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## HARN APPEAL OF **APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL SERRANO** HOMES DELAYED

#### **BLAC Submits Comment** Letter to Supervisors

County Auditor-Controller Joe Harn has appealed a decision by the El Dorado County Planning Commission to approve a 65-lot, El Dorado Hills housing project proposed by Serrano Associates. Harn said he appealed the county's October 24 approval because park-construction requirements are vague and because planners failed to require developer-paid traffic mitigation efforts necessary for Bass Lake Road.

The Board of Supervisors considered Harn's appeal at their December 10 meeting. At that meeting a motion was approved to continue the matter to February 4, 2020, and direct staff to work with the developer regarding solutions for the following items in their priority: 1) Park construction; 2) Turn pocket issues; and 3) Sidewalks. The motion vote was Yeas, 4 (Frentzen, Novasel, Hidahl and Parlin), Noes, 1 (Veerkamp).

#### Harn's Position

"The county's requirement for park construction is ambiguous and weak," said Harn. "Serrano is only required to work in 'good faith' to construct the park. The public has already waited 30 years for this park. That's ridiculous. The county should require the developer to build the park before any more homes are built."

Harn also raised the concern that Serrano is not required to make what he calls necessary road improvements.



## EID RATES GOING UP

New rates for water and recycled water were approved at the recent meeting of the El Dorado Irrigation District Board of Directors. The board also gave the OK on an updated 2019-20 mid-cycle operating budget.

On a 5-0 vote the board approved the 3-percent increases for water and recycled water service. Those will go into effect in January.

No increase was approved for wastewater.

Revisions to the 2019 budget include \$700,000 less than budgeted in water revenues, \$2 million more than budgeted for hydropower revenue and \$3 million less than expected in facility capacity charges (FCC) revenue. FCCs are the fees generated by connecting to EID's system - water, wastewater or both.

Revenue revisions for 2020 include \$8.8 million more in FCC revenues but \$.9 million less in wastewater revenue. Operating expenses in 2020 are expected to be 4 percent higher.

Revisions were made to the agency's five-year financial plan as well, including replacing a \$75 million bond sale in 2020 with one for \$60 million and moving a separate \$75 million bond sale from 2024 to 2025.

#### Customer satisfaction results

A report was also made on the results from a customer satisfaction survey conducted by both EID and an outside firm.

In February of this year EID surveyed 4,000 randomly selected customers, generating a 19 percent response rate. Water



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## **INSURERS BANNED** FROM DROPPING POLICIES MADE RISKIER **BY WILDFIRE**

With thousands of Californians facing non-renewal of their homeowners insurance. on Dec. 5 California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara issued a mandatory, one-year moratorium on insurance companies non-renewing policyholders in certain areas of the state.

The moratorium covers more than 800,000 residential policies in ZIP codes adjacent to recent wildfire disasters under Senate Bill 824, also known as the Wildfire Safety and Recovery Act that was signed into law in September 2018.

This is the first time the Department of Insurance has invoked SB 824, the existing law that prevents non-renewals for those who suffer a total loss. SB 824 also establishes protection for those living adjacent to a declared wildfire emergency but who did not suffer a total loss.

The Department of Insurance has since partnered with Cal Fire and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services to identify wildfire perimeters and adjacent ZIP codes within the mandatory moratorium area. Thursday's bulletin included seven of the 16 wildfires within state-declared emergency areas and Cal Fire is working to identify perimeters for the remaining nine fires, which the Department of Insurance will announce in a separate bulletin.

The 16 wildfires in question include the 46 (Riverside County), Eagle (Riverside County), Easy (Ventura County), Getty (Los Angeles County), Glen Cove (Solano

## BLAC CHRISTMAS PARTY AND ANNUAL MEETING 2019 ~ All Photos by Fran Thomson ~



Los Rios Community College District Trustee John Knight



Cindy Mundt, Office of John Hidahl, and EDH CSD Director Alan Priest



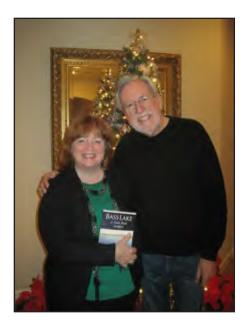
Cindi Mundt with EDHCSD General Manager Kevin Loewen and CSD Board Clerk Brittany DiTonno



