



DSA Core Action Team

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Elissa Hambrecht
Pat Malberg, President
Bill Oudegeest, V. Pres.
Chris Parker
Dick Simpson, Secy
Mike Spain
John Svahn
Beth Tanhoff

Others

Open (Admin)

Core Action Team

Thursday, October 15, 2026 4:30-5:30 PM

In-Person Meeting

Hambrecht Residence in Sugar Bowl
58710 Corn Lily Lane, Truckee, CA¹

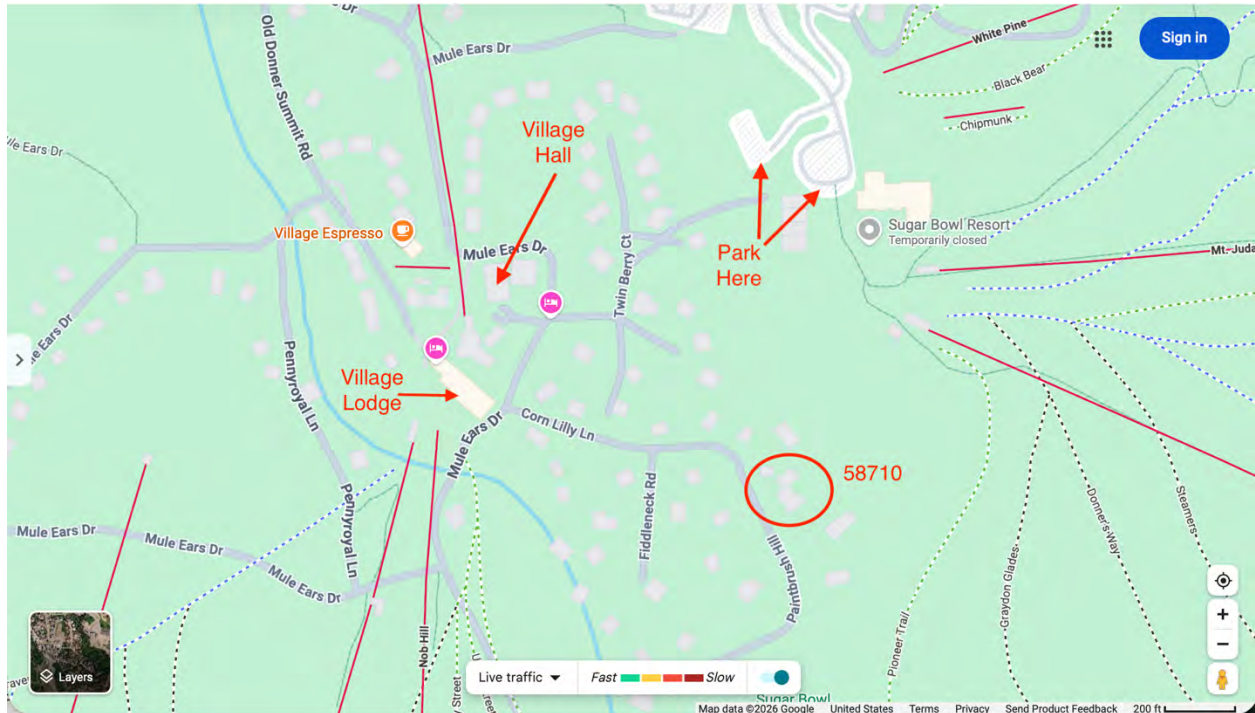
Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of September minutes (Attachment A)
4. Financial Report
 - a. Monthly report (Tom)
 - b. Insurance (Tom, Beth)
 - c. Microsoft auto-payments (Beth)
5. County/Other Reports
 - a. Nevada County (Shavati Karki-Pearl)
 - i. BYLT Signage Project (Dick)
 - b. Truckee CCC (Pat)
 - c. Placer County (Audrey Vaughan)
6. New/Ongoing Projects
 - a. Portable Toilet Plan for 2027 (Chris)
 - b. Gould Park (Dick)
 - c. Economic Development
 - i. Community Needs/Desires (Pat)
 - ii. Soda Springs Cannabis Decision (Dick)
 - d. Summit Fest
 - i. 2026 Report (Beth)
 - ii. Thank you to Heather Svahn (Pat)
 - iii. 2027 Plan
7. Internal Matters
 - a. DSA Admin Vacancy (Dick)
 - b. Physical Records Preservation (Beth)
 - c. Calendar (future meetings)
 - i) Confirm November 19 at TBD
 - ii) December Holiday Meeting/Event
8. Announcements
9. Adjournment

¹ See page 2



Venue: Elissa Hambrecht's residence in Sugar Bowl.
The official address is 58710 Corn Lily Lane, Truckee, CA



Directions:

- Enter Sugar Bowl on Sugar Bowl Road.
- Use caution as there is construction activity underway.
- Stay LEFT at the split in the parking lot.
- Continue toward Main Lodge (aka Judah Lodge).
- Just before reaching Main Lodge, turn RIGHT into a smaller parking lot.
- Walk west across the foot bridge and toward the Village Lodge (formerly the main lodge)
- You'll see a big yellow house with a red roof; walk past that house, which is on your right.
- With Village Lodge on your right, look up for the street sign "Corn Lily", and turn left onto Corn Lily.
- 58710 is the 8th house on the left hand side.



