



## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC MEETING El Dorado Irrigation District Memorandum of Understanding for Water Service to the Shingle Springs Rancheria Draft Environmental Impact Report**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that El Dorado Irrigation District (EID or District) staff will hold a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) public meeting to seek comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Water Service to the Shingle Springs Rancheria. The public meeting will be held on Monday, December 5, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the El Dorado Irrigation District Customer Service Building, Sly Park Conference Room, 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, California, 95667.

**Project Background.** In 2008, EID and the Shingle Springs Rancheria (Rancheria or Tribe) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to provide for a net increase of 215.75 Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU) over the existing 45 EDUs of water service EID was already providing the Tribe. In connection with its approval of the MOU, EID prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) under CEQA. Following adoption of the MOU and NOE, the Tribe completed the physical improvements on the Rancheria necessary to receive water service.

Approval of the MOU and CEQA exemption was subsequently challenged in El Dorado County Superior Court (Court). In a December 15, 2009, decision (*Voices for Rural Living v. El Dorado Irrigation District, et. al.*), the Court concluded that the EID's NOE was improper. On September 13, 2010, the Court issued the Writ, providing that EID may only adopt a MOU with the Rancheria or other agreement to provide water service to the Rancheria after EID has: (1) complied with CEQA; and (2) secured any necessary approvals from the El Dorado Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). The Writ further states that EID may continue to provide water service to the Rancheria in an amount not to exceed what the MOU allows and on terms not inconsistent with the MOU, so long as the District is actively pursuing the actions described above in (1) and (2). The District has prepared its response to the Writ in the form of an EIR, and the Writ, therefore, defines the required scope of the EIR analysis. To provide a complete assessment of potential impacts of the proposed project and in response to the Writ, existing conditions (or baseline) regarding water supply is defined as those water supply conditions that existed before EID approved the MOU. Therefore, the proposed project is defined as EID providing water service to the Rancheria consistent with the MOU (maximum continuous flow of 95 gallons per minute (gpm) and a maximum average daily delivery of 135,000 gallons per day [gpd]) and water service infrastructure described below under Project Description.

**Project Description.** Water service would be provided through a three-inch flow meter located on the Rancheria in an approximately five-foot by seven-foot underground vault (flow meter vault) adjacent to Honpie Road. The meter would provide maximum continuous flow of 95 gpm and a maximum average daily delivery of 135,000 gpd. No physical changes would occur to EID's control, access, operation, maintenance, repair, or replacement capabilities. Water service on the Rancheria would be provided through a tribal utility district

independent of EID. The new flow meter would be relocated approximately 2,000 feet to the southwest from the existing meter serving the Rancheria. The flow meter would be connected to approximately 4,025 feet of new 12-inch water supply pipeline to be installed by the Tribe on the Rancheria along Honpie Road. The underground flow meter vault would be locked and EID would have sole access. Other appurtenances adjacent to the flow meter vault would include a backflow prevention assembly structure which would be approximately four feet tall. No new infrastructure would be constructed off the Rancheria in the EID service area and existing EID operations would remain unchanged.

**Summary of Significant Environmental Effects.** Based on the Initial Study Checklist, and the analysis contained in the DEIR all impacts of the proposed project were found to be less than significant.

**Public Comment Period and Availability of Documents.** The DEIR was released for public review on November 18, 2011 and the 60 day public review period for this DEIR will extend through January 16, 2012. The DEIR will be available for review at the following locations:

1. El Dorado Hills Public Library, 7455 Silva Valley Parkway, El Dorado Hills
2. Placerville Main Public Library, 345 Fair Lane, Placerville
3. EID Customer Service Building, 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville
4. EID website at [www.eid.org](http://www.eid.org).

**For More Information.** Comments on the DEIR must be received by 5:00 p.m. on January 16, 2012. Requests for additional information and comments on the scope and content of the Initial Study can be sent to Dan Corcoran, Environmental Manager, El Dorado Irrigation District at 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, CA 95667, or [dcorcoran@eid.org](mailto:dcorcoran@eid.org).