

# EID Reports



## Summary of the July 26, 2010 EID Board Meeting

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### **Board Authorizes Cost-of-Service Study**

- **District Receives PG&E Energy Efficiency Rebate and Award**
- **Redistricting Process Discussed**

**Placerville, CA...** During their July 26 meeting, El Dorado Irrigation District board members unanimously authorized a professional services contract with HDR, Inc. of Folsom to conduct a cost-of-service study for the district's water, wastewater, and recycled water systems. The board committed to the study as one of several steps outlined in their February 2010 resolution to keep the district on sound financial footing.

"We are aiming to complete the study by the end of this year," said EID general manager Jim Abercrombie. "We have already established the citizen advisory panel, and the panel along with staff examined the proposals sent in and recommended HDR as the consultant."

The advisory panel members, from various locations within the district's service area, are Kim Beal (Cameron Park), Albert Hazbun (El Dorado Hills), Tom Heflin (Camino), Doug Leisz (Placerville), and Greg Prada (Cameron Park).

Leisz told the board, "We had, I think, a very thorough treatment from the firms that bid on the study, and I agree completely with the decision to make the award to HDR."

### **PG&E Presents and Energy Efficiency Rebate Check and the 2009 Golden Orb Award**

The district received a rebate check for \$33,105 under PG&E's new construction incentive program for customers who install energy efficient equipment above and beyond industry standards.

"EID installed new energy-efficient motors, an energy-efficient boiler, and a state-of-the-art ultraviolet disinfection system during the El Dorado Hills wastewater treatment plant expansion," said Dave Hinshaw, PG&E's regional representative. "These improvements save the District more than 300,000 kilowatt hours per year, and that's enough to serve 25 homes for a year."

"It's a win-win," said Tim Sullivan, EID senior engineer and project manager for the expansion project. "We save power costs, and we get money back."

Hinshaw also presented EID with the 2009 Golden Orb award for the district's one-hundred percent participation in PG&E's demand response/critical peak pricing programs. This is the fifth year in a row the district has received the award. EID water operations manager Dana Strahan, accepted the award, saying, "While we do not get a check for this award, we do save an average of a quarter of a million dollars on our electricity bills every year."

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## **Redistricting Process**

EID's senior deputy general counsel Dave Eggerton presented information about the redistricting process that may be initiated after the 2010 federal census data are released next year. Eggerton discussed applicable laws and answered questions from board members and the public concerning voter eligibility, timing, and other aspects of the process. The presentation was for information purposes only, and the board took no action.

## **In other business, the board—**

- Approved staff's request for an additional Environmental Compliance Inspector I/II position to fulfill recycled water program requirements.
- Approved funding for replacing Flume 9 and the Alder Creek fish screen, both of which are components of EID's El Dorado water supply and hydroelectric power generation project (Project 184).
- Approved a purchase request for a new automatic bar screen and washing press for the Deer Creek wastewater treatment plant.
- Authorized a change order to Syblon Reid Contractors for the El Dorado Hills water treatment plant expansion project. The change order covered costs incurred when unanticipated conditions arose during installation of submerged pumps in Folsom Lake, where the district withdraws water to serve the El Dorado Hills area.

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