applauded the formation of Citizens for Cityhood and their fundraising campaign. However, he stressed that further outreach and engagement with the community are necessary before the board can initiate a comprehensive analysis and start the El Dorado Local

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Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) process.

During the July 13 meeting, speakers expressed varying views on whether the EDHCSD should continue with the incorporation effort. Some residents, like Marcus and Whitney Worthington from Blackstone, expressed overwhelming support for incorporation, citing a strong appetite for the change and the desire to retain control of El Dorado Hills' finances and services.

On the other hand, Heritage resident George Steed raised concerns about the persistence of the incorporation project and urged the board to focus on their current mission of providing services and amenities to El Dorado Hills residents. He suggested that those passionate about incorporation should take the lead in driving the process.

Director Mike Martinelli acknowledged that the communication regarding the benefits of cityhood may not have been sufficient, and he believes that ongoing outreach is crucial at this stage.

The EDHCSD General Manager, Kevin Loewen, previously presented a cost estimate of \$970,000 to \$1.2 million for launching an environmental analysis, covering LAFCO expenses, conducting public communications, and seeking legal counsel to aid in the incorporation process.

After considering the various perspectives and challenges faced, the directors voted 3-0 to revisit the issue in 90 days. Directors Heidi Hannaman and Ben Paulsen were not present at the meeting.

As the cityhood question has returned over the past six years, each of the five EDH CSD Directors have publicly stated their general support of the concept of incorporation. The question of the EDH CSD funding the state required analysis remains the major debate in the effort. If a government/special district (like the EDH CSD) were to lead the incorporation effort, it provides for a more streamlined analysis through the El Dorado County Local Agency Formation (LAFCO) process than a strictly citizen driven effort.

As a matter of disclosure and transparency, [the Bass Lake Action Committee supported El Dorado Hills incorporation](#), designated as El Dorado County Measure P on the November 2005 ballot (which failed to pass), based on the issues of keeping local tax dollars in El Dorado Hills, providing self-determination in local land use planning, growth, and local services, as in the best interest of the residents of El Dorado Hills.

TWO HOTEL BASS LAKE ROAD PROJECT MOVES FORWARD WITH SCOPING MEETINGS

[From The El Dorado Hills Area Planning Advisory Committee](#)

El Dorado County has issued a Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Town and Country Village

El Dorado development project. The project site is located north of Highway 50 east of Bass Lake Road and south of Country Club Drive.

The Project Development Area consists of the northernmost and southernmost 30.3 acres of the project site, and would be developed with two hotels, retail services, two restaurants, a museum, an event center, associated parking, 56 residential cottages for employee housing, and an additional 56 residential cottages that may be rented on a daily or extended stay basis, which may require a conditional use permit.

A second project site of the development is “the Program Study Area” – this site consists of the central and easternmost 30.2 acres of the project site, and may include further development in the future such as additional hotels, medical facilities, senior housing, townhomes and cottages, and other uses allowed by the proposed zoning districts.

The project seeks the following entitlements:

General Plan Amendment

The General Plan Land Use Designation for the project site is Adopted Plan (AP). The General Plan designates the portion of the project site north of Country Club Drive as within the El Dorado Hills Community Region, and the area south of Country Club Drive as within the Rural Region. The proposed General Plan Amendment would modify the Community Region boundary to include the entire project site within the El Dorado Hills Community Region.

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Bass Lake Hills Specific Plan Amendment

The existing BLHSP land use designations for the project site are L.7-PD and L.2-PD. The BLHSP designates the portion of the project site north of Country Club Drive as L.7-PD [maximum allowable density of 0.7 dwelling units per acre (du/ac)], and the portion south of Country Club Drive is designated L.2-PD (maximum allowable density of 0.2 du/ac). The requested BLHSP Amendment would establish three new land use designations for the specific plan: Commercial (C), Multi-Family Residential (MFR), and Open Space (OS). Application of these proposed new land use designations would be limited to the project site. These land use designations would be allocated to the project site as follows: 26.2 acres of C, 23.0 acres of MFR, and 7.6 acres of OS. In addition to changing the land use designations of the project site, the BLHSP Amendment would include content revisions to the BLHSP itself to accommodate the proposed project. As part of the BLHSP Amendment, a Fiscal Impact Analysis and update to the Bass Lake Hills Specific Plan Public Facilities Financing Plan (PFFP) would be completed. The PFFP sets forth a strategy to finance the backbone infrastructure and other public facilities required to serve the proposed land uses in the BLHSP.

