

# THE BASS LAKE BULLETIN

The Voice of the Bass Lake Community

<http://basslakeaction.org>

## THE BASS LAKE ACTION COMMITTEE

The Bass Lake Action Committee was formed by a group of concerned property owners in the Bass Lake Area and incorporated in 2003 as Non-profit organization, a 501(C)(4) corporation.

### **Our Mission Statement:**

To provide a voice for Bass Lake homeowners in dealing with the county and other community agencies.

To keep homeowners informed about issues and meetings.



## JOHN HIDAHL

**OCT. 10, 1951 - NOV. 2, 2024**

*By John Davey*

Long time friend of the Bass Lake Action Committee, El Dorado County District 1 Supervisor John Hidahl passed away unexpectedly from a heart attack suffered at his El Dorado Hills home on Saturday November 2nd.

Supervisor Hidahl was set to complete his final month on the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors due to term limits, after representing District 1, El Dorado Hills, for two terms.

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**JOHN HIDAHL** *(con't)*

Supervisor Hidahl had previously served on the El Dorado Hills County Water District Board (The El Dorado Hills Fire Department Board of Directors) for thirty-three years. At the time of his passing he was on the November 2024 General Election Ballot, in a campaign to return to the EDH Fire Department Board of Directors. Supervisor Hidahl was the top vote getter for the two open full term EDH Fire Board seats for the November election, following his passing. After the El Dorado County Elections Department certifies the results of the November 2024 General Election in early December, the EDH Fire Department Board will announce a vacancy on their board, due to Supervisor Hidahl's untimely passing, and are expected to accept applications for an appointed replacement, who will serve two years, until the next Fire Board election.

Supervisor Hidahl's motto was "service before self". He served on numerous boards, commissions, committees, and workgroups in El Dorado Hills and El Dorado County since he and his wife Eileen settled in El Dorado Hills in the late 1970s.

In addition to his elected position on the EDH Fire Department Board, Supervisor Hidahl was one of the founding members of the El Dorado Hills Area Planning Advisory Committee (EDH APAC) in 1981. Supervisor Hidahl's commitment to EDH APAC was manifest - he was the

longest serving member, and has served as the Chairman for most of EDH APAC's existence. EDH APAC is one of the sole Area Planning Advisory Committees to continue in service since 1981. Supervisor Hidahl only stepped away from active participation at EDH APAC when he won election to the Board of Supervisors in 2016. Even after that, Supervisor Hidahl attended and participated in almost every EDH APAC meeting from 2017 through his last EDH APAC meeting on October 9, 2024.

Supervisor Hidahl was also a founding member of the El Dorado Hills Community Council, serving on the EDH Community Council for twenty-three years, frequently as the Chairperson. Following his 2016 election to the Board of Supervisors, John re-organized the EDH Community Council to align with the El Dorado County Strategic Plan, and led the re-imagined EDH Community Council from 2017 to the last EDH Community Council meeting on October 28th of this year.

John also served as the appointed District 1 commissioner for the El Dorado County Parks & Recreation Commission. In addition to these activities, John served as the Chair of the El Dorado Hills Community Services District's El Dorado Hills Community Park project - which developed and constructed the 40 acre EDH Community Park along El Dorado Hills Blvd at Harvard Way.

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## JOHN HIDAHL *(con't)*

John was the lead advocate for the El Dorado Hills Cityhood/incorporation effort, which was placed on the 2005 ballot, but failed to be approved by voters. As his term on the Board of Supervisors was nearing completion, John was again engaged with a new attempt at Cityhood for El Dorado Hills - his belief was that the greatest result of incorporating as a City would allow for better transportation planning and road maintenance. Under state law in California, cities have much more opportunities for state funding and services than counties do.

John and Eileen were frequent guests at our Bass Lake Action Committee annual holiday parties over the years. John was always engaged in listening to members of our community, regardless of the role he was currently serving in - Fire Board, or Supervisor.



Supervisor-elect John Hidahl and wife Eileen

*BLAC 2016 Xmas Party*

John's passing is an indescribable loss for our El Dorado Hills and Bass Lake Area communities. He knew so many community members, knew their concerns, and knew the intricacies of the history of our community. He had an absolutely unlimited passion for El Dorado Hills, and for all of us as neighbors.

The Bass Lake Action Committee extends condolences to the Hidahl Family. We will miss our dear Friend, and count John as one of the many true blessings of our community.