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Attachment A



Donner Summit Association (DSA) Core Action Team Meeting Thursday, September 17, 2026 5-6 PM In-person meeting at Summit Soups in Soda Springs



Summit Soups, location of the September meeting (DSCN9957.JPG)

Motions and votes are given in *italics*; action items are in **red bold**. For various reasons, the minutes below do not reflect the strict chronological order of discussions during the meeting.

1. Welcome:

Pat Malberg called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM. Several attempted to get an internet connection, but all failed.

Core Action Team (DSA Board) Attendees: Tom Denzler, Elissa Hambrecht, Pat Malberg, Bill Oudegeest, Dick Simpson, and Mike Spain.

Others: Steve Carle (liaison from Serene Lakes Property Owners Association) and Don Malberg (Lake Mary property owner).

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Dick moved to approve the agenda; Tom seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously (MSC-U).

3. Approval of Minutes from the August Meeting:

MSC (Dick/Tom) to approve the August meeting minutes. Elissa had not attended the meeting; she abstained.

4. Financial Report (Tom):

DSA received a \$250 donation from Tahoe Truckee Brokers during August; there were several expenses. DSA paid \$70 for our post office box; Tom will investigate whether a non-profit qualifies for a free box. We paid a partial year (3 months) for insurance, which carries through SummitFest; **Beth will continue looking for a less expensive policy.** We paid \$176.96 to SaniHut for a portable toilet at The Hub. Our net for the year was small, so we paid only \$25 in tax-related charges for the tax year; the tax service itself cost \$420.

We have been auto-paying on a DSA debit card for Microsoft software; no one knows why we have this since our non-profit package from Microsoft should be free (and is being billed separately). **Beth will continue to investigate.**

5. County and Other Reports:

Nevada County: No County representative was present; but Pat received an inquiry from Shavati Karki-Pearl. Some time ago DSA was contacted by Bear Yuba Land Trust about recreation signs; Chris followed up, but there was no action. Now Shavati wants recommendations for up to four “multi-directional” signs that would be posted around the Summit (within Nevada County). Dick said the signs, as described, will be crushed by snow; a different design is needed. Others suggested that the existing design could be used if the signs were removed during snow months. Possible locations could be The Hub and at the yet-to-be-developed west end of Van Norden Meadow. Where they point would depend on locations. **Dick will follow up with Shavati.**

Truckee Convene, Champion, and Catalyze Forum: In preparation for the September CCCF, Pat had asked Board members for a list of activities and events that we do. Once at the meeting, she realized her list was not appropriate for the discussion as it unfolded. Several agencies made presentations; Pat was one of three representatives from non-profits. *Sierra Sun* had an article about the current East County Visioning Process (see Attachment A to these minutes).

Placer County: No representative from the County was present. No one had additional information.

6. Ongoing Projects

- a. Portable Toilet Inventory/Map: Pat still wants a second toilet at the PCT-South trailhead, and she wants twice weekly service at The Hub toilet, which is being paid from Lamson-Cashion funds (estimated at about \$1250 for 2027). An earlier action item was continued: **Chris will contact Cory Caldwell about how to coordinate and manage this for next year.**
- b. Gould Park: Dick said he received permission from Marc Henry (Placer County Parks) for another Gould Park Trail Day in October. Its focus will be on carving a path through the alders at the west end of the park. We can use the same forms as we used in July; volunteers who completed the liability waiver in July do not need to complete another form. Dick will pick a date once his October calendar stabilizes; October 17 looks possible. Tom said that could be good since most Oktoberfest celebrations have been completed by then.
- c. Placer County General Plan Update: Pat said she is not following this, and no one else offered to take it over.
- d. North Fork Fire Mitigation: Dick said he and Pat have contacted Jim Ricker of the North Fork American River Alliance. There have been suggestions of recruiting youth to help remove trash, break up fire rings, and post signs. Dick cannot add this to his schedule given his other commitments, so nothing is likely to follow in 2026 unless someone else wants to take the project over.
- e. Hub Maintenance: Bill said there is nothing new; but no work is needed in 2026, so this is a candidate for 2027.
- f. Graffiti Abatement: DSA had five workers from Sugar Bowl, three from the North Tahoe Climbers Coalition (<https://northtahoeclimberscoalition.org>), and four recruited through DSA. Pat bought 50 gallons of paint of which 30 were used. Mountain Hardware donated some supplies and discounted prices on others; **Pat will thank Heather Svahn**, who arranged the contributions. The net expense to DSA was about \$1800. The Sugar Bowl employees were so enthusiastic that they hoped they could arrange for a follow-up effort to complete the project. The rock climbers also offered to help with future DSA projects. Although there is a lot of graffiti left on the tunnel and snowshed exteriors, Tom, Mike, and Dick agreed that the impression from both I-80 and Donner Pass Road is much improved.
- g. Economic Development: Nevada County Supervisor Hardy Bullock will host a community meeting on the Soda Springs deck on Saturday (2-3 PM) to discuss

