

EID Reports



Summary of the February 8, 2010 EID Board Meeting

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Board Adopts Revised 2010 Budget Based on “Plan B”

EID Financial Report Honored for Its “Spirit of Full Disclosure”

Placerville, CA... The El Dorado Irrigation District board of directors today adopted a revised 2010 budget, which incorporates the elements of “Plan B”—the alternative to the initial rate increases proposed by staff in the budget late last November. The budget now reflects 18 percent rate increases for water, wastewater, and recycled water services in 2010, about half the original proposal.

Under the new rates, residential customers using 2,700 cubic feet of water every two months—fairly typical in the district’s service area—will see an increase of about \$6.66 on their 2010 two-month bills. Residential customers with both water and wastewater services, again using 2,700 cubic feet of water, would see an increase of about \$29.20 on their 2010 two-month bills.

“The revised budget allows us to meet our debt service requirements,” said Mark Price, the district’s finance director. “It incorporates reductions in our debt payments and increased revenues. First, under Plan B, we are restructuring our debt to save about \$4 million in principal payments over each of the next three years. We need to finish the restructuring before March 1, when our first principal payment under the current structure would be due. We now expect the restructuring to be completed in late February before the March deadline.”

“Second, we project higher revenue in the budget,” Price added. “This is now possible because ongoing negotiations with buyers for the hydroelectric power we generate indicate the price we receive for the power will be considerably improved.”

“And we’re asking staff to identify at least \$1 million in further cuts to the operating budget,” said board vice president Harry Norris, who—on February 4 at the public hearing about the rate increases—moved that this stipulation be part of the resolution the board adopted.

The resolution and more information are available on the district’s website: www.eid.org.

District Receives Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

EID’s 2008 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) has earned the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. “This is the thirteenth year we’ve received the award,” said general manager Jim Abercrombie, “and I want to thank our finance department for their accomplishments in preparing the report every year.”

Finance director Mark Price thanked accounting manager John Frankhouser and his team, saying, “These are the folks who get the job done, and I appreciate their good work.”

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The certificate was issued by the national Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada after an impartial panel judged that EID's CAFR demonstrated "a constructive 'spirit of full disclosure' to clearly communicate its financial story," according to the Association's letter announcing the award. The Association also said the Certificate of Achievement is "the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management."

The Association is a nonprofit professional organization, which serves approximately 17,500 government finance professionals.

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