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## Tourism Pays By Jody Franklin, Director of Tourism

The following was excerpted from a Market Study for the Bay to Tahoe Basin Recreation and Tourism Travel Impact Study and was prepared by Economic and Planning Systems, Inc. The study was funded by the state through the EDC transportation commission to evaluate multi-county tourism travel patterns.

Sacramento Region and multitude of recreational and leisure pursuits. El Dorado County's strong and ever-strengthening agri-tourism areas (such as Apple Hill) and its wine related activities, and its aptitude for adventure tourism including white water rafting and other outdoor activities confer great promise for future enhancement in tourism.

an average annual rate of just 1.4 percent over the past 20 years. However, much of the performance can be specifically attributed to the South Lake Tahoe area. By looking more closely at tourism performance indicators in just the unincorporated area, more favorable performance is evident, including an annual increase in transient-occupancy tax (TOT) revenues of approximately 10 percent in the unincorporated area. EPS expects visitor spending to grow

El Dorado County is experiencing healthy growth in visitation by capitalizing on its immediate access to the

El Dorado County's historical growth in visitor spending has been relatively sluggish, growing at



by its current rate of approximately 1 to 2 percent per year countywide, but some popular areas (especially in the unincorporated portion of the county) may grow at substantially faster rates, possibly up to 5 to 10 percent.

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each course served at a different restaurant. This popular event will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2014 and Sunday, January 26, 2014 from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Reservations are required and tickets are limited. Tickets can be purchased online using a credit card at [www.visit-eldorado.com](http://www.visit-eldorado.com), by phone

(800) 457-6279 or in person at the El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center at 542 Main Street in Placerville.

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# Overview of New 2014 Laws Affecting California Employers

Some of the new laws for 2014 make significant changes in key areas, such as new minimum wage, new protections for immigrant and expanded leaves of absence. Other new laws make small changes to different parts of existing law or relate to specific industries, such as garment manufacturers or the car wash industry.

## Wage and Hour

AB 10 raises California's current minimum wage of \$8 per hour to \$9 per hour effective July 1, 2014.

AB 241 enacts the Domestic Worker Bill of Rights which provides for specific overtime pay for certain in-home employees: a "domestic work employee who is a personal attendant."

SB 435 expands meal and rest break prohibitions to "recovery" periods taken to prevent heat illness.

AB 442 Expands the penalty for citations issued for minimum wage violations

AB 263 adds protections and expands protected conduct for exercising rights under the labor code

AB 1386 allows the Labor Commissioner to record a lien on the employer's real property in the event of a final decision or award.

SB 462 states that employers who win wage-claim lawsuits may recover attorneys' fees and costs from the employee only if a trial court finds that the employee filed the lawsuit in bad faith.

SB 390 creates a criminal penalty for an employer that fails to remit withholdings from an employee's wages that were made pursuant to state, local or federal law.

AB 1384 creates a civil penalty for a garment manufacturer's failure to display his/her name, address and registration number at the front

entrance of the premises.

AB 1387 increases the bond requirement for employers in the car wash industry from \$15,000 to \$150,000, except when the employer has a collective bargaining agreement in place.

SB 168 makes a successor farm labor contractor liable for wages or penalties owed by a predecessor under certain circumstances.

A number of bills signed this year relate to prevailing wages. Employers who provide services or construction work for the government or public entities must pay the prevailing wage, which is usually significantly higher than the minimum wage. The bills include AB 1336, SB 7, SB 54, SB 377 and SB 776.

## Discrimination and Retaliation Protections

AB 556 adds "military and veteran status" to the list of categories protected from employment discrimination under the Fair Employment and Housing Act.

SB 292 amends the definition of harassment to clarify that sexually harassing conduct does not need to be motivated by sexual desire.

SB 496 expands whistleblower protections for employees who have reason to believe that their employer is violating a federal or state statute to now include local rules and regulations.

AB 218 prohibits a state or local agency from asking an applicant to disclose information regarding a criminal conviction until after the agency determines the applicant meets minimum employment qualifications. There are exceptions, such as where a criminal history background check is otherwise required by law for the position. This legislation will not go into effect until July 1, 2014.

## Immigrant Protections

Many new laws will affect immigrants in 2014. New protections will address retaliation against immigrant workers who complain about unfair wages or working conditions. Privileges such as drivers' licenses for undocumented immigrants were also extended. For more info, see the complete texts for AB 263, SB 666 and AB 524.

