Notice of Exemption

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To: County Clerk
County of El Dorado
360 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

From: El Dorado Irrigation District
2890 Mosquito Road
Placerville, CA 95667

Project Title: Echo Lake Dam Maintenance

Project Location - Specific: Echo Lake 7.5 Minute U.S.G.S. Quadrangle, Township 11N, Range 17E, Section 1

Project Location - City: Echo Lake Dam **Project Location - County:** El Dorado County

Description of Project: The El Dorado Irrigation District (District) will perform dam safety maintenance activities at Echo Lake Dam as required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and California Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD). Maintenance activities include: 1) clean out debris around lake level gage and Echo Conduit inlet structure, 2) replace rock at the heal of the dam where wave action has undercut the gunite face, 3) make minor concrete patch repairs along the upstream face of the dam and within the spillway, 4) replace and extend lake level instrumentation, 5) Reposition rock to stabilize spillway outfall, and 6) patch and repair rock wall weir downstream of the Echo Creek stream gage. All work would occur within the footprint of the existing dam and stream gage facilities.

Access to the site will be via public roads (Highway 50, Johnson Pass, Echo Lake Road). All construction access and staging will occur on existing roads and parking areas. Equipment to be used in the project activity include: excavator, skid steer loader, dump trucks, water truck, backhoe, crew vehicles, air compressors, generators, pressure washer, storage containers, and miscellaneous hand tools. The Project requires work within the lake bed immediately upstream of the Dam and at the rock wall weir located in Echo Creek. Best management practices for construction will be implemented to protect water quality (e.g., dewatering and working in the dry where possible, using containment booms for in-water work, equipment cleaning and inspection, use of vegetable-based fluids for equipment that enters the lakebed). The target date to perform the work is in the fall of 2026. Work will be performed when the lake is at the lowest level of the year and when there are no active releases from the reservoir to Echo Creek.

Name of Public Agency Approving and Carrying Out Project: El Dorado Irrigation District

Exempt Status: (check one)

☒ Categorical Exemption Class 1 – Existing Facilities (CCR, Title 14, Sec. 15301(m));

Reasons why project is exempt: The project involves maintenance and repair of an existing dam and appurtenant structures under the supervision of the Department of Water Resources. The project involves no expansion of existing or former use of the facilities. None of the applicable exceptions to this exemption, as identified under CCR, Title 14 section 15300.2, are valid for this project, including location in an area of critical concern, significant effect due to unusual circumstances, scenic highways, hazardous waste sites, cumulative effect, and historical resources.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Brian Deason **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (530) 642-4064
Email: bdeason@eid.org

Signature: _____ **Date:** 2/3/26
Name: Brian Deason
Title: Environmental Resources Supervisor

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

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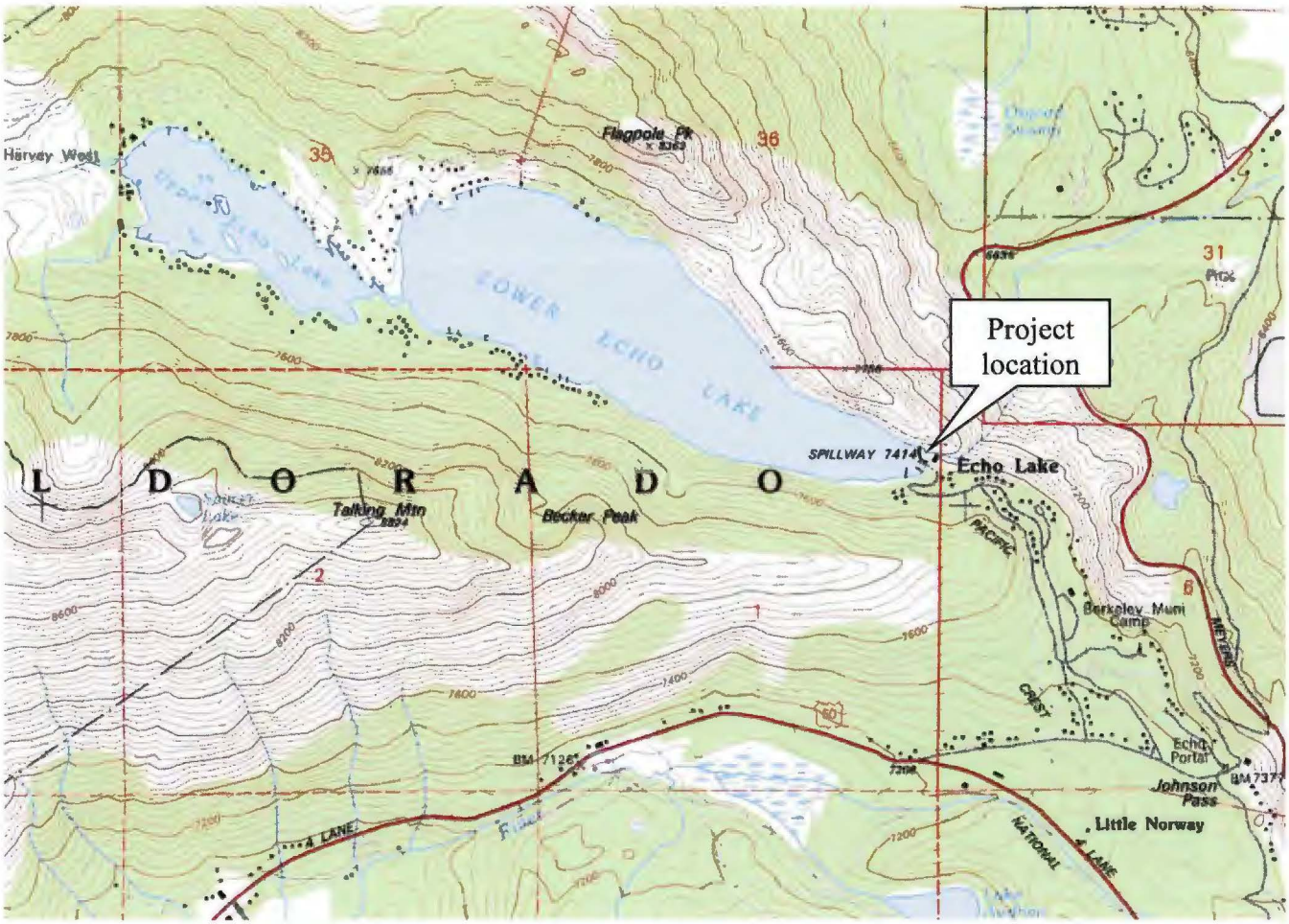
JANELLE K. HORNE, Recorder-Clerk
By Kimberly Preston



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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 09--02032026-008

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT	bdeason@eid.org	02/03/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
EL DORADO	FW2026-0008

PROJECT TITLE

ECHO LAKE DAM MAINTENANCE

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT	bdeason@eid.org	(530) 642-4064

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
2890 MOSQUITO ROAD	PLACERVILLE	CA	95667

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$4,227.50	$
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$3,043.75	$
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,437.25	$

☒ Exempt from fee

- ☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$850.00	$
☒ County documentary handling fee		$ $50.00
☐ Other		$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ $50.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
x Kimberly Preston	Janelle K. Horne Recorder-Clerk, by Kimberly Preston, Dpty