

COUNTY OF EL DORADO

SPECIAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025

Information for MAIL BALLOT VOTERS

You are receiving the enclosed Official Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet because you are registered to vote in a district that has called for a **MAIL BALLOT ELECTION** to put a measure before the voters.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THIS ELECTION:

**APRIL
21
2025**

If you moved **AFTER** the date shown, you may complete a voter registration card and receive a conditional ballot by coming into the El Dorado County Elections Department at 3883 Ponderosa Rd, Shingle Springs, CA 95682.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT EARLY!

It is recommended that your ballot be mailed no later than April 30, 2025, the Wednesday before the election. To be timely, your ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received within seven days after the election. If it's too late to mail your ballot, you can drop it off at the Elections Department on or before Election Day at:

El Dorado County Elections Department
3883 Ponderosa Rd, Shingle Springs, CA 95682

The El Dorado County Elections Department
will be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. on election day.

For your convenience, there is a 24 hour ballot drop off box
In the Building C parking lot, 2850 Fairlane Ct, Placerville, as well as at our location
at 3883 Ponderosa Rd, Shingle Springs, CA 95682.

**THE BALLOT DROP BOXES WILL BE LOCKED AT
8:00 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY, MAY 6, 2025.**

Your Pamphlet may include any/all of the following:

- Ballot Measure Text
- Analysis
- Arguments For & Against

Interested parties are welcome to observe the
processing of Vote by Mail Ballots at the Elections Department
3883 Ponderosa Rd, Shingle Springs, CA 95682

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Elections Department
Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (530) 621-7480.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE BY MAIL/MAIL BALLOT VOTERS

**MAKE SURE YOUR VOTE COUNTS FOLLOW
THESE SIMPLE STEPS**

IN ORDER FOR YOUR BALLOT TO BE COUNTED:

YOU MUST SIGN THE DECLARATION OF VOTER ON THE RETURN IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE

- You must sign and date the declaration of voter.

PROVIDE YOUR RESIDENCE ADDRESS

- You must fill in your residence address on the return identification envelope. A Post Office Box is not acceptable.

RETURN YOUR BALLOT IN THE IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE PROVIDED

- Place the ballot in the return envelope provided. This envelope has unique identification information and must be used to process your returned ballot.
- **SIGN** and date the ballot return envelope to the right of the X; if you do not sign your envelope, we cannot count your ballot. Your signature must compare to your voter registration record; do not let someone else sign your name on your behalf.
- If you are unable to sign your name, make a mark in the signature block. A witness must sign on the Witness line below the signature block.
- If you lose or destroy your return identification envelope, please contact our office at (530) 621-7480.






DO NOT PLACE PERSONAL INFORMATION ON YOUR BALLOT (EC14287)

- Personal information/Identifying marks will cause your ballot to be duplicated.
- Personal information includes, but is not limited to name, initials, address, SSN, CDL, etc.

OOPS...MARKED THE WRONG OVAL

- If you make an error in marking your ballot, you may correct your ballot as shown below.

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Step One	Step Two	To Correct an Error
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use only a blue or black ink ballpoint pen to mark your ballot. Do not use red ink pens or pencil.• To vote for any Ballot Question, fill in the oval to the left of your choice of YES or NO. <p> CORRECT  WRONG  WRONG</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sign the Declaration of Voter on the return identification envelope.• Your signature on your envelope must match your signature on your voter registration record.• Place your voted ballot in the return envelope provided and return it to the Elections Department.	<p style="text-align: center;">CONTEST TITLE Vote for One</p> <hr/> <p> Candidate 1 Candidate 2 Candidate 3  Candidate 4 ← Yes</p>

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR VOTED BALLOT
BY 8:00 PM ON MAY 6, 2025.**

**ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THE
PROPOSED LAW ARE OPINIONS OF THE AUTHORS.**

Large print versions of this booklet are available at the Elections Office and on our website. Please visit us at:
www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Elections

The Elections Department is open for voting at:
El Dorado County Elections Department
3883 Ponderosa Rd, Shingle Springs, CA
Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
for any of your voting needs.

Beginning April 28th through May 5th,
Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.,
the Elections Department will be open as a Vote Center.
The Elections Department will be open at
7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. on election day.

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE A

SETTING FOR MAILED BALLOT ELECTION A MEASURE TO IMPOSE A SPECIAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE AND STREET LIGHTING SERVICES FOR THE TEXAS HILL ROAD ZONE OF BENEFIT #98112 WITHIN COUNTY SERVICE AREA #9

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado formed County Service Area (CSA) No. 9 pursuant to Title 3, Division 2, Part 2, Chapter 2.2 of the California Government Code and established zones of benefit within CSA No. 9; and

WHEREAS, the Board formed the Texas Hill Road Zone of Benefit No. 98112 on October 16, 1984 by Resolution 326-84 for the purposes of providing road improvements and maintenance services; and

WHEREAS, the Board approved the addition of street lighting services on November 30, 2004 by Resolution 347-2004; and

WHEREAS, the extended services provided within CSA No. 9 zones are authorized services pursuant to Government Code section 25213; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 25215.2, together with section 25217.4, expressly authorizes a zone within a county service area to levy a special tax for road improvement and maintenance and street lighting services subject to voter approval; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California State Law, the Board of Supervisors is required to place before the electorate the approval of the measure as shown on Exhibit A before the special tax can be levied, or increased over the amount previously approved by the electorate; and