Rezone

The current zoning designation for the

entire project site is RE-10. The proposed project would require the approval of a Rezone from RE-10 to the following El Dorado County zoning districts: Community Commercial (CC), Multi-Unit Residential (RM), and Open Space (OS). Additionally, as required by the BLHSP, the Planned Development Combining District (-PD) suffix would be added to all the zoning district designations listed above.

Buildout of the Project Development Area of the project site would include two 150-room hotels, 112 residential cottages, retail uses, restaurants, an event center/museum, recreational amenities, and parking lots (see Figure 3).

Additionally, the Project Development Area would be developed with internal roadways and a new Class I Bicycle Path. Development within the Program Study Area of the project site is not currently proposed to occur concurrently with development of the Project Development Area; however, a maximum buildout scenario is included for program level analysis in the EIR.

Two Scoping Meeting dates:

Two scoping meetings – both open to agencies, organizations, and individuals – will be held to receive public comments and suggestions on the scope of environmental issues to be studied in the EIR. The scoping meetings will be held as follows:

In-Person Tue Aug 8, 2023 6PM

An in-person scoping meeting will be held: Date: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 Time: 6:00 PM Location: El Dorado Hills Fire Department Community Room 1050 Wilson Boulevard El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

Virtual Wed Aug 9, 2023 11AM

A virtual scoping meeting will be held: Date: Wednesday, August 9, 2023 Time: 11:00 AM Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86521211649> Call In Phone #'s: 530-621-7603 or 530-621-7610 Webinar ID: 865 2121 1649

EDH APAC encourages residents to attend one or both planned Scoping Meetings to provide comments, questions, and concerns. Comments will be addressed as required by law in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and included in the Final Environmental Impact Report.

Project Documents and links are available on the EDH APAC project Document page:

<https://edhapac.org/documents/town-and-country-village-el-dorado-pa21-0013/>



Project site at Bass Lake Rd & Country Club Drive



Elevation rendering of proposed 2-Hotel Project

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WOODRIDGE OPEN SPACE MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION

Letter to Woodridge Village property owners from the WOSMA

The Bass Lake Bulletin is sharing this letter sent from the WOSMA in the interest of informing Woodridge and Bass Lake Area Neighbors about the critical issues of vegetation management and fire safety in our communities.

WOSMA

c/o OMNI Community Management, LLC
9807 Fair Oaks Blvd. Fair Oaks, CA 95628

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Residents of Woodridge Subdivision of the Bass Lake Village,

Hello again from the Woodridge Open Space Maintenance Association. It has been more than a year since our last correspondence with the entire Woodridge Subdivision. Since that time, we have been hard at work trying to manage the escalating costs and with dwindling resources our tiny association has. We have reached out for alternate funding sources, including grants from organizations such as Cal Fire and local county resources with no success.

The majority of our annual budget is consumed by the annual fire prevention work, leaving little for other maintenance needs such as drainage issues; dead, downed or diseased tree trimming or removal. The ability to expand the fire

prevention work to full compliance of the County Vegetation Management Ordinance still eludes the association's funding capability as there are only 41 members paying for the work.

Due to the increasing fire maintenance costs, we have explored chemical weed abatement, prescribed burning and other clearing techniques to provide the fire protection clearance in any manner possible at better cost effectiveness. These harsher methods, while providing the fire protection that is needed, provide a more stark, less "natural" landscape in the open space, and may not be as pleasing for the subdivision.

A solution that does solve the association's lack of funding is to deed the open space land to the El Dorado Hills Community Services District (EDHCSD). That will put the management and maintenance in the hands of the EDHCSD. Funding for their efforts would come from the Lighting & Landscape Assessment District (LLAD) currently in effect for the Woodridge Subdivision, which is shown on your property tax bill already.

