



The Waterfront

Board Adopts 2026–2030 Capital Improvement Plan: A Five-Year Plan to Maintain Critical Infrastructure

During its November 10, 2025 meeting, the El Dorado Irrigation District Board of Directors adopted the 2026–2030 Capital Improvement Plan. This five-year infrastructure investment plan outlines approximately \$360 million in projects that will help ensure the continued delivery of safe and reliable services for the community.

A Capital Improvement Plan, or CIP, is a long-range planning document that identifies and prioritizes major capital projects over multiple years. It provides a structured and transparent approach for evaluating essential infrastructure needs, such as treatment facilities, pipelines, reservoirs, and other key components that support the District's operations.

Major Projects and Infrastructure Priorities

The 2026–2030 CIP includes several significant investments, including the El Dorado Hills Water Treatment Plant Project, which is required to address capacity, operational needs, more stringent water quality standards, and maintain reliable service during periods of peak summer demand. The CIP also includes the Silver Lake Dam Replacement, a Division of Safety of Dams and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission required project that will improve dam safety, maintain compliance, and bring the facility up to current regulatory standards. Combined, these two efforts are projected to total \$223 million in planned investments over the next five years.

The District's CIP is prepared and adopted during the annual budget development and five-year financial planning process, ensuring that long-range infrastructure needs are evaluated together with available resources. The plan focuses on projects that would pose the greatest potential for failure or service disruption if not addressed, or that present significant operational or regulatory risk.

Funding Challenges and Long-Term Planning

Because program funding remains limited, many important maintenance and rehabilitation needs lack sufficient funding and must be deferred. These constraints increase the likelihood of future failures, as unmet needs grow and delayed maintenance elevates the risk of system failures. Deferred projects often become more expensive over time because unplanned emergency repairs typically cost three to five times more than planned work. Deferring projects and maintenance also disrupts scheduled work and reduces the District's ability to manage its already limited operating budget.



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The District continues to seek outside funding for CIP needs and will evaluate opportunities such as grants and State Revolving Fund programs to help reduce long-term costs to ratepayers.

General Manager Vandeyar emphasized the importance of being transparent about necessary infrastructure needs. She explained that although these realities may be difficult to communicate, it is essential to clearly convey what is required to maintain public health, meet regulatory obligations, and ensure reliable service for our customers.

You can find the complete 2026–2030 Capital Improvement Plan on the District's website at www.eid.org/CIP.



Message from the General Manager

Pravani Vandeyar

Strengthening Financial Foundations

Over the past several months, the El Dorado Irrigation District has made significant progress in strengthening our financial systems, improving transparency, and modernizing the tools we rely on to serve the community. These efforts are focused on ensuring that our customers continue to receive reliable service and public resources are managed responsibly.

In April 2025, the El Dorado County Civil Grand Jury issued a report on the District’s financial practices. While the report did not identify any malfeasance, it did highlight areas where improvements would benefit the District and the community. We submitted our formal response in June 2025 and have continued moving forward with a series of Districtwide improvements that reinforce internal controls, improve reporting, and strengthen long-term planning efforts that support the services our community depends on every day.

An essential element of this effort is our partnership with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This fall, our Board approved a contract with GFOA to guide the selection and implementation of a new financial software system to replace our more than 15-year-old Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) platform, which supports the District’s financial and administrative operations. In November 2025, we completed a weeklong kickoff with GFOA. Teams from every District department worked with GFOA staff to review current practices, identify gaps, and begin shaping the foundation for a modern, efficient, and reliable financial system. This partnership goes beyond a technology upgrade and represents a significant step forward in how we manage operations, plan for long-term infrastructure needs, and ensure accountability to the public.

A new ERP system will streamline financial processes, improve data accuracy, increase transparency, and better support staff. Most importantly, it ensures the continuation of the services our community relies on.

Advancing Long-Term Planning and Transparency Initiatives

At the same time, we are advancing several other major initiatives that reinforce our financial stability and transparency efforts. We are developing a 30-year capital and asset management plan to support reliable infrastructure and long-term financial planning. The District also launched a new transparency page on its website late last year, making it easier for the community to access financial documents and reports.

To strengthen oversight and improve day-to-day operations, the District has appointed a Finance Director with extensive experience and restructured the Finance Department to enhance the separation of duties. We also continue to publish financial reports, including the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and the District’s first standalone Facilities Capacity Charge report. Updated annually and available on our website, these reports provide our customers with a better understanding of the District’s management of public funds and future planning.

Staff are engaged and committed to this work. Their dedication, knowledge, and collaboration have been essential as we move forward with these improvements together. I appreciate their efforts and the support of our community as we work to strengthen these important areas.

Investing in financial system upgrades, process improvements, and long-range planning efforts is critical to the District’s future. These investments reinforce our commitment to financial responsibility, strengthen public trust, and ensure we continue to deliver safe, reliable service to the community now and well into the future. We remain committed to serving our community with accountability and transparency.

Let's Stay Connected

Learn more about the topics discussed by visiting the Transparency page at www.eid.org/transparency or by scanning the QR code.



Welcome to the New EIDitor's Puzzle Pipeline!

Learn a little more about the District and enjoy a bit of puzzle fun.

Give our Word Search a try and see how many of the words you can find.

