



SCOPING MEETING FACT SHEET

JUNE 29, 2015

Initial Study / Notice of Preparation

Upper Main Ditch Piping Project

Environmental Impact Report

Welcome

This fact sheet has been prepared in support of the Upper Main Ditch Piping Project (Project) Environmental Impact Report (EIR) scoping meeting. Please sign in, and pick up meeting handouts. Comment forms are provided if you have a question or comment that you would like to be addressed. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive Project-related notices, please indicate your interest on the sign-in sheet. You may also sign up for e-mail notifications via the Main Ditch Project link under E-News on El Dorado Irrigation District's (EID) website at www.eid.org. The agenda for the meeting includes: 1) a presentation of the proposed project; 2) information regarding the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental review process and EIR schedule; and 3) the gathering of public comments to support development of the scope and content of the Project EIR.

Project Summary

The purpose of the Project is to replace a 3-mile section of water supply ditch with a buried pipeline to convey raw water to the Reservoir 1 Water Treatment Plant reducing water leakage and losses, while improving the quality of water entering the plant.

Three potential alignments have been identified while compiling the Notice of Preparation, which are currently being analyzed by EID to determine construction feasibility and operation and maintenance costs prior to selecting a preferred alignment. Construction is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2016.

Project Objectives

The Project is designed to meet the following objectives:

- Reduce water loss resulting from seepage and evapotranspiration thereby contributing to EID's overall water conservation efforts and supply reliability
- Protect drinking water quality by eliminating the potential for intentional or unintentional contamination of the open ditch
- Reduce operations and maintenance costs that would result from increased treatment and pumping costs

Background

The Upper Main Ditch is a section of the El Dorado Ditch built by mining interests to convey water to the Placerville area in the late 1800s. The ditch and water rights were then sold to the Western States Gas and Electric Company in the early 1900s, primarily for hydroelectric power generation. A smaller portion of the ditch water was maintained for delivery to some agricultural users. Over time, EID took over the rights and responsibilities for delivery of non-power generating water to irrigation and domestic water users. In 1997, EID took over all water rights and facilities along the original El Dorado Canal, known as FERC Project No. 184, which provides raw water to the Upper Main Ditch.

Purpose of the Scoping Meeting

The scoping meeting provides a forum for the public to comment on the Initial Study and Notice of Preparation (IS / NOP). These comments will assist EID staff in determining the scope and content of the draft EIR and will help EID identify a range of possible alternatives, mitigation measures, and any significant effects associated with the proposed project.

If you have input on the scope of the environmental analysis and would like to speak at this meeting, please fill out a speaker card. Even if you do speak during the meeting, EID would appreciate you filling out a comment form to ensure your comments are documented correctly. If you do not wish to speak, you may complete a comment form and leave it with a staff person or take it with you and mail it to the address on the form by the comment due date. You may also e-mail your comments or questions to kschaeffer@eid.org.

EIR Process and Next Steps

The IS / NOP was released for public response on June 17, 2015. The IS / NOP provides information on: the Project background; proposed Project objectives; Project description and currently identified alternatives; and potential environmental effects proposed to be evaluated in the EIR. Copies of the IS / NOP are available for public review for 30 days, June 17, 2015 through 5:00 P.M., July 16, 2015 at:

1. EID website at <http://www.eid.org/regulatory/environmental-docs-ceqa-nepa->
2. Placerville Main Public Library, 345 Fair Lane, Placerville
3. Pollock Pines Public Library, 6210 Pony Express Trail, Pollock Pines
4. Pollock Pines – Camino Community Center, 2675 Sanders Drive, Pollock Pines
5. EID Customer Service Building, 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville

Comments on the IS / NOP must be received by **5:00 P.M. on July 16, 2015**. Requests for additional information and comments on the IS / NOP can be sent to Kristin Schaeffer, Environmental Review Analyst, El Dorado Irrigation District at 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, CA 95667, or kschaeffer@eid.org.

At the end of the public response period, EID will consider all comments received (including those provided at this scoping meeting) from interested persons, organizations, and agencies in preparing the environmental analysis to be included in the draft EIR. A draft EIR will be prepared and circulated for public review. During the draft EIR public response period, agencies and the public will have an opportunity to review the analysis in the draft EIR and provide comments on its adequacy either in writing and/or orally at a public meeting. At the close of the public review period for the draft EIR, EID will prepare written responses to all written comments received and will prepare a final EIR. The draft EIR, final EIR, and other supporting documentation will be presented to the EID Board of Directors for consideration in certifying the EIR as adequate under CEQA and in approving or denying the Project.

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