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Alan Priest, Rowland Gaal, and John Thomson with John's new book, "Bass Lake, A Gold Rush Artifact"



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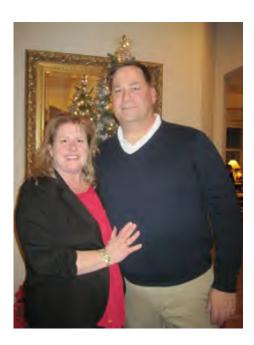
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Heidi Hannaman, representing State Assemblymember Kevin Kiley, presenting a California Assembly Certificate of Recognition to John Thomson



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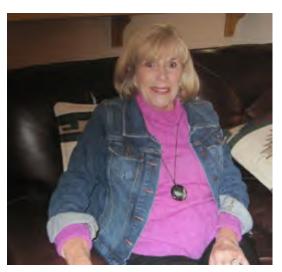


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# Bass Lake Bulletin BLAC CHRISTMAS PARTY AND ANNUAL MEETING 2019



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#### HARN APPEAL (continued)

On October 22 the El Dorado County Department of Transportation determined a left-turn pocket is needed at Bass Lake Road and Bridlewood Drive.

"Without question, the Serrano project has put a lot of cars on Bass Lake Road. Serrano Associates should be required to fund the left-turn pocket," said Harn. "The county's voter-approved general plan makes it crystal clear that developers must pay for necessary road improvements."

Harn said he's also disappointed with planners' decision not to require a sidewalk from these homes toward the new Safeway along Bass Lake Road.

"For the last 20 years the county has required developers that build homes along Bass Lake Road to build sidewalks. This is the first subdivision approved in this area in a long time without a sidewalk requirement," he explained. "For reasons obvious to most, pedestrians cannot walk safely on Bass Lake Road. The county has made a mistake."

The county's approval was pursuant to the Serrano Specific Plan and development agreement, both of which were approved by the county in 1989. Expiring in 2009, the development agreement required the developer, Serrano Associates, to provide a number of infrastructure improvements, including the yet-to-be-developed park near Bass Lake Road.

"I have always promised that I will make developers pay so the public doesn't have to," said Harn. "The county should require Serrano to build this park, build the sidewalk and fund needed road improvements before moving forward with home construction."

#### **BLAC Comment Letter**

The text of the Bass Lake Action Committee comment letter submitted is reproduced below, except for charts and graphs:

The Bass Lake Action Committee would like to submit the following public comments, with respect to the appeal filed in regard to the County of El Dorado Planning Commission's approval of Serrano Village J7 (PD18-0005 / TM18-1536). We are offering our support of this appeal based on the impacts to Bass Lake area transportation, circulation, and pedestrian safety, as well as on the vague nature of COA 50 regarding the construction of parkland at Village JLOT H. We believe that the project should NOT be issued any building permits until the Village J LOT H Parkland Dedication has been formalized and completed. As Bass Lake Area residents in El Dorado Hills, we have provided public comment via our Traffic Safety Committee (TSC)

for all three recent public hearings for the PD18-0005/TM18-1536 Serrano J7 project before the Planning Commission regarding traffic and pedestrian impacts. These public comments are attached in the Planning Commission Hearings' Legistar file https:// eldorado.legistar.com/LegislationDetail. aspx?ID=4073000&GUID=BACAA1DE-25DB-41D4-B028-0112D5AFF106. For the past several years, we have had an ongoing dialog with the project applicants regarding this project, as well as several other area projects. Parker Development/Serrano Associates has been very generous with their time, and their commitment to outreach with the Bass Lake Community. In the weeks prior to the project's hearings at the Planning Commission, we have discussed with the applicants our concerns about the Serrano J7 Village ("A Street")/Bass Lake Road intersection at the Bass Lake overflow, and the close proximity of the Bridlewood Drive Bass/Lake Road Intersection. Realizing that the recently completed Traffic Study reveals overall LOS C and LOS D peak hour conditions in the area, and that these findings do not merit the long promised four-lane Bass Lake Road alignment, we still have grave concerns about the appropriateness of the Serrano J7 "A Street" - Bass Lake Road intersection. We believe that the California Highway Patrol accident data that we submitted in our past public comments demonstrate that the ten-year accident rate in this very specific area a few hundred feet from Bridlewood Drive, as well as the collision rate between Serrano Parkway and Woodleigh Lane, merits consideration for eliminating all left turn movements at the Proposed "A Street" intersection. We note that the Transportation Department Findings regarding collision data on Bass Lake Road is limited to the segment between Sienna Ridge Road and Bridlewood Drive - and ignores collision data north of Bridlewood Drive, which is contiguous to the project site.