*BLAC 2017 Xmas Party*



*BLAC 2023 Xmas Party*





## John Walter Hidahl

Oct. 10, 1951 - Nov. 2, 2024

John Hidahl was born on October 10th, 1951, in Ceres, California, to Joel and Margaret Hidahl. He grew up in Ceres alongside his six siblings, working on the family ranch growing peaches and cherries and driving for the family trucking business. John earned his Eagle Scout rank by age 16. He met his future wife, Eileen, in religious education classes and they started dating their senior year at Ceres High School. John went on to study Mechanical Engineering at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo where he earned his Bachelors of Science. John and Eileen married in 1972 and moved to the Sacramento area, where John built a successful career in the Aerospace Industry, working for 31 years at Aerojet and 10 years at Northrop Grumman. John's true calling and passion, however, was public service. He used his extensive knowledge, clear vision, and personal connections to improve the community in his 46 years as an El Dorado Hills resident. His motto of "Service before Self" guided his involvement in numerous boards and committees, helping veterans,

seniors, and youth. A member of St. John's parish for 50 years, he sang in the choir, served as a lector, and was a life member of the Knights of Columbus. He served the last eight years as the El Dorado County District 1 Supervisor, working to enhance the area's quality of life. John was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and a man of deep, abiding faith. After suffering a heart attack, John was called home to the Lord on November 2nd, 2024. He is survived by Eileen, his wife of 52 years, their five daughters- Kathryn, Maureen & Ben, Christine & Josh, Rachel & Jon, Brittani & Marissa, and twelve grandchildren- Jacob, Samuel, Tyler, Evelyn, Rebecca, Ryan, Claire, Luca, Matteo, Theo, Walker and Waverly. He is also survived by siblings Claudia, Marty, Mike, and Rita, and preceded in death by his parents Joel and Margaret, and brothers Rob and Joel. Services will be held on Monday, November 25th at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 307 Montrose Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. All are welcome to attend: 10:00 AM Rosary, 10:30 AM Memorial Mass, and 11:30 AM Celebration of Life in St. John's Gallagher Hall. In honor of John, the family gratefully welcomes contributions to the John Hidahl Memorial Fund, established by the El Dorado County Veterans Alliance to continue John's legacy of supporting local veterans and their families. While John was not a veteran himself, he was a true patriot and a steadfast advocate for those who serve our country.

<https://eldoradocountyveterans.org/john-hidahl-memorial-fund/>

## NOVEMBER 2024 GENERAL ELECTION LOCAL RESULTS

By John Davey

The [El Dorado County Elections Department](#) reports the following ballot results from their Unofficial Summary Report 5 (11/15/24 2:02 PM).

Approximately 1,487 CVR/Prov ballots remaining pending verification County-wide. Post Election Day, results will be updated each Friday by 4:00 PM until all ballots have been tabulated.

### County Board of Education Trustee Area 1 - Unexpired Short Term (1 position)

RACHEL LIBRACH 57.94% 11,132  
CHARLES M WARE 42.06% 8,081

### Buckeye Union School District Governing Board Member (2 positions)

MELISSA KEYZER 24.93% 8,750  
KIRK SEAL 20.23% 7,099  
RYAN MEIER 19.45% 6,825  
THOMAS F FOX 18.01% 6,321  
JENNIFER EULER 12.30% 4,316  
JOELLENE J VAKULICH 5.09%  
1,786

### Rescue Union School District Governing Board Member (2 positions)

MICHAEL T FLAHERTY 33.61%  
10,144

MICHAEL R GORDON 30.89%  
9,322

KITTY CZARNECKI 20.88% 6,301

JENNEY ROBLES 14.63% 4,415

### El Dorado Hills Community Services District Director (2 positions)

CHUCK KING 39.75% 14,387

NOELLE MATTOCK 31.00% 11,219

STEVEN GUTIERREZ 29.25%  
10,587

### El Dorado Hills County Water/Fire District Director (2 positions)

JOHN HIDAHL 33.21% 13,184

KEVIN GOTRO 25.78% 10,235

BOBBI BENNETT 22.42% 8,901

ESTHER M BECKMAN 18.58%  
7,376

### El Dorado Hills County Water/Fire District Director - Unexpired Short Term (1 position)

DAN DONELLI 64.18% 15,423

MICHAEL HILLHOUSE 35.82 8,608

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## NOVEMBER 2024 GENERAL ELECTION LOCAL RESULTS *(con't)*

### MEASURE Q - Promontory Park - Majority to pass (EDH CSD LLAD Repeal)

YES 79.45% 1,191

NO 20.55% 308

### MEASURE R - Valley View - Majority to pass (EDH CSD LLAD Repeal)

YES 71.22% 1,757

NO 28.78% 710

### MEASURE S - Carson Creek - Majority to pass (EDH CSD LLAD Repeal)

YES 91.09% 1,268

NO 8.91% 124

## COSTCO UPDATES PROJECT PLAN FOR EDH

*By John Davey*

The applicants for the long proposed Costco Warehouse store for El Dorado Hills at the Silva Valley Parkway-US50 interchange have submitted an updated application for the project to El Dorado County.

Originally proposed in 2019 as part

of the EDH52 commercial project along both sides of Silva Valley Pkwy just north of the US50 interchange, and south of the Oak Meadow Elementary School, the Costco portion of the project was originally planned for the east side of Silva Valley Pkwy, while the EDH52 commercial/retail project was intended for the west side of Silva Valley Pkwy.