The association is providing this information to the Woodridge homeowners as part of the process to transfer the open space land to EDHCSD. After EDHCSD's evaluation of the transfer, they will conduct a vote of the LLAD members (the entire Woodridge Subdivision) to confirm the changes being made to the LLAD assets and maintenance costs are approved by the LLAD members. Here are some of the significant reasons why this transfer is the correct long-term solution to maintaining the open space.

- Maintenance and preservation of the Open Space would be in the same category as the maintenance of the entrance landscaping at Madera Way; regularly performed and funded

- Adequate and equitable funding for the Open Space will be assured on an annual basis

- The maintenance costs will be less under the EDHCSD's management

- Better management of the Open Space will yield a more fire safe area, which will lead to less homeowner's fire risk and fire insurance costs

- Open Space land owned by EDHCSD would not be subject to any future development

- All homeowners in Woodridge Subdivision will have a voice in the management, budgeting, and operation of the Open Space

The Association has two requests with this letter for the homeowners of Woodridge.

First, we ask that if you have any questions about supporting this change of management of the open space, you direct them to our community manager, Becky Jolly. She can be reached at becky.jolly@omnicommunities.com, or (916) 965 8964 ext 101.

Second, we would like to know your level of support for this management change for the open space in your subdivision. You can do this by marking one of the boxes below and

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returning this page via email to Becky Jolly or by depositing this page in the "Woodridge Open Space Maintenance Association" mailbox located at 2430 Summer Drive.

- Support Open Space Transfer to EDHCSD with funding provided by LLAD
- Do not support Open Space Transfer with funding provided by LLAD

Woodridge property owners seeking to respond to this request from the WOSMA can view and download the entire letter in PDF format [here](https://basslakeaction.net/wosma-ltr) <https://basslakeaction.net/wosma-ltr>

CLUB INVITES MORE WOMEN TO JOIN THE FUN

Angie Zimmerman / El Dorado Hills Newcomers Club

The El Dorado Hills Newcomers Club is a women's organization dedicated to welcoming residents and bringing them together in a friendly community. The club was founded in 1968 with a mission of gathering residents who have a common interest in socializing and pursuing activities while exploring and supporting our community.

The "new" in newcomers means you are looking for new friendships in El Dorado Hills. And those new friendships often prove to be a lifeline. You might have just moved to

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the area for work or recently retired. Perhaps you're an empty nester, single or married or just looking for a way to connect with the warm and wonderful community.

What it means to belong

Member Laurel reflects on what the club means to her, sharing, "Newcomers serves a vital role for our members because it offers us a chance to give ourselves the care and attention we have always given to others and to have some fun.

"Newcomers' membership relights that fire," Laurel continued. "We meet new people, explore new interests, visit new places, learn new things, contribute our talents, gain self-knowledge, be good to others and ourselves, learn that we all deserve care and attention and realize that life is not over. We each have much more to do, learn, give, and share. What could be better than that?"

What things are happening?

The EDH Newcomers Club has everything from a book club to bunco, walking to wine gatherings, golfing to gourmet cooking, card games to crafting and much more. Events feature unique experiences scattered throughout the year for everyone to enjoy. They may include trips to wineries, theater events, bowling or special themed parties with many surprises — something for everyone. Members are also open to starting new activities reflecting other interests and talents.

The club meets for camaraderie at luncheons on the second Wednesday of each month at local restaurants and venues.

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EDH Newcomers is "A Club with Heart." Members look after one another and also adopt a local charity to support through giving and volunteering to help ease its burden.

How can you join?

Visit edhnewcomers.com.

Send an email (edhncemail@gmail.com), be a guest at a luncheon or attend a Welcome Event where you can meet some of our members to see why the Newcomers Club is a special asset to the community and its residents.



El Dorado Hills
Newcomers Club

TIFFANY SCHMID APPOINTED AS EL DORADO COUNTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

By John Davey

Tiffany Schmid has been appointed as the new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for El Dorado County. The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors made the decision to appoint her on June 27, and her new role took effect on July 1.

