

THE BASS LAKE BULLETIN

The Voice of the Bass Lake Community
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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.



BASS LAKE AREA LOCAL CANDIDATES NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

By John Davey

As a Non-profit 501(C)(4) organization, the Bass Lake Action Committee refrains from endorsing candidates for political offices.

Our community organization recognizes that the power in casting votes for representation, and weighing in on ballot measures that impact our state and community, is a treasured right, and privilege. It is also a service that we provide to each other as neighbors.

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LOCAL CANDIDATES *(con't)*

In our October Bass Lake Bulletin, we are sharing the candidates running for local offices here in our communities, and in our County.

Candidates and their candidate statements are listed in the order they appear on local ballots, or in the order they are listed in the [County's Voter Information Pamphlet](#).

Please note that several local races only received candidate filings for the exact number of open seats. In those races, those candidates will not appear on the November 3rd General Election Ballot, and will simply take office at the beginning of the new terms. Those candidate elections included:

El Dorado Hills County Water District Board of Directors (El Dorado Hills Fire Department)

Cameron Park Community Services District Board of Directors

Buckeye Union School District Board of Trustees

El Dorado Union High School District Board of Trustees

Additionally, we included the candidate statements for El Dorado

County Board of Supervisors District Four. As the Bass Lake area is in the unincorporated County, the County Board of Supervisors represent not only specific districts, but also decide legislative matters that impact the entirety of El Dorado County. The boundaries for District Four includes, or are adjacent to, Bass Lake area communities in El Dorado Hills, Rescue, Cameron Park, and Shingle Springs.

EL DORADO HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Vote For No More Than Three:

JOSHUA ZIESE

Occupation: State Water Board

Education and Qualifications: A longtime resident of El Dorado Hills, living in the Promontory Village, I am deeply invested in making our community a great place to live, work, and raise a family. My wife and I raised our children here, spending years volunteering in schools, coaching youth sports, serving on the Villagio HOA Board, and building lasting relationships with families and business owners throughout our community.

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EDH CSD BOARD *(con't)*

I hold college degrees in government and civil engineering. For more than 15 years, I have worked for the State of California overseeing municipal financing programs that improve drinking water and water quality statewide. My experience includes fiscal stewardship, program oversight, and ensuring public funds are managed efficiently, equitably, and transparently.

El Dorado Hills needs leadership that plans responsibly for our future. We need more parks and sports fields to meet the needs of our growing community. At the same time, we must confront our General Fund deficit, including recent legal expenses, and the need for a commonsense maintenance budget.

I am committed to bringing transparency, integrity, fiscal discipline, and collaborative leadership to El Dorado Hills to help meet the needs of our families and businesses today.

BEN GLICKMAN

Occupation: Supervising Deputy Attorney General

Education and Qualifications: El Dorado Hills is an extraordinary community. My wife and I chose to

raise our family here because of its outstanding parks, recreation programs, and strong sense of community. I am running for the CSD Board to help preserve and strengthen those qualities.

As an attorney specializing in government, constitutional, and election law, I solve complex legal and public policy problems that demand rigorous analysis and sound judgment.

Locally, I have served as President of the El Dorado Hills “Taz” Swim Team, one of our community’s largest youth organizations, since 2021. I have worked with hundreds of families and volunteers to strengthen financial oversight, improve programs, and launch Swimclusion, the region’s first adaptive swim team for children with disabilities.

As President of the Jackson Elementary PTO, I helped lead efforts to build the county’s first fully accessible elementary school playground and improve campus facilities.

At the CSD, I have served nearly four years on the LLAD Citizens Advisory Committee, participated in planning and youth sports working groups, and regularly engaged in public meetings.

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EDH CSD BOARD *(con't)*

I believe local government should focus on people, not politics. The future, not the past. I will bring integrity, transparency, and practical problem-solving to every decision to serve El Dorado Hills.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

**STEVEN JOSEPH
GUTIERREZ JR.**

Occupation: Retired Military

Education and Qualifications: I am running for the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills Community Services District because I believe our community deserves experienced, accountable, and responsible leadership.

