

EID GOES BACK TO SCHOOL

El Dorado Irrigation District and Folsom Lake College have been collaborating for two years on a new curriculum aimed at getting students qualified in water and wastewater management. Starting in January 2009, the partnership will pay off. Two classes will be offered at the college's El Dorado Center in Placerville—"Math for Water and Wastewater Operators" and "Introduction to Water, Wastewater, and Recycled Water Management."

Two of EID's own will instruct students enrolled in the courses. **Vickie Caulfield**, wastewater/recycled water operations manager, will lead the math course, and **Dana Strahan**, drinking water operations manager, will teach the introductory management course.

The idea for the training program was suggested by EID Board director **George Wheeldon**—a geologist by training and emeritus professor at the college—in 2006.

"This program will develop well-rounded professionals," said **Steve Setoodeh**, consulting engineer at the District and one of the principals involved in getting the new curriculum underway. "In addition to practical knowledge that will help students prepare for California Department of Public Health operator exams, there's also a management element that will include issues related to human resources, public outreach, and much more.

"The program ensures that our community has access to a valuable opportunity, and it also means EID will have a home-grown pool of applicants for the important work that must be done to keep our water and wastewater treatment facilities operating smoothly and in compliance with regulatory standards."



EID owns and operates five water treatment plants, two primary wastewater facilities, and four satellite sewage treatment facilities.

Classes begin the week of January 20, 2009. Both classes are scheduled for one night per week from 6:00 p.m. until 9:05 p.m. at the El Dorado Center.

To register for these courses or read more about them, go to www.flc.losrios.edu. To talk with staff at the college about the classes, call 916-608-6500 or 530-642-5644.