Schmid is not a newcomer to the county's administration. She had previously served as the interim CAO in March, after assuming the position of Assistant CAO in November 2021.

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With this promotion, Schmid will now be responsible for setting the county's budget and overseeing all county operations.

In a press release, Schmid expressed her gratitude for the appointment, stating, "I am honored and delighted to take on this challenge. My professional background of public service and my years with the county in so many different roles provides me with unique experience to successfully work with the board and all employees to do the business of the county on behalf of its residents."

Schmid's career with El Dorado County began in 2014 as a Principal Planner for the Community Development Agency. Over the years, she held various roles within the organization, including Principal Management Analyst for the Chief Administrative Office in 2016, Director of the Planning and Building Department in 2018, and later returning to the Chief Administrative Office.

Before joining the county, Schmid gained valuable experience working for the California Department of Water Resources and the Department of General Services as a planner for ten years. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and graduated magna cum laude from California State University, Sacramento, where she also earned a master's degree in anthropology.

The search for the new CAO began in July 2022, following the retirement announcement of former CAO Don Ashton. The Board of Supervisors

appointed Schmid unanimously, recognizing her dedication to serving the residents of El Dorado County.

Board Chair Wendy Thomas praised Schmid in the press release, highlighting her deep connection to the county as a lifelong resident and her extensive experience, stating, "This was an appointment that we took with the utmost solemn responsibility, and we had a lot of good people to choose from, yet in digging into it, Tiffany has surfaced as the right person for the job at this time."

As the newly appointed CAO, Schmid's annual salary will be \$279,406.44.

CAMERON PARK FIRE STATION 88 TO REMAIN OPEN... FOR NOW.

By John Davey

After extensive discussions and public meetings, the Cameron Park Community Services District (CPCSD) Board of Directors has unanimously approved a two-year fire service agreement with Cal Fire. This decision ensures that both Stations 88 and 89 will continue to be fully staffed during this period.

The approved agreement comes at a cost not exceeding \$10,601,450 and includes the addition of an extra firefighter position in 2023-24, followed by another in 2024-25. To offset some of these expenses, the agreement will eliminate a battalion chief position in 2024-25. CPCSD's acting General Manager, Jill Ritzman, highlighted that the contract includes a termination/amendment clause that

may be invoked if the district's financial situation worsens. This clause could potentially lead to the closure of Station 88 in the future.

Preliminary budget estimates indicate that the CPCSD may need to utilize fund balance to cover an expected revenue shortfall of over \$860,000 in the 2023-24 budget. All directors have agreed that this approach is not sustainable, and the district must take proactive steps to address its financial challenges.

Director Monique Scobey emphasized the importance of safeguarding the district's financial health and called for community involvement in developing solutions for the long-term stability of CPCSD.

To explore various options, CPCSD staff and directors are considering ideas such as a property tax assessment to support fire services, annexation or consolidation with another fire district, and issuing a request for proposals for fire service. The district's primary source of revenue is property taxes, which have not grown at the same rate as neighboring communities like El Dorado Hills.

During the upcoming July meeting, the staff is expected to present budget-cutting options to manage the shortfall more effectively. They will also provide further details on the steps required to pursue the aforementioned options.

Director Eric Aiston mentioned that the district has pending grant applications that could alleviate some of the immediate budget pressure if approved. Additionally, he suggested

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reaching out to El Dorado County leaders to explore possible funding allocations, recognizing the CPCSD's significant contributions to the community, such as providing fire service through the West Slope mutual aid agreement and supporting residents during major wildfires.

Fire Chief Dusty Martin assured the public that regardless of the budget situation, the district is committed to maintaining fire service for the community.

Several members of the public expressed their support for the contract while acknowledging the financial challenges faced by the district.

CAMERON PARK CSD BOARD VOTES TO CANCEL AMBULANCE JPA CONTRACT

By John Davey

Cameron Park CSD Board of Directors, already challenged with funding Station 88, voted to withdraw from the EL Dorado County Emergency Services Authority – also known as the West Slope Joint Powers Authority (JPA) on a 5-0 vote at a Cameron Park CSD Board meeting on July 19, 2023.