We also find it striking that residents have been told ad nauseum for several years, and as recently as August of 2019, that there is no existing warrant for a left turn pocket at the Bass Lake Road/Bridlewood Drive



intersection, and that a left turn pocket likely wouldn't be warranted for years. Yet, following the September 2019 traffic study, magically, a left turn pocket at the Bass Lake Road/Bridlewood Drive is suddenly warranted with existing conditions. Without our concerns and public comments to the Planning Commission regarding this project, an updated traffic study might not have even been conducted, and we would still be told that a left turn pocket at this intersection wouldn't be warranted for several more years. Since there is no funding for a left turn pocket, the now warranted Bass Lake Road/Bridlewood Drive left turn pocket will be added to the unfunded CIP list. Even if it were added to the current CIP list, the CIP is a 20 year program, so the left turn pocket may still not happen for many years. So to state it bluntly - our faith in the integrity of traffic and circulation conditions analysis is decidedly less than optimum. Eliminating left turn movements at the Bass Lake Road/J7 "A Street" entrance is not without precedence: Three other existing Serrano El Dorado Villages have left turn restrictions due to traffic safety or divided roadways along Serrano Parkway, and Silva Valley Parkway. The Serrano Village J6 Whistling Way intersection at Bass Lake Road is approximately 1100 feet to the west, and is an interconnected road to Village J7. Due to the lack of improvements to Bass Lake Road, and the lack of road frontage improvements to be provided by the already approved Serrano Village J6 and the proposed Serrano Village J7, we feel that eliminating all left turn movements at "A Street" is the minimum safety condition that could be applied to this project.

As residents, we want to reiterate, our concerns with the overall traffic and safety conditions on Bass Lake Road have not been abated by the recent traffic study results provided by this project. We're also disappointed that the Serrano J6 and J7 village entrances intersections on Bass Lake Road are the only Serrano El Dorado villages that were not required to construct road frontage improvements (funding only), which is a disservice to both existing residents, and to the new residents making an investment in Serrano El Dorado. We maintain that if Traffic Study data and development projections indicate that a four-lane alignment of Bass Lake Road in the Serrano Parkway to Magnolia Hills Drive road segment are not warranted for potentially another 20 years, our preference would be to keep the fourlane alignment of Bass Lake Road right of way, but to abandon the four-lane alignment

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## HARN APPEAL (continued)

goal - since it doesn't seem to be a projected need for the next 20 years. Residents have already waited over 25 years for these improvements.

Instead we propose that the Frontage improvement funding provide turn pockets for village entrances, and that a left turn lane be constructed at Bridlewood Drive. As part of this frontage improvement, we also propose that a combined walking and bicycle path that would close the gap between the sidewalks and bicycle lanes on Bass Lake Road from Sienna Ridge Road at the future Sienna Ridge shopping center, to the future sidewalks and bicycle lanes being constructed as part of the southern extension of Silver Springs Parkway to Bass Lake Road - this would provide the best compromise for traffic and pedestrian safety in our community. During the October 24th Planning Commission Hearing, when asked about providing a sidewalk along the Bass Lake Overflow, the applicant responded that they don't own the property. Has anyone inquired with the El Dorado Hills Community Services District, who owns the property, if they would be willing to collaboratively work to provide a right of way that could accommodate a pedestrian path? There is a possibility that they would benefit from a pedestrian path as they prepare to construct the Bass Lake Community Park. At a minimum, it would provide pedestrian connectivity to the proposed Village J Lot H park site, as well as the Sienna Ridge Shopping Center. Again – the traffic projections made from the late 1980s through 2015 have consistently projected that a need for improvements was imminentconcerned residents find that if projections in overall traffic and development have been incorrect for 30 years, how are we to know with confidence that they aren't still wrong now? In 2016 the following Bass Lake Road projects were removed from the CIP:

**Bass Lake Frontage Improvements:** Silver Springs Project No: 66115 Roadway improvements to the existing Bass Lake Road east of Silver Springs Parkway, including full width improvements, curb, gutter, sidewalk Bass Lake Road Full Improvements – Phase 1A Project No: 66109.