I have been an El Dorado Hills resident since 2016, where my family and I have put down roots. My son graduated from Oak Ridge High School, further strengthening our family's connection to this community. I have also volunteered my time serving on the EDHCSD Local Landscape Assessment District (LLAD) Citizen Advisory Committee and the Master Park Plan Working Group.

I have 40 years of executive leadership experience in the military, law

enforcement, and public service, along with graduate education and prior experience serving as President of the Mountain House Community Services District Board. "I understand public service and the importance of sound, fact-based decisions."

As El Dorado Hills continues to grow, I will work to strengthen parks, recreation, facilities, and community services while planning responsibly for the future. I will advocate for fiscal responsibility, ensuring taxpayer dollars are managed wisely and efficiently.

I believe transparency and accountability are essential to good governance and public input.

I will also support responsible stewardship of our parks, open spaces, and natural environment.

My commitment is simple: listen, lead, protect taxpayer dollars, and serve the entire El Dorado Hills community.

STEPHEN FERRY

Occupation: Retired Businessman.
Incumbent

Education and Qualifications: Our son Mark and his wife Amie moved to El

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EDH CSD BOARD *(con't)*

Dorado Hills in 1999, and Beth and I followed close behind in 2000. We lived in Serrano for 20 years before moving to Heritage in 2020. I graduated from San Jose State University and went directly into the mortgage banking field where I developed a national mortgage banking company. I was on the committee that created the Housing Plan and Water Plan for the City of San Jose. I helped to create the Housing and Land Use Elements of the El Dorado County General Plan.

As a Soccer and Little League coach for seven years each, I understand that there are field and facilities issues that need solutions and the CSD needs someone who can give direction that is helpful.

I ran in 2022 with a Pro Cityhood platform and believe even stronger, that self-government is necessary for the 55,000 residents of El Dorado Hills. The CSD has moved forward on that promise. After all, we deserve to retain our funds which are being diverted to the county, and we need control over our land use. I look forward to serving you and thank you for your Vote.

*** WAYNE A. LOWERY ***

Occupation: Parks Director, Retired

Education and Qualifications: The El Dorado Hills Community Services District has been sidetracked recently with political controversies and fiscal challenges. The District needs to get back to building more parks to serve the community, providing excellent services in a responsible way and be financially responsible. Wayne will work to solve the problems created by the current CSD Board in a thoughtful and responsible manner to best serve the community. As the former EDHCSD General Manager (1990-2010) and Board Member (2010-2018), nineteen parks were built and maintained, budgets balanced and there were none of the problems that have been created since. He oversaw major increases in recreation services, initiated secure funding sources to assure future maintenance of capital facilities and established developer impact fees for new park construction. A proven record of operating the CSD successfully, Wayne has the experience and track record to help get the District on the right track. He is happily retired and hesitant to return to this service but feels compelled to assist the District again in a meaningful way.

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EDH CSD BOARD *(con't)*

* Wayne Lowery is a listed candidate on the 2026 Ballot, but has asked voters not to vote for him. Mr. Lowery has shared this statement, published in the September 10, 2026 Village Life:

"Unfortunately, I have recently developed some health issues which were exasperated by the current election campaign, making me realize that, if elected to the EDHCS board, it is highly likely that I will have to resign from the position as director," Lowery shared. "This community does not deserve that. Therefore, I am suspending my campaign and urge my friends and voters to not support me in the election on Nov. 3. My apologies."

EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT DIVISION 4 DIRECTOR

Vote For One

LORI GODSEY ANZINI

El Dorado Irrigation District Director

Education and Qualifications: I am currently the President of the El Dorado Irrigation District Board.

Over the past four years, our agency has made significant progress, particularly in improving transparency for ratepayers—an effort I have actively championed. We hired a new General Manager, strengthened our

Finance Department, and improved communication through social media and updated newsletters.

I remain committed to transparency and to putting ratepayers first in every decision, guided by three key questions: How will ratepayers be affected? Will the project incur too much debt? Will service improve?

As your District 4 Director, I also represent EID through the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association and the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), helping to build stronger water partnerships in the Sacramento region and rural counties. I want to continue that.

Delivering water from the mountains requires careful maintenance and sound safety practices for the benefit of our District. We have the best employees who follow those priorities. I ask for your vote to continue serving as your EID Director for Division 4.