The JPA was formed in 1996 as a transport contractor for paramedic ambulance service to the Western Slope service area of El Dorado County. The JPA provides ambulance services on the western slope of El

Dorado County in conjunction with member emergency service providers. Currently, there are a total of eight ambulances covering El Dorado County from the summit are of Strawberry – Phillips in the east, to El Dorado Hills in the west, and from the Placer County line north of Volcanoville, to the Amador County line in the south

The JPA will issue an RFP (Request For Proposal) to the other service providers in El Dorado County. The timeline on identifying another service provider could be as few as 120 days, or longer. The agency that wins the bid will then take over Medic 89. The Cameron Park CSD is also working with consultants to generate a feasibility study to explore annexing Cameron Park Fire Protection Service into another Fire Protection District – which could be El Dorado County Fire, El Dorado Hills Fire Department, Rescue Fire Department, or another agency.

A similar event happened recently in Diamond Springs when the Diamond Springs-El Dorado Fire Protection District could not staff their medic unit. El Dorado County Fire stepped in, and is now providing the personnel to staff and operate the ambulance service.

When a single medic unit is withdrawn from service, it has a tremendous negative cascading impact on all other available ambulance units in El Dorado County. With only eight ambulances available on the Western Slope of El Dorado County, the loss of one unit, even temporarily, can be devastating.

[A history of the West Slope JPA](#)

IN THE BEGINNING

The Western Slope of El Dorado County began with a total of two ambulances. One was Foothill Ambulance, a private provider, and the Pollock Pines Fire Protection District. In 1976, the existing private ambulance company terminated their contract with the County. The Board of Supervisors and a couple of Fire Chiefs proposed to change the existing system to a fire based system and meet the population demands and the increasing needs for ambulance services on the Western Slope.

ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNTY SERVICE AREA #7

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors authorized a General Election to be held November 2, 1976, to determine if a County Service Area No. 7 should be established to provide ambulance service with a maximum authorized tax rate of fifteen cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

The affected area designated as County Service Area No. 7 is generally described as follows: “All that portion of the County of El Dorado, State of California, lying westerly of the “Great Basin and Pacific Watershed Divide,” commonly known as the western slope of El Dorado County including that portion of the western slope within the boundaries of the City of Placerville.”

As a result of the successful election outcome Resolution No. 316-76 of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado was passed on December 7, 1976 organizing County Service Area #7 (CSA7) pursuant to the provisions of Section 25210.1 et seq of the Government Code of the State of California.

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CAMERON PARK CSD CANCELS ABULANCE JPA CONTRACT *(con't)*

In July 1977, the first ambulance provider contracts were negotiated and signed between Diamond Springs/El Dorado and Pollock Pines Fire Protection Districts to provide ambulances services to the citizens of CSA7. The CSA7 funds were used to provide funds for the staffing and medical supplies for the ambulances.

In the following years ambulances were added to the system as the population and the medical incidents increased. In 1981 an ambulance was added to the Georgetown Fire District to cover the northeast portion of the County. In 1985 ambulances were added to Pleasant Valley and Cameron Park areas. In 1991 an ambulance was added for the City of Placerville. In 2001 an ambulance was added to the El Dorado Hills area, and in 2004 an ambulance was added to Diamond Springs/El Dorado.

There is a total of eight ambulances, most of them with backup units staged in the County at all times. These ambulances are used for the benefit of all and as they are assigned to various Districts or areas, they can be relocated, as needed, around the County.

THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

In order to provide a more comprehensive emergency medical system it was recommended that the Fire Districts develop a Joint Powers Authority. In 1996 the El Dorado County Regional Prehospital Emergency Services Operations Authority (JPA) was formed for the purpose of ensuring automatic aid

between the fire agencies for the delivery of an extensive, prehospital emergency medical service in an efficient manner without regard to jurisdictional boundaries.

A joint Emergency Command Center would dispatch the closest fire unit and the simultaneous dispatch, the closest medic unit (ambulance). Prior to the JPA there were limited Advanced Life Support engines; the primary goal was to increase the number of Advanced Life Support engines.