cannabis dispensary issues. He has requested input from DSA on community sentiment, and Pat promised a Board discussion. Dick and Elissa e-mailed comments to Pat before the meeting; she will summarize what she has heard and forward the results to Hardy. Elissa noted that DSA is neutral on whether to have a dispensary in Soda Springs; but there is a vocal group in the community who say they were blindsided. She added that the largest employer on the Summit would prefer lodging, eateries, etc. As an entrepreneur (and former dispensary licensee), she thinks the proposed Soda Springs dispensary will not be successful; but that's going to be true for almost any new business.

On the question of disposition of tax revenue from a dispensary, Tom said the Summit may come out ahead by *not* trying to lobby for a specific cut. The Summit has been successful in applying for support of special projects. Bill noted that new businesses that have trouble with County requirements have been able to get exemptions; so the regulatory environment may not be as formidable as some suggest.

- h. SummitFest 2026: Elissa summarized current status. All the needed beer has been donated. We have a lot of donations; thank you letters can start going out. Mike said that the Woodward voucher donation can be separated into 12 individual vouchers or auctioned as a single package (each voucher gets the owner into Woodward for a month). Elissa and Beth are still working on a few additional donations. Beth is looking for more food servers and people to help with breakdown after the event. Mike thinks refrigeration will be adequate; he has a 2 PM meeting Thursday, but is otherwise available all day to help with drop-offs. Elissa has no visibility into food but said Beth reports that Scott White has everything in hand. The band (the Johnson Family) is locked in; Tom can cut a check once he knows the amount. Pat can inventory The Shed for consumables Wednesday if she gets a request in advance.
- i. Speed Limits and Crosswalks: Mike said that David Parisi approached him about speed limits on Soda Springs Road about 18 months ago. Both then went to Supervisor Bullock, who visited twice last spring. Nevada County has since lowered the limit to 30 MPH. The County has also surveyed and marked where they will put a new crosswalk which will guide pedestrians from the Van Norden side to the resort's Lot 1 entrance. Mike is still worried about speeders descending Soda Springs Road and hitting pedestrians in the crosswalk, but the current set of improvements will at least be better. In the long term he would like a camera mounted on the Soda Springs lodge that can identify those speeders.

7. Internal Matters

DSA Admin Vacancy: Dick reported no responses to postings on the DSA web site.

Physical Records Preservation: There is no news; last month's action item is continued. **Beth will look for a bin to hold our hard copy documents. If she finds something at Ace, John can buy it.**

Future Meetings: October 15 is the next scheduled meeting. Elissa offered to host. Attendees can drive in, but the route is TBD. The new gondola will be finished by the start of ski season, but not in October. Mike could host if Elissa becomes snowed in.

8. Announcements:

None

9. Adjournment:

Pat adjourned the meeting at 5:57 PM as there was no further business.

Minutes approved by the DSA Board of Directors at its meeting on October 15, 2026.

signed by DSA Secretary, Richard Simpson _____



Members of the Board (and guests) gathered for the September meeting (DSCN9959.JPG)

Attachment A

2 | Friday, September 11, 2026 | Sierra Sun

Nevada County Seeks Community Input in East County Visioning Process

Staff Report

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NEVADA CITY, Calif. — Nevada County is beginning a community conversation about the future of its services in East County, asking community members what is working, what may be missing and what the community will need in the years ahead.

All Nevada County services are available in East County, from public safety and emergency preparedness to roads, health and human services, housing, libraries and more. East County has physical office locations for the Sheriff's Office, library, child support services, social services, behavioral health, public health, probation, district attorney and the public defender.

District 5 Supervisor Hardy Bullock, who represents the area, emphasized that the East

County Visioning Process is an effort to better understand what the community wants and is not intended to move any particular project forward. The goal is also to consider how Nevada County can better integrate its services with those offered by other partners, like Town of Truckee and Placer County.

There are two initial opportunities for the public to give input:

■ **Survey:** Available at nevadacountyca.gov/eastcounty. The survey is available in English and Spanish

■ **Community Meeting:** Oct. 22, 5 p.m. in the Donner Room, Joseph Center, 10075 Levon Ave., Truckee. Community members will have an opportunity to learn more about the process and share their perspectives directly with County staff.

"East County has changed and grown over the years, and the services our community needs have evolved along with it," said Bullock. "This is a good time to take a fresh look at those needs, listen to the community and make sure the County is planning for the future based on what we hear."

Nevada County has maintained a government presence in Truckee for decades, with facilities near Levon Avenue and Donner Pass Road. Bullock encouraged residents to participate even if they do not regularly use County services or have a specific proposal in mind. The County is also seeking input from the Town of Truckee and other local organizations.

"Anybody far and wide who has an opinion of what may need to occur in East County, please bring it forward," Bullock said.