ERIC METTLER

Retired CEO

Education and Qualifications: EID plans to spend \$800 million over the next five years, increase debt by another \$213 million, increase operating expenses 37%, and raise

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EID DIVISION 4 DIRECTOR*(con't)*

rates at least 12% per year through 2033. Before asking ratepayers to bear that burden, the Board has a responsibility to ensure every project is necessary, cost-effective, and managed with rigorous financial oversight.

The El Dorado County Civil Grand Jury concluded that the Board has not provided adequate financial oversight. Ratepayers deserve better.

My priorities are to strengthen fiscal oversight, improve accountability, require greater transparency in project planning and execution, and ensure significant expenditures deliver measurable value to the ratepayers.

If elected, I will provide leadership for change—not simply go along with the status quo. I will ask the difficult questions, insist on measurable performance, and advocate for disciplined financial management on behalf of EID's customers.

I have lived in Cameron Park for over three decades and have seen water rates dramatically increase over that time. As a retired Chief Executive Officer with extensive experience in governance, financial management, engineering, and project controls—

including early-career experience at a water utility—I will bring the leadership, fiscal discipline, and independent judgment needed to restore public confidence in EID's governance.

EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT DIVISION 2 DIRECTOR

Vote For One

GREG PRADA

Occupation: Retired Business Executive

Education and Qualifications: My career experience is relevant to what I believe EID ratepayers need on the EID board. I served as CEO for a publicly held company and COO and CFO in two financial turnarounds. I received my undergraduate business degree from the University of Washington followed by MBA studies at Northwestern University.

As a former EID board member I know that staff wields extraordinary power in influencing board spending decisions and that ratepayer rate consequences are not given concurrent equal footing in each spending decision.

The 2025 grand jury sternly criticized EID's board for failing to provide competent financial oversight, further

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EID DIVISION 2 DIRECTOR*(con't)*

citing that many projects cost many millions of dollars more than first approved.

Last December, EID's board approved staff proposals to spend \$800 million over the next five years, increase debt another \$213 million, increase operating expenses 37 percent, and raise rates 12 percent in both 2027 and 2028, escalating to 18 percent in 2029. Since 2018, rates have nearly doubled.

Ratepayers urgently need responsible, competent, fiscal oversight from EID's board. If elected, I pledge to relentlessly stand for fiscal restraint, spending boundaries and rate containment on behalf of EID's 44,000 ratepayers.

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RICK BLODGETT

Occupation: Water Scientist/Business Owner

Education and Qualifications: Dear EID Ratepayer, Safe, reliable, affordable, and abundant water is essential to public health and welfare. Combine the needs of the county's population growth with an aging water delivery system and the challenge that EID water professionals face to

provide us with safe and reliable water supply is easily seen.

Maintenance for water and wastewater systems takes money, which traditionally falls upon the ratepayers. However, the burden of cost can be buffered by good strategic planning and thinking "outside the box."

I bring vision, experience, and practical solutions to address our water and wastewater needs. I commit to increased water storage and equal EID representation on the county water agency board. I am available to serve. Thank you in advance for your vote of support.

Personal: Fifth generation Californian, 34 years resident EDC and EID ratepayer. 33 years Water Quality Chemist for the City of Sacramento. Business owner for both Blodgett Research Institute for Waterborne Infectious Disease and Water Environmental Testing Laboratory. Founder of Bright Water Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to eradicating cholera and typhoid in the developing world.

Community: EDC Search and Rescue Volunteer of the Year (2004), EDC Pandemic Planning Outstanding Public Service Award (2006), Boy

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EID DIVISION 2 DIRECTOR*(con't)*

Scouts of America: 25 years as Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster and Venture Leader of the Year.

Education: BA/BS Environmental Microbiology. Ph.D. Public Health Epidemiology.

LAUREN HERNANDEZ

Occupation: Founder and Business Executive, Public Policy and Funding Strategist, Community Philanthropist, Rural Community Advocate

Education and Qualifications: As a third-generation local raising my family here, I'm running to secure safe, reliable water, fair and manageable rates, and ensure our water and wastewater systems serve local families, small businesses, and farms.

