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## **EID Engineering Standing Committee to Meet in Special Session** **Discussion Will Focus on Staff Proposal to Delay Capital Improvement Projects**

**Placerville, CA...** El Dorado Irrigation District has scheduled a special meeting of the board's standing committee on engineering and operations to discuss the impacts of delaying capital improvement projects as part of the district's financial plan for the next few years.

The meeting will begin at 9:00 am on Friday, January 29, 2010, in the district's customer service building, 2890 Mosquito Road, in Placerville.

"As part of our review of the rate increases proposed in the 2010 budget, we've taken a hard look at additional ways to bring in more revenue outside of rate increases and further reduce our operating and debt costs," said EID general manager Jim Abercrombie. "On Monday, January 25, staff presented the board with options that would decrease the initial proposed rate increases by about half for 2010.

"And in looking to the next few years, we also proposed to defer additional capital improvement projects to reduce the need to borrow before about 2013. That could save costs like interest and principal payments on new debt. Board members said they are especially interested in the risks associated with deferred projects and the impacts that delays could have on safe, reliable service delivery. And they said they wanted to discuss this proposal sooner rather than later. So we set the special meeting of the committee for Friday."

The committee meeting is open to the public, and customers are encouraged to attend.

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