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El Dorado Irrigation District

**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
TEMPORARY RESERVOIR RE-OPERATION WATER TRANSFER**

The El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Section 15000 et seq., Title 14, California Code of Regulations) for the EID Temporary Reservoir Re-operation Water Transfer Project (proposed project). EID proposes to transfer up to 5,000 acre-feet (AF) of water to federal and/or state water contractors (Buyers) south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The sources of water available for transfer are EID water rights from Weber Reservoir, Caples Lake, and Silver Lake.

EID proposes to transfer water to the Buyers during summer and fall 2026. EID would make the water available through re-operations of three EID reservoirs to release water otherwise planned to be consumed by EID customers and/or stored within the EID network of reservoirs. The water proposed for transfer is not necessary to meet EID customer demands during 2026 or 2027. The reservoirs and rivers/creeks involved would all operate consistent with their historic flow and release schedules, and would meet all applicable rules and requirements, including but not limited to lake level, minimum streamflow, and ramping rate requirements. The total potential quantity available from the three reservoirs exceeds the maximum transfer volume of 5,000 AF, with up to 620 AF available from Weber Reservoir and up to 4,880 AF combined available from Caples and Silver Lakes. Under the proposed project, EID would rely on water stored in Jenkinson Lake to meet consumptive demands during the transfer period in lieu of using water from Caples and Silver lakes.

EID has prepared an Initial Study (IS) on the proposed project in accordance with the requirements of CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines, and EID's guidelines for CEQA compliance. The IS describes the proposed project and assesses the proposed project's potential to result in significant adverse impacts on the physical environment. It concludes that the proposed project would not have any potentially significant or significant adverse effects on the environment and, therefore, no mitigation is required or proposed and as such a Negative Declaration (ND) has been prepared.

DOCUMENT REVIEW & AVAILABILITY: The 30-day public review period begins on May 12, 2026, and ends on June 10, 2026. A copy of the IS/ND is available for public review at 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, CA 95667, or online at <http://www.eid.org/ceqa>.

CONTACT: Submit email comments to 2026WaterTransfer@eid.org and include the name and mailing address of the commenter in the body of the email and "Reservoir Reop Water Transfer Comment" in the subject line. Comments may also be submitted by mail to: Brian Deason, EID, 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, CA 95667; Comments must be received by no later than 5:00 pm on June 10, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING: The EID Board of Directors intends to consider adoption of the ND at its regularly scheduled board meeting on June 22, 2026, after 9:00 a.m. at EID's main headquarters building located at 2890 Mosquito Road in Placerville, CA. Board meeting schedule and agenda will be available at <https://www.eid.org/about-us/board-of-directors/meetings-agendas-and-minutes>.

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