Running a household or business means watching every dollar. With EID considering additional rate increases, ratepayers must be at the forefront—not left out of the room. Aging infrastructure presents real challenges, and we must avoid repeating past mistakes of overextending our system by taking a smart, common-sense approach.

I've completed a 15-year financial review of our district's assets, so I'm ready on day one to protect your ratepayer dollars. In my career, I've helped secure over \$800 million in state and federal funding for rural communities, partnering directly with local water districts to fund essentials like fire hydrants in high risk areas, keeping operations going during the Caldor fire recovery, wildfire prevention work that protects our watershed and efforts to safeguard our local water rights from outside overreach.

I'm ready to put that experience to work for you—delivering safe, reliable water and fair rates. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

Visit www.Lauren4EID.com to learn more about my priorities and read my full fiscal review.

**COUNTY BOARD OF
EDUCATION TRUSTEE
AREA 1 GOVERNING
BOARD MEMBER**

Vote For One

JOHN G HENSILL

Occupation: Parent/Education Attorney

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BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEE AREA 1 *(con't)*

Education and Qualifications: My name is John Hensill, and I am running for the El Dorado County Office of Education, Area 1. If elected, I will refocus our schools on what truly matters: academic excellence. As a father of three and an experienced education attorney, I have witnessed firsthand how political agendas distract our schools from their primary mission - educating our kids. Our children's future is far too important to be a pawn in party politics.

While California is home to many elite universities, our K-12 system currently ranks in the bottom half of the country. This crisis is deepening, as teachers at the University of California report that many incoming students don't understand basic high school math. We must reverse this trend by focusing on providing a high-quality education in our primary schools.

I ask for your vote. If elected, I will work tirelessly to ensure every child in El Dorado County has the foundation they need to succeed.

RACHEL LIBRACH

Occupation: Incumbent

Education and Qualifications: My name is Rachel Librach, and I am the incumbent Board Trustee for Area 1 with the El Dorado County Office of Education (EDCOE). In this role, I am committed to transparency, protecting parents' rights, and addressing the decline in student proficiency across core academic subjects.

Among many school districts in our county, proficiency in Math, Reading, and Writing dropped significantly during the COVID era, with several schools falling below the state average, according to the California School Dashboard. Although some progress has been made in recent years, we have not yet returned to pre-pandemic performance levels.

As a Board Trustee, my priority is to collaborate with District Superintendents to identify what is working, eliminate inefficiencies, and support curriculum that drives measurable student success. I believe that with strong communication and teamwork, we can create meaningful solutions that will help benefit students, families, and educators.

I have, and will continue to be, dedicated to increasing transparency, understanding the root causes of declining performance, and implementing strategies to move

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BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEE AREA 1 *(con't)*

forward. I am committed to a strong focus on core academics, upholding our community values, and pursuing innovative approaches that give our students all the necessary resources for them to thrive.

RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER

Vote For No More Than Three:

JAMIE HUNTER

Occupation: Incumbent/Educator

Education and Qualifications: My name is Jamie Hunter, and I am honored to seek a second term on the Rescue Union School District Board of Trustees.

Serving our students, families, and staff has been a privilege. During my first term, I have remained committed to making thoughtful, student-centered decisions while working collaboratively to support safe schools, academic excellence, and responsible stewardship of district resources.

As both an educator and a parent of three children attending Rescue Union schools, I understand the importance of strong public education from

multiple perspectives. Professionally, I have spent more than a decade as a university faculty member teaching Education, Special Education, and Early Childhood Education. This experience provides a strong foundation in curriculum, student achievement, school safety, and educational leadership.

Beyond the boardroom, I remain actively involved in our community through volunteer service and coaching youth sports. I believe strong schools are built through partnerships among educators, families, and the community.

I remain committed to supporting outstanding teachers and staff, maintaining fiscal responsibility, prioritizing student well-being, and ensuring every decision is made with students' best interests in mind.

It would be an honor to continue serving our community, and I respectfully ask for your vote.

