



El Dorado Irrigation District

NOTICE of AVAILABILITY and NOTICE of PUBLIC MEETING

Modification of Water Right Permit 21112

Draft Environmental Impact Report

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2022090373

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the El Dorado Irrigation District's (EID or District) Modification of Water Right Permit 21112 Project (Project) is now available for public review and comment pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that District staff will hold a virtual public meeting to provide a forum for the public to ask questions and provide comments on the DEIR. The public meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.** The meeting will be conducted virtually and no in-person attendance option is available. Instructions to participate by teleconference or web conference are included on the second page of this notice. Members of the public who participate in the meeting via teleconference or web conference will be given the opportunity to speak and ask questions.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Project involves adding an additional authorized upstream point of diversion at the District's existing El Dorado Diversion Dam, located on the South Fork American River (South Fork), and an additional place of storage and point of re-diversion to storage at Jenkinson Lake to EID's existing Water Right Permit 21112 (Permit 21112). EID currently diverts water at the El Dorado Diversion Dam for consumptive use and hydropower generation under various other water rights. Water currently diverted for hydropower generation is returned to the South Fork below the El Dorado Powerhouse. To implement the Project, EID would reduce the amount diverted for power generation by the amount designated for consumptive use under a modified Permit 21112. Because water would be diverted for consumptive use instead of power generation, the Project would reduce the total amount of water returned to the South Fork at the El Dorado Powerhouse. With the Project, the existing Permit 21112 diversion at Folsom Reservoir would be maintained. The maximum amount of water diverted under Permit 21112 at the El Dorado Diversion Dam would be 15,000 acre-feet per year (AFY), and the total cumulative quantity diverted at Folsom Reservoir and the El Dorado Diversion Dam would not exceed 17,000 AFY, which is the maximum annual diversion amount allowed under the existing Permit 21112. The Project would maintain all other limitations of the water right, such as maximum rate of diversion, season of diversion, total diversion to storage, and total direct diversion. Because operational details of the Project are known, the DEIR provides a project-level analysis associated with adding an upstream point of diversion and an additional place of storage and point of re-diversion to storage.

No new physical infrastructure would be needed for EID to divert Permit 21112 water at the El Dorado Diversion Dam. However, to convey at Permit 21112's authorized maximum rate of diversion of 156 cubic feet per second from the El Dorado Diversion Dam to Jenkinson Lake, future improvements to the El Dorado Canal and the channel that conveys water from the outfall of the Hazel Creek Tunnel to Jenkinson Lake would be required. Improvements along segments of the El Dorado Canal would include replacement of wooden flumes, conversion of wooden flumes to concrete u-shaped canal, and/or restoration of canal segments to meet current safety requirements for weight and freeboard. Additionally, installation of a gate to allow the full flow in the El Dorado Canal to be routed into the Hazel Creek Tunnel inlet would be required. Improvements needed to the channel that conveys water from the outfall of the Hazel Creek Tunnel to Jenkinson Lake would include installation of stabilization measures at various locations along the channel between the outlet of the Hazel Creek Tunnel and Jenkinson Lake and installation of appropriately sized culverts and/or bridges at existing channel crossings. Because only limited information is currently available for these infrastructure improvements, the DEIR provides a programmatic analysis of these improvements.



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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: Based on the analysis contained in the DEIR, implementation of the Project would have no significant and unavoidable environmental impacts. For all CEQA resource areas where potentially significant impacts were identified, the DEIR found that those impacts could be mitigated to a less than significant level. Because infrastructure improvements are analyzed at a programmatic level, the District determined that providing impact conclusions for some CEQA resource categories at this time is speculative given the lack of project-level details regarding the infrastructure improvements. Therefore, the District is electing to defer the determination of significance to the subsequent project-level environmental analysis once sufficient design details are known. The Project would affect no sites included on government lists of hazardous materials sites.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The public review and comment period starts on **June 11, 2025** and ends on **August 11, 2025**. Submit email comments to P21112EIR@eid.org and include the name and mailing address of the commenter in the body of the email and "P21112 EIR Comment" in the subject line. Comments may be submitted by mail to:

El Dorado Irrigation District
2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, CA 95667
Attn: Brian Deason – P21112 EIR Comment

Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on August 11, 2025.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS: The DEIR is available at the following website <http://www.eid.org/Permit21112> and at the District Customer Service Building, 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, California. This Notice of Availability was also posted at the following locations:

- El Dorado County Recorder-Clerk Placerville Office, 360 Fair Lane, Placerville, California
- Placerville Main Public Library, 345 Fair Lane, Placerville, California
- Pollock Pines Public Library, 6210 Pony Express Trail, Pollock Pines, California

Additionally, all documents referenced in the DEIR will be available for public review upon request.

PUBLIC MEETING PARTICIPATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Instructions to join the meeting by telephone only

No accompanying computer or mobile device required. This option will allow participants to listen to the meeting audio and speak during the public comment and question period by pressing *9 on the telephone keypad. Dial 1.408.638.0968 and enter Meeting ID 865 0522 0266 Passcode 100260 when prompted.

Instructions to join the meeting from your computer or mobile device

Click the following join link or copy and paste into your browser

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86505220266?pwd=g!DVPWVoC9bH7enCpnsaCJLcHj0MRy.1>. If the device being used is equipped with a microphone and speaker, participants may view the presentation live and listen to meeting audio. Participants will be able to speak and ask questions during public comment period by clicking on the "raise a hand" button. If the device being used is not equipped with a microphone, participants may view the presentation live and listen to the meeting audio using the link above.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: If you would like to receive an email notice when updates related to the Project are posted, please sign up for eNews at on the District's website at: www.eid.org/enews and select "P21112".

ADA ACCESSIBILITY: It is District policy to offer its public programs, services and meetings in a manner that is readily accessible to everyone, including individuals with disabilities. If you are a person with a disability and require information or materials in an appropriate alternative format; or if you require any other accommodation, please contact our ADA Coordinator by phone at (530) 642-4045 or by e-mail at ADACoordinator@EID.org.