WHEREAS, the County Registrar of Voters has determined that one hundred eighty-four (184) registered voters reside within the zone of benefit boundaries; and

WHEREAS, such special tax amount increase shall take effect only if approved by a two-thirds majority of the voters casting a ballot in the special tax ballot proceeding; and

WHEREAS, the zone advisory committee has determined an annual special tax amount of \$619.52 annually adjusted for cost of living using the Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index for each parcel of land, whether it is improved or unimproved regardless of use, is reasonable and sufficient to provide road improvement and maintenance and street lighting

services within the zone of benefit for the fiscal year 2025/2026, and thereafter; and

WHEREAS, if the measure as shown on Exhibit A does not pass, the existing special tax of \$419.52 shall remain in effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors that:

1.The measure shown on Exhibit A shall be submitted to the voters of the Texas Hill Road Zone of Benefit 98112 within County Service Area 9.

2.The El Dorado County Registrar of Voters shall submit the measure as shown on Exhibit A to the electorate in a mailed ballot election to be held on May 6, 2025.

3.The tax as shown on Exhibit A, if approved, shall appear as a separate item on the tax bill of each affected parcel and shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as county ad valorem property taxes are collected as set forth in the applicable provisions of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and shall be subject to the same penalties and the same procedure and sale in case of delinquency as provided for such taxes. All laws applicable to the levy, collection, and enforcement of county property taxes shall be applicable to the tax.

4.The Director of Transportation, or designee, is delegated the authority to annually adjust the rate of the tax for cost of living using the Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index.

5.The special tax is subject to the accountability measures required by State Law, including Government Code sections 50075.1.

6.Notification shall be provided of the special tax increase, if approved, to each non-resident property owner within the zone boundaries, in accordance with the requirements of Government Code section 54930.

7.The special tax amount shown on Exhibit A shall take effect and be imposed only if it is approved by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast on the measure in the special election to be conducted on May 6,2025.

Ballot Question

“Shall the measure to levy an annual special tax in an amount of \$619.52 with annual adjustments tied to the Engineering New Record Construction Cost Index on each parcel of land within the Texas Hill Zone of Benefit commencing fiscal year 2025/2026 and continuing for an unlimited duration, to be used only for road improvements and maintenance and street lighting services and generating an annual revenue of approximately \$67,527.68, be adopted?”

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE A

Measure A (the "Measure"), if approved by two-thirds of the voters voting thereon, would authorize the levy of an increased special tax at the rate of \$619.52 per parcel (whether improved or unimproved) per year within the Texas Hill Road Zone of Benefit #98112 of County Service Area 9 (the "Zone"). This Measure was placed on the ballot by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at the request of the advisory committee for the Zone pursuant to Resolution No. 217-2024, which was passed at an official meeting of the Board of Supervisors on January 14, 2025.

If the Measure is approved, it would increase the special tax within the Zone from \$419.52 to \$619.52 per parcel per year. The special tax will be used solely for the purpose of road improvements and maintenance and street lighting services within the Zone. It would become effective in Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and remain in effect until modified or repealed by the voters. The special tax is subject to annual adjustments tied to the Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index. The special tax authorized by this Measure is expected to generate total revenue of approximately \$67,527.68 per year. If the Measure is not approved, the existing special tax of \$419.52 per parcel per year will remain in effect.

State law requires the proceeds from the special tax be applied only to the identified purposes and that an annual report be made indicating the amount of funds collected and expended and the status of any project required or authorized to be funded by the proceeds.

The special tax authorized by this Measure will be listed as a separate item on the county property tax bill for each affected parcel of land and will be collected in the same manner as the general property tax. All laws applicable to the levy, collection, and enforcement of county property taxes, including the provisions for penalties and the procedures for sale of the property in case of delinquency, shall also apply to the special tax.

A "YES" vote is a vote to increase the annual special tax in the Texas Hill Road Zone of Benefit to \$619.52 per parcel, as provided in the Measure.

A "NO" vote is a vote against the increase of the special tax.

David A. Livingston
El Dorado County
County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A

The Advisory Road Committee (Committee) for the Texas Hill Zone of Benefit is requesting an increase of \$200 to the Special Tax line item, part of your Property Tax bill. The current Special Tax is \$419.52 for the 2024/2025. This increase is needed mainly because: annual increases based on regional construction cost indices (CCI) that occurred 2006 to 2015 were not continued, and actual costs for work done in the Zone from competing bids from approved contractors have roughly tripled, far exceeded the regional CCI increases.

In 2006 an increase to \$350 was approved, to include automatic future annual CCI adjustments as approved by the County. The Special Tax amount increased annually to \$405 for 2015/2016. The automatic annual CCI increase lapsed after 2015/2016, the Special Tax remaining at \$405 for 8 years (through 2023/2024). Also, our area contractor unit costs far outpaced regional CCI. For example: unit costs from the same contractor for AC repair for 2012 versus 2024 were \$4.90 versus \$13.73/sf (280%); and for chip seal \$0.24 versus \$0.74/sf (308%).

By maintaining current tax funding the Zone would have to further delay necessary work each year resulting in the degradation of our roads over time. A Special Election for this increase will be carried out by the County in May 2025, as recommended by the Committee. All registered voter residents or property owners within the Zone are receiving this mail ballot requesting approval of a proposed \$200 increase. Your Committee hopes with this increase and continuing annual CCI increases, funds can keep pace to enable essential road repair.

William Pfof
Linda Pfof
Mark J. Urquhart
Cathie Urquhart
Gordon Van Camp