**Bass Lake Road from US 50 to Hollow Oak Road:** widen and reconstruct to twolane divided road with 4-foot shoulders and pedestrian/bike paths. Phase 1A improvements of the Bass Lake Hills Specific Plan PFFP; full improvements to include development of 8-foot median, sidewalk and bike lane from Hollow Oak Road to US 50

Bass Lake Road Widening - U.S. 50 to

Silver Springs Parkway, Phase 1B Project No: GP166 Bass Lake Road from US 50 to Silver Springs Parkway: widen from two to four-lane divided roadway; includes curb, gutter, sidewalk, shoulders (4' shoulder existing) for 2.4 miles (US 50 to Silver Springs Parkway).

In 2018 the following Bass Lake Road project was added TO the CIP:

**Bass Lake Road** – US Highway 50 to Serrano Parkway Project No: 72BASS / 36105054 This project will widen Bass Lake Road for approximately 1.5 miles between US Highway 50 and Serrano Parkway from two lanes to a four-lane divided roadway. Curb, gutter, sidewalk shall be improved via the County's Frontage Ordinance.

In 2019, <u>a year later</u>, Project No: 72, BASS / 36105054 was <u>removed from the CIP</u>.

With the constant evolution of proposed Bass Lake Road improvements, residents have absolutely no knowledge of what to expect for actual improvements to Bass Lake Road. Further, this constant cycle of improvement projects being added in, and taken out, erodes residents' confidence in the accuracy of the County's forecasting, and analysis of project impacts, and existing traffic and circulation conditions. Frankly: what are we to believe? Residents have circulated an online petition among area and County residents who use Bass Lake Road - asking residents to support this idea of abandoning the four-lane alignment of Bass Lake Road between Serrano Parkway and Magnolia Hills Drive, and instead provide these very basic traffic and pedestrian Safety improvements - the petition can be viewed here: http://basslakeaction.net/road - from the petition: Residents believe that Frontage Improvement fees, and other Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) funding, could be used to provide the following common sense, safety, and capacity improvements:

1. PROHIBIT left turn movements on Bass Lake Road at the Village J7 gate. Left turns can be made at the internally accessible Village J6 gate at Whistling Way and Bass Lake Road 1000 feet away- this is a NO COST SOLUTION.

2. PROVIDE Right turn pockets on Bass Lake Road at Village J6, Village J7, Bridlewood Drive, and Madera Way

3. PROVIDE a left turn lane, and stacking area for left turn movements at Bass Lake Road and Bridlewood Drive

4. PROVIDE a combined pedestrian pathway and bicycle path along Bass Lake Road connecting Village J6, Village J7, Bridlewood Canyon, and Woodridge, to the future Silver Springs Parkway intersection. This would provide pedestrian connectivity to the proposed Bass Lake Regional Park, the sidewalks and bicycle lanes of the Silver Springs development, and the Sienna Ridge Shopping Center.

As of December 4, 2019, the petition has collected: 484 resident signatures in support.

139 resident comments added to the petition (attached) Very few non-controversial development projects generate even a dozen comments: This simple petition offers 139 comments.

We believe that this overwhelmingly demonstrates the very real concern that Bass Lake Area residents have over existing conditions on Bass Lake Road, and the frustration with the inaccuracies in planning projections, and the lack of delivery of thirty years of anticipated improvements, as promised in the El Dorado County CIP through 2015. At a minimum, we feel that left turn movements at the Bass Lake Road - J7 "A Street" intersection should be restricted until Bass Lake Road improvements are in place.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide public comment on this appeal.

Respectfully, John Davey 2019 Vice President Bass Lake Action Committee

#### **EID RATES** (continued)

quality and reliability were identified by customers as the most important followed by the security of the water supply, cost and 24hour emergency response, according to staff.

In September Probolsky Research conducted two customer surveys. One was an online survey in which 2,594 customers responded. A second survey was done over the telephone using a live-interviewer or via email.

Those surveys were sent to a representative sample of customers throughout the county with the highest response coming from those living in El Dorado Hills, Cameron Park and Rescue.