Key components of the JPA system include:

- Medical Control
- Centralized Dispatch Center with Emergency Medical Dispatch Trained Personnel
- Single West Slope of the County Emergency and Non-Emergency Transport System
- Optimum Ambulance Placement
- Cross Training of EMS Personnel
- Rescue and Extrication Expertise
- Daily Training
- Equipment Maintenance & Management
- Firefighter/Paramedic Personnel from Sub-contracting Fire Agencies Staffing the Ambulances
- Compliance with Standards

Members of the JPA include the following agencies:

- CAL FIRE – Emergency Command Center

- Cameron Park Community Services District
- Diamond Springs/ El Dorado Fire Protection District
- El Dorado County Fire Protection District
- El Dorado Hills Fire Protection District
- Georgetown Fire Protection District
- Garden Valley Fire Protection District
- Mosquito Fire Protection District
- Pioneer Fire Protection District
- Rescue Fire Protection District
- Marshall Medical Center

Sub-contracting Fire agencies to the JPA operate the medic units and are paid an annual fixed rate for their costs with funds from CSA7. These costs include personnel, operating expenses, equipment and administrative overhead.

Non-transporting sub-contracting fire agencies do not receive funds from CSA7 for medical supplies and training. Some of these agencies operate full-time paramedic engines while others operate part-time advanced life support engines.



GREG FERRERO ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR DISTRICT ONE SUPERVISOR

Press Release

El Dorado Hills resident, small-business owner and retired law-enforcement professional Greg Ferrero has announced his candidacy for El Dorado County supervisor. Ferrero will pursue the District 1 seat currently held by John Hidahl, who is ineligible for re-election in 2024 due to term limits.

“As a parent and small business owner in District 1, and as a former peace officer who has engaged with residents, schools and government leaders here, I appreciate the values we share as a community and recognize the issues we need to tackle moving forward,” said Ferrero.

“Among my priorities are preserving the safety and security of our community, promoting a balanced approach to development, making wise fiscal decisions and being a strong voice for El Dorado Hills at the county level,” he continued. “I look forward to bringing a common-sense approach and transparency to the role. El Dorado Hills is my chosen home and I would be honored to serve the residents of El Dorado Hills; I am ready and excited to serve.”

Ferrero has been active in commerce, public safety and civic matters on the county’s Western Slope for many years. Since 2013, he and his wife, Rita, have owned and operated Sierra Laundry, which today includes locations in El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park. In April their business

was recognized as Start-Up Business of the Year by the El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Prior to venturing into business, Ferrero enjoyed an accomplished California Highway Patrol career, which included substantial outreach to residents and agencies in 10 diverse counties, including El Dorado. Leading the deployment of the CHP’s newest field office in East Sacramento in 2009, he partnered with El Dorado County’s supervisors, schools and homeowners’ groups to assess local safety needs.

While with the CHP, Ferrero also directed threat analysis and intelligence coordination for the state of California, reporting directly to the governor’s Homeland Security advisor. He led the coordination of the state’s Amber Alert Program, influenced legislation to enact the Blue and Silver Alert Programs, and served on the California Child Abduction Task Force. Highly credentialed, he held a Top Secret FBI security clearance and was sworn as a Special Deputy U.S. Marshal.

After 28 years of exemplary service, he retired from the CHP as a captain in 2015.

Ferrero has been an active community volunteer in a variety of civic and youth-sports activities. He has served on the El Dorado County Department of Transportation Traffic Advisory Committee and the El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce Government Relations Committee and has coached a number of local teams in youth basketball, youth baseball and youth lacrosse. Ferrero was also a volunteer firefighter for the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District.

A third-generation Northern California native, Ferrero graduated in 1987 from California State University, Sacramento with a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice and law enforcement administration. He also graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2013.

He and Rita have lived in El Dorado Hills since 2007 and are the proud parents of three adult children: Alexa, Victoria and Adam — all of whom attended local schools and are alumni of Oak Ridge High School.

For more information visit ferrero4supervisor.com.

