

Slew of positions up for grabs on EDC June ballot

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El Dorado County's June primary ballot has been determined.

Norma Santiago, who represents Lake Tahoe on the Board of Supervisors, is running unopposed.

What may prove more interesting about the Board of Supervisors is how the Census turns out later this year and if Tahoe will continue to have a dedicated supervisor. Population shifts, with the West Slope having gained and Lake Tahoe losing residents in the last 10 years, could see supervisor boundary lines being redrawn.

Supervisor Ron Briggs is being challenged by business owner Todd Schwenk, consultant Wendell Smith, and engineering technician Shawn Gulling.

The six sheriff's candidates are John D'Agostini, district attorney's investigator; Larry Hennick, retired sheriff's sergeant; Ernie Hillman, retired sheriff's captain; Bob Luca, retired chief of the California Bureau of Investigation; George Nielsen, Placerville police chief; and Craig Therkildsen, El Dorado County sheriff's captain.

County Assessor Tim Holcomb is retiring . Going after his seat are Michael Gordon, the county's senior appraiser, and Karl Weiland, assistant assessor.

Also not seeking re-election is county Surveyor Dan Russell. His deputy, Richard Briner, is going for the job.

The following people will be on the ballot without challengers: Auditor-Controller Joe Harn; District Attorney Vern Pierson; Recorder-Clerk William Schultz; Treasurer-Tax

Collector C.L. Raffety; and Superintendent of Schools Vicki Barber.