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El Dorado County and Shingle Springs/Cameron Park Chambers of Commerce Thank EID for Alternative Rate Increase Proposal

Placerville, CA . . . In a January 28 letter to John Fraser, president of the El Dorado Irrigation District board of directors, the El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce, joined by the Shingle Springs/Cameron Park Chamber of Commerce, thanked the EID board and staff for “exploring other options and arriving at a rate increase proposal, which we hope the community will find more acceptable.”

The letter also said, “No one, whether it’s a business or a private resident, likes having costs go up. However, we realize that a rate increase is required to maintain the high level of service and water quality to which EID customers have become accustomed.”

“We are pleased with the new position these chambers have taken,” said EID general manager Jim Abercrombie. “And we agree it is always difficult to propose rate increases, but particularly in tough economic times like we all are experiencing.

“As we’ve explained during four workshops and at numerous meetings of community groups over the past month, we have been working hard to reduce the impact of the proposed rate increases on our customers. Our new Plan B cuts in half the amount of the recommended increase for 2010. And the resolution that the board will consider at the public hearing on Thursday, February 4, contains other positive steps we plan on taking that will help keep rates at the most reasonable level possible into the future.

“It’s good to hear from these two chambers that our ongoing actions are bringing about desired results.”

The February 4 public hearing begins at 6:00 pm. First scheduled to take place in the County Board of Supervisors meeting room, **the district has moved the hearing to the El Dorado Adventist School gymnasium, 1900 Broadway, in Placerville** to accommodate more customers.

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