

This month brings the year 2006 to a close. Steady progress is continuing on the preparation of our Environmental Impact Report (E.I.R.). The City of Sutter Creek expects the E.I.R. to be submitted very soon. We have enjoyed visiting with many of you over the past year and hope we can see you again at one of the events we have scheduled this December.

We continue with our regular schedule of public workshops, site tours and outreach. This month we are hosting another Community Workshop on Friday December 22nd at 9:30 a.m. at our office in Sutter Creek. Our Workshop offers updates on the project, a venue to address your comments and questions and extend information about our Site Tours. Refer to our calendar below for specific time and date information. If you would like to attend a workshop, please contact our office with a reservation so we are able to accommodate all interested Sutter Creek residents.

Please contact us if you would like to schedule a Site Tour. Our Site Tours are by reservation only. This month there will be a scheduled Site Tour on Saturday December 23rd meeting at the Gold Rush Office in Sutter Creek at 10 a.m. Our calendar below reviews more upcoming tour dates. Site Tours can also be arranged to suit your schedule, please call our office to arrange a special tour. As always, feel free to contact us or stop by our office with questions and comments on subjects of mutual concern at any time.

Sincerely,  
John Telischak, Bill Bunce and Troy Claveran  
Project Sponsors

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**Community Outreach Team Profile: Al Bierce**



The following is the third of a series of interview profiles of our Community Outreach team. Al Bierce answers questions about his experiences working for Gold Rush.

*Al, tell us about your background and interests.*

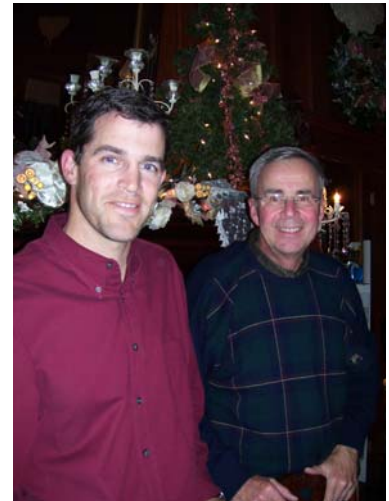
I was born in Sutter Creek (at Betty Wiley's Maternity Hospital) and raised in Jackson. I graduated from Jackson High (go Tigers!) in 1961. I attended Cal, graduating in 1967, after some stops along the way. I began a career with the Berkeley Police Department in 1968 and retired in 1998. My wife Helen and I now reside in Sutter Creek, having returned to this community in 1998. We have three children and 7 grandchildren. In addition to the time I spend with Gold Rush, I enjoy travel, playing golf, time with friends and following the exploits of my Cal Bears.

*How did you hear about the Gold Rush project and why did you apply for this job?*

I learned about the Gold Rush project in 2000. I learned of the city's attempt to purchase the Noble property and Gold Rush coming to the city's assistance with regard to those purchase efforts. From the first time I heard about the project, I was excited about it. While I loved the idea of having a very nice golf course in Sutter Creek, what I really liked was the prospect of the city having revenue sources to assist in addressing infrastructure problems. The city did not have enough money in 2000 to adequately address those problems, it doesn't have enough now, and it will not have enough until it does something to increase potential revenue. Developing Gold Rush Ranch is one such vehicle to provide this revenue source.

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**"In the News" Update**



**Bill Bunce and John Telischak recently completed the acquisition of a large tract of land on the western boundary of the County, commonly referred to as Rancho Arroyo Seco. "We really like being here, and we are already committed to the area for the long term, so it made sense for us to increase our holdings in the County" said Bill.**

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*What have you learned/discovered about this project since you've been involved?*

Working with any sort of development project, in fact any sort of business project, is totally new for me. I have learned from the ground up and have been very impressed with the process and the participants. I think the city of Sutter Creek is very fortunate to have the quality of developers that have chosen to bring this development to the city. Likewise, I feel that the city is very fortunate to have active citizens, and a responsive City Council, that is working to assure that the development serves not just the benefit of the developers, but the community as a whole as well.

*What have you enjoyed most about working with Gold Rush?*

Working with the Gold Rush team. That includes other associates, Troy Claveran (our local partner), as well as Bill Bunce and John Telischak, the two other principal partners. The associates are truly interested in the community and their participation in the process speaks to that. Likewise, I feel that the developers are truly committed to the community. I see it every day, in many ways that members of the community will never appreciate. They work continuously to make the project better. They also work to add amenities to the project, that will serve both in the short run and long run to benefit the community.

*Please share anything else you think is noteworthy about your experience as a Community Outreach Representative.*

Another benefit in working as a Community Outreach Representative, has been meeting with people in the community as I have. I have met people I would never have met otherwise. I have been invited into homes and been given the ability to talk about a project I feel is very beneficial to the community. Almost without exception, people in the community have been courteous, responsive and understanding. This speaks very highly of the quality of people in our community. It is why my wife and I chose to return here and hopefully live here for the rest of our life.

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*We are located above the Sutter Creek Coffee Roasting Company on Eureka Street in Sutter Creek*

"In the News" continued:

**"We don't have any particular plans for that property at the present time, but there is some mining and agriculture on the property, and we think those uses will continue. Other uses of the property would be determined through our collaboration with the local community and stakeholders."**

**The property has some physical degradation from historic mining activities, as well as three species of rare plants which seem to occur in areas where mining took place in the past. The total size of the ranch is approximately 16,000 acres.**

**While Bill and John (along with Troy) are the managing partners of the Gold Rush Ranch project, the acquisition of the new ranch is unrelated to the Gold Rush effort. Unlike Gold Rush Ranch, which has a specific application pending with the City of Sutter Creek, there is no such project plan or concept related to the recently acquired ranch. As such, there is no effective relationship between Gold Rush Ranch and the newly purchased land. As always, Bill and John seek your feedback – contact them anytime with questions.**

**Schedule of Events**

<b>Friday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Community Workshop</b>	<b>@Gold Rush Office</b>
<b>Saturday Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Gold Rush Site Tour</b>	<b>meet @ Gold Rush Office</b>
<b>Friday Jan. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Community Workshop</b>	<b>@ Gold Rush Office</b>
<b>Saturday Jan. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Gold Rush Site Tour</b>	<b>meet @ Gold Rush Office</b>
<b>Thursday Jan. 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Wine &amp; Cheese Social</b>	<b>@ Gold Rush Office</b>
<b>Friday Jan. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Community Workshop</b>	<b>@Gold Rush Office</b>
<b>Saturday Jan. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Gold Rush Site Tour</b>	<b>meet @ Gold Rush Office</b>

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