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#### EID RATES (continued)

As for their level of satisfaction, 78.3 percent of those responding said they were satisfied with the job EID is doing, 17.7 percent were unsatisfied and 4 percent were unsure or preferred not to answer.

For those unsatisfied, the high cost of service was the reason listed by 81.1 percent, poor quality of water listed by 13.2 percent, poor service listed by 9.4 percent and poor management by 9.4 percent and "other" was the response for 11.3 percent (some people listed more than one reason).

Of those surveyed, 75.7 percent believe they pay too much for water service and 19 percent believe they pay just about the right amount. 58.3 percent say they pay too much for wastewater service with 16.3 percent saying they pay just about the right amount.

On the subject of customer service, 83.4 percent reported being satisfied when they contacted EID with 11.5 percent being unsatisfied.

As far as what should be EID's highest priority, providing high quality water ranked highest followed by maintaining reliable drinking water service and keeping the cost of drinking water and sewer service low.

To read the entire survey, visit EID's website where it is included in the Dec. 9 board meeting agenda packet.

New officers were elected to the board. Director George Osborne was elected president and Director Pat Dwyer vice president. Kudos went to outgoing president Alan Day for his leadership this past year.

Contract spending

The board also approved spending \$276,000 for utility business and technology consulting services with Westin Technology Solutions to replace the agency's obsolete software suite called Hansen version 7 and an additional \$240,000 for capitalized labor. Later staff will return with a budget for the actual upgrade of the Hansen system.

The initial funding covers Phase 1 and 2 and will include gap analysis, transformation roadmap development, implementer requirements and request for proposal development, proposal evaluation and contract negotiation support. Phase 3 covers implementing the upgraded EAS solution and will be brought back to the board for approval before proceeding.

The board also awarded a contract to Doug Veerkamp General Engineering for \$265,251 for construction of the Green Valley Pressure Reducing Station No. 2, Lakeview Pressure Reducing Station No. 1 and Francisco Pressure Reducing Station No. 1 upgrade projects. Funding of \$413,326 was authorized for the three projects.

On a consent item the board approved spending \$500,000 on replacement of service lines in areas with high rates of line failure.

It also approved pre-paying almost \$6 million into an irrevocable trust toward two different series of bonds. Both bonds are due in March of 2020 and amount to almost \$14 million in principal and interest debt service.

The debt pre-payment "mitigates the risk of poor debt service coverage resulting from unanticipated revenue shortfalls and unexpected increases in expenses or debt service obligations" in the coming year, according to EID staff.

Staff provided a long-term weather forecast based on predictions by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. For 2020 NOAA predicts an average snowpack for this area. Water storage is also good so far with Caples Lake at 17,100 acrefeet, Jenkinson Lake at 32,580 acre-feet, Weber Lake at 1,014 acre-feet and Folsom Reservoir at 504,000 acre-feet.

Revised pay schedules for each of the district's employee groups were also approved.  $\sim$ 

Credit: Dawn Hodson, Mountain Democrat

#### **INSURANCE** (continued)

County), Hill (Riverside County), Hillside (San Bernardino County), Kincade (Sonoma County), Maria (Ventura County), Reche (Riverside County), Saddle Ridge (Los Angeles County), Sandalwood (Riverside County), Sky (Contra Costa County), Tick (Los Angeles County), Water (San Bernardino County) and Wolf (Riverside County) fires.

Because the homeowners insurance crisis extends beyond the wildfire perimeters and impacts residents statewide, Lara also called on insurance companies to voluntarily cease all non-renewals related to wildfire risk statewide until Dec. 5, 2020 in the wake of Gov. Gavin Newsom's declaration of an



emergency due to fires and extreme weather conditions.

"This wildfire insurance crisis has been years in the making but it is an emergency we must deal with now if we are going to keep the California dream of homeownership from becoming the California nightmare, as an increasing number of homeowners struggle to find coverage," said Lara.

Michael Soller, who is deputy commissioner for communications and press relations for Lara, said this is the first time an elected official has asked for a statewide moratorium on non-renewals for wildfire risk. They have not yet received a response from the insurance companies.

Soller also acknowledged that the moratorium doesn't necessarily mean lower rates.