## Leaves and Benefits

SB 288 adds new protections for victims of specific crimes to take time off from work to appear in any court proceeding in which a right of the victim is at issue.

SB 400 extends existing protections for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault to victims of stalking.

AB 11 requires an employer with 50 or more employees to provide a temporary leave of absence of up to 14 days per calendar year for reserve peace officers and emergency rescue personnel to receive training.

SB 770 expands Paid Family Leave (PFL) wage-replacement benefits for employees to include benefits for time taken off to care for a seriously ill grandparent, grandchild, sibling or parent-in-law. This legislation will not take effect until July 1, 2014.

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## Workers' Compensation

Several bills relating to workers' compensation were signed into law in 2013:

AB 607 relates to death benefits for dependent children

AB 1376 relates to language assistance and interpreters

SB 146 deals with medical treatment and billing and copies of prescriptions

SB 809 involves reporting of controlled substances

For more information on California employment laws and HR compliance, sign up for a free trial of CalChamber's HRCalifornia. Your 15-day trial includes access to the website's HR Library, forms, checklists and tools. To learn about CalChamber resources visit CalChamber.com or call 800-331-8877.

## Recognizing Excellence

For their contributions to El Dorado County and the Chamber, the following were recognized at the 90th Annual Installation and Awards Dinner:

**GOLDEN SLATE AWARD:** "Outstanding Support of Motion Picture Filming In El Dorado County" – Gold Country Health Center

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD:** Davey "Doc" Wiser

**ACHIEVEMENT IN TOURISM:** Christa Campbell

**OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Mike Kobus

## Serving as your 2014 Board of Directors:

- Dr. Vicki Barber, County Office of Education
- Kirk Bone, Parker Development
- Kevin Brown, Breaker Glass
- Ken Calhoon, Divide Chamber
- Christa Campbell, Rainbow Orchards
- Susie Davies, M.O.R.E.
- Richard Esposito, Mountain Democrat
- Leonard Grado, Palos Verdes Properties
- Brian Jensen, Hospital Council of Northern and Central California
- Mike Kobus, Koby Pest Control
- Mark Luster, Sierra Pacific Industries
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- Howard Penn, LB Commercial
- Susan VanDelinder, El Dorado Disposal
- Dolly Wager, DSW & Associates
- Duane Wallace, SLT Chamber
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- Shelly Winzeler, Placerville Downtown Assn.

## Swearing in oath for new board members

As the elected officials of the

El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce, a prominent organization in your community, you are accepting leadership, which is of utmost importance. During this coming year, you will be identified as the official representative of your county chamber by the businessmen and women of our community, and must, therefore, conduct yourselves accordingly.

In accepting, you dedicate yourselves to work for the welfare of your fellow county chamber members, our community, our state and our nation. You will, in this coming year of leadership, enjoy many new and lasting friendships and will experience personal satisfaction that comes only through service, cooperation and unselfish interest on the behalf of others. Your reward will be great—one that comes only to those who practice the art of living.

Please raise your right hand:  
*Do you solemnly swear and sincerely promise that you will administer the office to which you have been elected to the best of your ability and judgement in conformity with the articles and bylaws of the el dorado*



*county chamber of commerce; that you will uphold and support your chamber; that you will in all your acts be governed by the principles of honesty, justice and fair play and, in every manner possible, endeavor to promote and safeguard the best interest of our community, the purpose of*

*our chamber and the welfare of its members? Do you so subscribe? You may lower your hand. By the virtue of the authority conferred upon me, I do hereby proclaim each of you to be duly installed into the office of director, to which you have been elected.*

## JANUARY 2014 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Hangtown Holiday Ice Rink – Continues to be open until January 5

**Community Observatory**  
Folsom Lake College-El Dorado Center, Campus Dr. Free. (530) 642-5621 or communityobservatory.com Jan 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 & 26

**Family Fun Night at Round Table Pizza**  
Every Tuesday evening, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Food and other activities for the family. Round Table Pizza at 512 Main Street, Placerville. 530-622-2259

**Tuesday Evenings Men's Chorus in Placerville**  
7:15 p.m. First Christian Church of Placerville, 2687 Andler Rd, Placerville. (530) 344-9209, (530) 644-4151 or www.goldrushchorus.org

**Wednesday Evenings Apple Jacks & Jills Square Dance Club**  
7:00 p.m. at the Hangtown Grange, 2020 Smith Flat Road, Placerville. 916.933.2790, 530.344.7447 or szymuski@sbcglobal.net

**Thursday Evenings Main Street Strollers Square Dance Club**  
6:45 p.m. at I.O.O.F Hall, 467 Main Street, Placerville. 530-647-0852 or main.st.strollers@gmail.com

**UCCE/El Dorado County Master Gardner Classes for January**

- Jan 04: Fruit Trees;
- Jan 11: Greenhouse Gardening;
- Jan 18: Rose Pruning;
- Jan 25: Fruit Tree Pruning.

