



# El Dorado Irrigation District

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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE FLUME 48 UTILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROJECT STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2024120943

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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY:** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the El Dorado Irrigation District's (EID or District) Flume 48 Utility and Infrastructure Replacement Project (Project) is now available for public review and comment pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The District owns and operates the El Dorado Hydroelectric Project, which is licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as Project 184. Project 184 includes various conveyance structures (e.g., flumes, canals, tunnels, siphons) to convey approximately 1/3 of the District's total drinking water supply to over 125,000 residents in El Dorado County, California, and also provides clean renewable energy through a 21-megawatt hydroelectric generation facility. Flume 48 is a component of this critical water conveyance system. The Project would replace an existing wooden flume (i.e., Flume 48), which is highly susceptible to damage from wildfire and other natural hazards, with a more durable ignition resistant concrete conveyance structure (i.e., U-shaped concrete canal). The Project requires the removal of approximately 448 linear feet of wooden flume, spillway, wooden substructure, and a historic hand-stacked rock wall. Construction of the new water conveyance structure involves construction of a cast-in-place reinforced concrete U-shaped canal built on a Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) bench. Construction of the Project is scheduled to occur during the District's annual canal maintenance outage, which typically occurs annually from October through December. The Project would be completed over the course of two annual outages, with construction being suspended during the regular operational period of the canal (mid-December through September).

**SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:** Based on the analysis contained in the DEIR, implementation of the Project would have a significant and unavoidable environmental impact on Cultural Resources. For all other CEQA resource topics where potentially significant impacts were identified, the DEIR found that those impacts could be mitigated to a less than significant level.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** The public review and comment period starts on **August 20, 2025** and ends on **October 3, 2025**. Submit email comments to [Flume48EIR@eid.org](mailto:Flume48EIR@eid.org) and include the name and mailing address of the commenter in the body of the email and "Flume 45 Comment" in the subject line. Comments may be submitted by mail to:

El Dorado Irrigation District  
2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, CA 95667  
Attn: Michael C. Baron- Flume 48 Comment

**Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on October 3, 2025.**



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**AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS:** The DEIR is available at the following website <http://www.eid.org/ceqa> 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.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** If you would like to receive an email notice when updates related to the environmental review are posted for the Project, please sign up for eNews at on the District's website at: [www.EID.org/eNews](http://www.EID.org/eNews) and select Environmental Document Review (CEQA/NEPA).

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