After reviewing initial response to the Costco Warehouse membership store, Costco elected to move their project to the west side of Silva Valley Pkwy, and to eliminate the now traditional Costco Fuel Station from the project (which would result in a significant reduction of gasoline taxes for El Dorado County).



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## EDH COSTCO PLANS *(con't)*

The original intent was for both the Costco project and the EDH52 commercial project to process their individual environmental project reviews as a single combined project application. In July 2023 EDH52 modified their plans for multiple commercial/retail buildings on the east side of Silva Valley Pkwy to instead feature 304 apartment units in four-story buildings, and scale down the retail aspects to only two buildings totaling 14,000 sf of space.



With no real process following this change, Costco elected to simply purchase both project sites on each side of Silva Valley Pkwy for over \$8 million this fall. Costco submitted their updated application this month to include the Costco Warehouse Store on the west side of Silva Valley Pkwy, and a Costco Fuel Station on the east side of Silva Valley Pkwy.

More details are expected to be released as the project analysis continues forward for processing through the El Dorado County Planning and Building Department.

## BASS LAKE AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS UPDATES

*By John Davey*

Bass Lake Area development project statuses:

### [Village of Marble Valley Specific Plan SP13-0003](#)

3,200 unit residential project on Marble Valley Road, south of the Bass Lake Rd-US50 interchange – waiting for Final Environmental Impact Report - expected in 2025

### [Lime Rock Valley Specific Plan SP13-0001](#)

800 unit residential project on Marble Valley Road, south of the Bass Lake Rd-US50 interchange – waiting for Final Environmental Impact Report - expected in 2025

### [Town & Country Village El Dorado](#)

Two 150 room hotel and hospitality project on Bass Lake Rd and COUNTRY Club Dr. north of the Bass Lake Rd-US50 interchange – waiting for Final Environmental Impact Report - expected in 2025

# THE 61st EDH FIRE DEPT SANTA RUN STARTS IN THE BASS LAKE AREA TUES DEC 10th AT OAK KNOLL PARK



EL DORADO HILLS  
FIRE DEPARTMENT



*Join us in Welcoming  
Santa Claus and Friends to El Dorado Hills*

## SANTA RUN

**HOLIDAY HEROES**  
Food and Toy Drive

## SANTA STOPS AT

**Oak Knoll Park @ 3371 Alyssum Circle**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024**

**est. arrival time: 5:30 pm**

*Bringing Sirens, Lights, and Santa's Elves out at  
Night & Making Spirits Bright!*

**ACCEPTING NEW,  
UNWRAPPED TOYS,  
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD,  
& LETTERS TO SANTA**

*Collections will be accepted at each Santa stop  
and personal deliveries can be made to any  
of our five Fire Stations.*



### A Message From Your Local Santa Run Ambassador:

The 61st Annual EDH Fire Dept Santa Run starts at Bass Lake! Santa and the Fire Department elves will join us at Oak Knoll Park in The Hills of El Dorado Village to collect toy and food donations, spread holiday cheer, and take photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

**A donation trailer will be onsite for convenient drop-offs.**

We'll gather in the Oak Knoll Clubhouse parking lot to line up for photos.

*Please make sure to keep the streets clear for the Fire Department's arrival.*

**DONATE TODAY!**



Visit the News & Events section  
of our website for more information

**EDHFire.com**



**Shriners Hospitals**  
for Children—Northern California





## NOVEMBER LOCAL MEETING RECORDINGS

By John Davey

Recordings of local meetings in El Dorado Hills and El Dorado County in November 2024.

**El Dorado Hills Community Council Meetings:** First Monday of each month.  
**November Meeting** (held on Oct 28th)  
<https://youtu.be/uDlkK3rUe2U>

**El Dorado Hills Area Planning Advisory Committee Meetings:**  
 Typically the second Wednesday of each Month  
**November Meeting**  
<https://www.youtube.com/live/IUbKTmzeeAE>

**El Dorado Hills Community Services District Board of Directors Meetings:**  
 Second Thursday of each month  
**Novemeber Meeting**  
 CANCELED DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM

**El Dorado Irrigation District Board EID Meetings, Agendas, Minutes -**  
<https://www.eid.org/about-us/board-of-directors/meetings-agendas-and-minutes>

**EID Recorded Meetings on EID YouTube Channel -**  
[www.EID.org/YouTube](http://www.EID.org/YouTube)



OR VISIT:

<https://basslakeaction.net/SUBSCRIBE>

## BLAC BOARD MEETING



The Bass Lake Action Committee Board of Directors is holding our ANNUAL MEETING and holiday party at the home of John and Meirve Davey on Saturday December 14th at 6PM

Members will receive the Agenda & Meeting location details via email invitation. Please RSVP to [basslakemembers@gmail.com](mailto:basslakemembers@gmail.com)

The Annual Meeting will announce the election results for the 2025 Board of Directors

For more information about meetings and membership, please contact President John Davey at 530-676-2657, or email [basslakemembers@gmail.com](mailto:basslakemembers@gmail.com).

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