KIM WHITE

Incumbent

**NO CANDIDATE STATEMENT
PROVIDED**

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RESCUE USD GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER *(con't)*

MICHELLE BEBOUT

Incumbent

NO CANDIDATE STATEMENT
PROVIDED

JENNEY ROBLES

Occupation: Accountant

Education and Qualifications: Good Day! My name is Jenney Robles. I would love the opportunity to serve as your Rescue Union School District Board Member. I'd also like a chance to share a little bit about myself. I grew up in Northern California and have resided in Cameron Park for 19 years. After high school, I joined the US Army and trained as a helicopter technician. I gained valuable experience and knowledge. Afterwards, I studied accounting and business administration. I have gained over 15 years experience in accounting and I am ready to dedicate all of that I have learned to our community. I'm also a mother of four children who graduated from Ponderosa High School. A strong community is important to a child's development. It's important that we foster a great place to learn and grow. I plan to bring my financial and budget planning knowledge, with my military experience to help safeguard our

freedoms and values. I want to ensure our children receive the best education possible. Our children deserve to thrive, not just survive. Together we can protect our children's future! I humbly ask for your vote to represent our community. Thank you for your time and consideration! Jenney Robles

COUNTY SUPERVISOR, 4TH DISTRICT

Vote For One

GINA POSEY

Occupation: Civil Grand Juror,
Taxpayers' Association Director,
Firewise Chair

Education and Qualifications: Some decisions cannot be undone. Once a rural community is overdeveloped, it will never be rural again. Once families are priced out by rising costs, they rarely return. Once trust in government is lost, it takes years to rebuild.

That is what is at stake in this election.

I've experienced homeowners losing insurance, young families priced out of homeownership, government spending more while asking residents to pay more, and decisions that favor

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COUNTY SUPERVISOR, 4TH DISTRICT *(con't)*

development over residents. Now is the time that demands action, not campaign promises.

For neighborhood safety, I founded the Sierrama Firewise Community. To improve government accountability, I served as an El Dorado County Civil Grand Juror. As a Taxpayers' Association of El Dorado County Director, I challenged wasteful spending.

Residents deserve someone willing to ask difficult questions, propose real solutions, and stand strong against bad decisions. And, someone with the judgment to know that every vote has consequences and the courage to cast the right votes for District 4.

I've spent years in this community preparing for this responsibility. Now, I'm asking for the opportunity to serve you. With your vote, I can continue working to put residents first.

www.Posey4Supervisor.com

TED GAINES

Occupation: Taxpayer Advocate, Small Business Owner, Member, Board of Equalization

Education and Qualifications: El Dorado County and our rural lifestyle are the envy of our neighbors and I've

protected our values my entire career as your representative. Now I'm stepping up to be your next Supervisor.

I'll preserve District 4's country feel and keep big-city problems far away, saying no to urban development and the traffic and crime that comes with it.

As a taxpayer advocate, budget watchdog, and business owner, I'll demand accountability and eliminate wasteful spending. I am a strong defender of Prop. 13 and lower taxes to help businesses and families keep what they earn. I've earned the endorsement of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association PAC.

I commit to keeping El Dorado County the safest county, where you can leave your doors unlocked and your kids can go to school without worry.

I back the blue 100% and earned endorsements from Sheriff Jeff Leikauf, Hal Barker, and District Attorney Vern Pierson.

Fire safety will be a top priority as Supervisor.

I am a lifetime member of the NRA and support the 2nd Amendment.

My great-great grandfather ran supplies into Placerville during the Gold Rush. I have deep roots here, love this country and county, and will defend what makes them special.

OCTOBER LOCAL MEETING RECORDINGS

By John Davey

Recordings of local meetings in El Dorado Hills and El Dorado County in October 2026.

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

October 14th Meeting

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RNukQJyIC0>

El Dorado Hills Community Services District Board of Directors Meetings:

Second Thursday of each month

October 8th Regular Meeting

<https://basslakeaction.net/edhcsd-10-8-26>

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



OR VISIT:

<https://basslakeaction.net/SUBSCRIBE>

BLAC BOARD MEETING



The next quarterly business meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday November 9, 2026

Members will receive the Meeting location details via email invitation. All Members are welcome, and are encouraged to attend.

For more information about meetings and membership, please contact 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>