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TEN YEARS AGO IN THE BASS LAKE BULLETIN

By John Davey

In the 2013 June-July Bulletin, the announcement of the construction of Silver Springs Parkway - which was fully completed EIGHT YEARS later in 2021

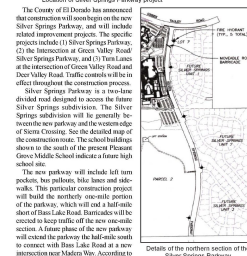
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SILVER SPRINGS PARKWAY PROJECT TO START CONSTRUCTION

At the County of El Dorado has announced that construction will start on the new Silver Springs Parkway, and will include related improvement projects. The specific project includes (1) Silver Springs Parkway, (2) the intersection of Green Valley Road and Silver Springs Parkway, and (3) Truck Lane at the intersection of Green Valley Road and Deer Valley Road. Traffic counts will be taken to effect throughout the construction process. Silver Springs Parkway is a two-lane divided road designed to access the future Silver Springs subdivision. The Silver Springs subdivision will be generally be located on the eastern edge of the county, near the intersection of Green Valley Road and Deer Valley Road. The school building at Green Valley Middle School indicates a future high school site.

The new parkway will include left turn pockets, bus pullouts, bike lanes and sidewalks. This particular construction project will build the northern one-mile portion of the parkway, which will end at a half-mile section. A later phase of the new parkway will extend the parkway the half-mile south to connect with Deer Lake Road at a new intersection near Madden Way. According to



on the south end of Green Valley Road, right-of-way issues are building up construction of the southern portion of the parkway. As part of the Silver Springs Parkway project, a new three-way signalized intersection east of Pleasant Grove School will be constructed at the intersection of Green Valley Road and the new parkway. The intersection will include right and left turn pockets, a bus pullout and sidewalks.

Construction is anticipated to begin in September 2013 and will continue until the fall of 2014 depending on weather related delays. Initial construction will begin with the two-lane project at the intersection of Green Valley Road and Deer Valley Road. Most of the construction and traffic control will occur during the day, however, some night work may also be necessary.

You may contact the Silver Springs, County of El Dorado, CDA, Construction Division at 570-642-0940 for further information.



PUBLIC INVITED TO DINE IN THE ORCHARD

Ag in the Classroom Press Release

Join El Dorado County Ag in the Classroom for 20 Mile Taste at Rainbow Orchards Aug. 5.

Once again, John Sanders of Old Town Grill will contribute his creative culinary creations for this fun event. Enjoy dessert and wine pairings plus hot apple cider donuts while listening to live music performed by Red Dirt Ruckus. The event runs 4-7 p.m.

Visitors will have the option to select a drive-thru/take out meal or to stay and picnic in the orchard. The orchard venue will include live music, wine, beer, hard cider, sangria to purchase and auction items.

Tickets are available at agintheclasse-edc.org/events.

The nonprofit is accepting donations of a goods for consumption or goods/services for the silent auction at the 20 Mile Taste. As a donor to 20 Mile Taste, the individual/business will receive recognition in all print and social media promoting the event and the business logo will be prominently displayed on the Ag in the Classroom website and all other social media and print communications for the year.

El Dorado County Ag in the Classroom is a local, grassroots, charitable organization that provides quality agriculture-related educational resources, programs and training

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opportunities to cultivate through education an understanding and appreciation of how important and all-encompassing agriculture is in daily lives..

JULY LOCAL MEETING RECORDINGS

By John Davey

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

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

July Meeting
<https://youtu.be/17WUTzPkauQ>

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

July Meeting
<https://www.youtube.com/live/KqYXi dIl-jo>

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

July Meeting
<https://basslakeaction.net/edhcsd-july-2023>

El Dorado Irrigation District Board June Meeting: June 26, 2023
9AM-2PM
EID Meetings, Agendas, Minutes -
<https://www.eid.org/about-us/board-of-directors/meetings-agendas-and-minutes>

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EID Recorded Meetings on EID YouTube Channel -

<https://www.youtube.com/@eldoradoirrigationdistrict3994>

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NEXT BLAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



Board of Directors meetings are held quarterly, and all members are invited to attend. Due to Board Director schedules, the next meeting is being scheduled for Monday August 21st 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 <http://basslakeaction.net/members>