Classes held at Veterans Memorial Bldg. 130 Placerville Dr., Placerville. 530-621-5512. ceeldorado.ucdavis.edu

**16th Annual Pioneer Volunteers Fire Fighters Association Crab Banquet**  
Jan 11 & Jan 18 at Perry Creek Winery, and Jan 25 & Feb 1 at Skinner Winery. Pioneer Volunteer Firefighters Assn. www.pioneerfire.org/crabbanquet or 530.620.3371

**Jan 05 Wakamatsu Historical Tours**  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Please call for meeting location (Gold Hill area) and to sign up. \$5/Children, \$10/Adults. julie@arconrancy.org or 530-621-1224

**Jan 07, 14, 21, & 28 Bingo**  
5:00 p.m. Pollock Pines/Camino Community Center, 2675 Sanders Drive, Pollock Pines. \$10 for first 14 games. 530-647-8005

**Jan 18 3rd Saturday Placerville Artwalk**  
5 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Historic Main Street, Placerville Main Street galleries and merchants host changing art shows. (530) 672-3436. or visit www.placerville-downtown.org

**Jan 18 El Dorado Arts & Wine Festival - Art & Wine with Something MORE**  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Drive, Mark D. Forni Building. Tickets \$30 each or \$50 per couple. 530-622-4848 or www.morerehab.org

**Jan 20 Season for Non-Violence Opening Ceremony and Martin Luther King Candlelight Walk**  
6:00 p.m. Meet at Town Hall, Main Street, Placerville.

**Jan 23 & 26 El Dorado Epicurean**  
(Two nights Thursday or Sunday) 4:30 p.m. County-wide progressive dinner for culinary adventurers with a delicious four-course dinner. Choose from several different itineraries. 530-621-5885 or visit-eldorado.com

**Jan 24 Gold Discovery Day**  
10:00 a.m. Marshall Gold Discovery State Park, Coloma. (530) 344-1895. GDPA@marshallgold.org

**Jan 25 Annual Honor Our Troops All American Breakfast Fundraiser**  
7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Placerville Veteran's Hall, 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville. (916) 207-4194, Cyndi@CyndiRomano.com or www.honorourtroops.us

**Jan 25 29th Annual Crab Feed**  
Presented by the El Dorado County Search & Rescue Council.

5:30 pm. Main Hall of the El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Dr, Placerville. Tickets are \$40/\$45 at the door. (530) 677-6383, 530-622-3794 or www.edsar.org

**Jan 25 8th Annual Hangtown Hold'em Gaming**  
3:00 p.m. \$50 Buy in. Registration starts at 3:00, gaming begins at 4:00 pm. Old West attire encouraged. Marshall Building, El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Drive. Prizes to the top 10%. Trophy for champion. El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce, 530-621-5885, www.eldoradocounty.org

**Jan 25 Cameron Park Concert Series**  
6:00 p.m. Cameron Park's Community Center. cpcsd@cameronpark.org, (530)677-2231, www.cameronpark.org

**Jan 28 El Dorado County Chamber Mixer**  
5:30 p.m. Networking opportunity for Chamber members. Hosted by 49'er Federal Credit Union, 225 Placerville Dr. 530-621-5885 or www.eldoradocounty.org

For more information on these and other events, visit www.visiteldorado.com. The event date, time, cost and locations are subject to change. Therefore prior to attending an event please contact the event contact person to confirm the information.

## MEETINGS

- Jan 09 Chamber Diplomats, noon, Chamber
- Jan 09 Joint Chambers, 7:30 a.m., EDCOE
- Jan 09 Visitor's Authority, MORE, 4 p.m.
- Jan 15 Board of Directors Retreat, NOON
- Jan 15 Senior Ambassadors, 10:00 a.m. MORE
- Jan 16 Ag Council, 7:30 a.m., Ag Building
- Jan 28 Mixer, 49'er Credit Union, 5:30 p.m.