Lara's action comes amid growing evidence that homeowners insurance has become more difficult for Californians to obtain from traditional markets, forcing them into more expensive, less comprehensive options such as the FAIR Plan that do not offer the same level of coverage or protections.

The FAIR Plan is an insurance association that offers coverage to high-risk homeowners and renters in the state who have trouble obtaining coverage through another insurer.

The number of consumers covered by the FAIR Plan has surged in areas with high wildfire risk. According to the U.S. Forest Service, more than 3.6 million California households are located in the wildland-urban interface where wildfires are most likely to occur.

Thursday's action built on Commissioner Lara's order last month to modernize the FAIR Plan, and the current action strengthens the insurance safety net.

No later than June 1, 2020, the FAIR Plan will expand its coverage to offer a full homeowners policy in addition to its current limited, fire-only policy.

By April 1, 2020, the FAIR Plan will increase the dwelling fire combined policy limit from \$1.5 million to \$3 million, in recognition of higher home values.

By February 1, 2020, the FAIR Plan will offer a monthly payment plan without fees and allow people to pay by credit card or electronic funds transfer without fees.

The Department of Insurance in August released data revealing insurance companies are dropping an increasing number of residents in areas with high wildfire risk. The number of non-renewals rose by more than 10 percent last year in seven counties from San Diego to Sierra. ~

Credit: Dawn Hodson, Mountain Democrat



## EIA: PROPANE PRICES TO DRIFT DOWN

The 2019 Winter Fuels Outlook from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) expects that average expenditures for the major home heating energy sources will decline for most households this winter compared with last winter, because of warmer forecast temperatures across much of the country. For the average U.S. household, EIA expects that propane costs will decline by 15%. The average U.S. propane price was \$2.022 per gallon on December 9.

Since California is not included in the EIA price survey, that forecast can be but a broad indicator of our local propane prices, rather than actual prices paid in California.

For example, the delivered price to Bass Lake homes under the JS West pricing agreement was \$1.730 on November 11.

Residents of Bridlewood Canyon, Woodridge and Sierra Crossing who wish to take advantage of the JS West Propane pricing may call JS West Sales Representative Kari Norton at (530) 642-7001. ~



Auld Lang Syne Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot and days of auld lang syne? For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne, we'll take a cup of kindness yet, for auld lang syne. — Robert Burns

#### **Bass Lake Bulletin**



#### The EDITOR'S CORNER

Hello All,

Here we are at another Holiday Season, with bright lights, mistletoe and holly. At our house the lights and decorations went up right after Thanksgiving, as Fran and I hosted the 2019 BLAC Annual Meeting and Christmas Party on December 9th. So for us the month of December will be filled with cheer.

The Bass Lake Road Traffic Safety Committee was formed by BLAC to study and advise the county about road design and safety. The Road Traffic Safety Committee is made up of BLAC members Ron Cassity, John Davey, Steve Slattery, Frank Sulzberger and yours truly. The committee met its goals this month by submitting a comment letter supporting Joe Harn's appeal of several traffic planning decisions that were seen as not adhereing to prior agreements concerning Bass Lake Road and the general neighborhood.

The appeal hearing has been postponed by the Board of Supervisors until February for discussions scheduled bewteen the various constituencies. Let us all hope that an amicable and mutusally acceptable settlement can be achieved.

I will be retiring from the post of Editor of the Bulletin as of January 1st, after holding that office for 17 years.

I hope that the Bulletin has been both informative and amusing to all those who read it over the years. I certainly enjoyed my role as editor.

Since this is the last issue of the year, I'll say Merry Christmas, and wish everyone a happy Holiday Season.

> Sincerely, John E. Thomson Editor Emeritus



## BLAC ELECTS BOARD FOR 2020, HONORS RETIRING EDITOR

The Bass Lake Action Committee Christmas Party and Annual Membership Meeting was held on Monday, December 9, 2019, at 6:00 PM at the home of John and Fran Thomson. The election of officers for 2020 was held during the brief Annual Meeting with the following results: President, Kathy Prevost; Vice President, John Davey; Secretary, Jan Buxton; Director At Large, Ron Cassity; and Treasurer, Wil Brunet.

The board honored retiring Bulletin editor John Thomson by naming him "Editor Emeritus." The date and location of the Feb-ruary meeting will be announced in January.

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



## Merry Christmas

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