Water	Customer
Conservation	Recreation
Recycled	Hydropower
Reservoir	Wastewater
Infrastructure	Storage
Consumption	Hydrant
Maintenance	Pipelines
Supply	Sewer
Lakes	Safe
Reliable	Dam
Meter	Irrigation
Agriculture	Efficiency

Enjoy the puzzle and have fun searching.

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Ready to check your answers? Turn to Page 4.

Water Efficiency Rebates for 2026: Save Money and Conserve Water

As we head into 2026, EID has introduced several enhancements to our self-funded Water Efficiency Rebate Program. These rebates help our customers save money by offering financial incentives for installing water-saving devices. This year, EID has added more eligible devices and increased the rebate amount for flow monitoring systems and devices installed on potable water service lines. With these updates, our customers now have even more ways to conserve water while lowering overall utility costs.

Tier 1 Rebate: Up to \$100

The Tier 1 rebate offers up to \$100 for installing simple, water-saving devices such as high-efficiency toilets and clothes washers, hot water recirculating pumps, and smart irrigation controllers. New for 2026, pool covers are also eligible. These additions give our customers more options for improving efficiency both indoors and outdoors. By replacing older, water-wasting fixtures with efficient alternatives, our customers can reduce water use, lower utility bills, and support long-term water conservation.

Tier 2 Rebate: Up to \$250

The Tier 2 rebate provides up to \$250 for installing more advanced water-saving devices, including flow monitoring systems and devices installed on potable water service lines. These items track water use in real time and alert customers to irregularities such as leaks, overuse, or inefficiencies. Because notifications happen right away, rather than requiring customers to wait for their bi-monthly utility bill, problems can be addressed quickly, helping prevent unnecessary water waste and lower overall costs. In addition to detecting issues early, flow monitoring systems also help our customers better understand and manage their water use.

Learn More and Apply

For more information or to download a rebate form, please visit our website at www.eid.org/customers/water-efficiency. If you have any questions, email us at officeofwaterefficiency@eid.org. We encourage our customers to take advantage of these rebates to save water and reduce costs while supporting efficiency in our community.

Easy Tips to Prevent Winter Pipe Problems

A little preparation now can help you avoid big plumbing headaches this winter. When temperatures get very cold for an extended period, the water in your pipes can freeze. Frozen pipes can crack or burst, which may lead to water damage and costly repairs. The good news is that a few simple steps can help keep your home safe.

Insulate and Seal Pipes to Keep Them Warm

Add pipe insulation to areas that get cold, like basements, crawl spaces, attics, garages, and outdoor faucets. It's inexpensive and easy to install. Keep doors to these areas closed to hold in warm air. You can also seal small gaps around windows, doors, and your home's foundation to block cold drafts. Pipes along outside walls, especially in kitchens, bathrooms, and laundry rooms, need extra attention.

Let Faucets Drip During Cold Nights

On very cold nights, let your faucets drip a little. Even a slow drip helps keep water moving so it's less likely to freeze inside the pipes. This small step can make a big difference when temperatures drop.

Know Where Your Shutoff Valve Is Located

Take a moment to find your main water shutoff valve before an emergency happens. Turning off the water quickly can help reduce damage if a pipe bursts. Most shutoff valves are near the water meter, in a utility box, or where the main water line enters your home. If you are unable to locate your shutoff during an emergency, you can contact EID 24/7 to shut off the water on the District's side by calling (530) 642-4000.

When to Call a Plumber

If you can't fix a problem yourself, turn off the water, drain the pipes, and call a licensed plumber right away. Taking action early can prevent things from getting worse. A little planning now can help you avoid costly repairs and keep your water running all winter long.

Learn more on our website at www.eid.org/frozenpipeprevention.

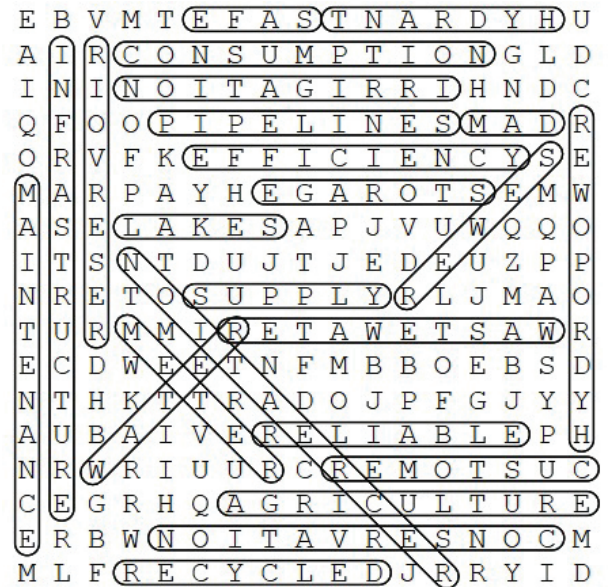
Connect With EID Recreation

Great news! Our EID Recreation Facebook and Instagram pages are now combined into one place, making it simpler than ever to stay updated on our lakes and recreation areas. You'll find photos, information, and fun highlights from Sly Park Recreation Area at Jenkinson Lake, Forebay Reservoir, Caples Lake, and Lake Aloha. This makes it easier to stay informed and plan your next visit to your favorite outdoor spots.

Follow EID Recreation on Facebook and Instagram at @EIDRecreation.

Stay Connected With EID

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Did you find them all? Answers from the Page 3 Puzzle.

2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
12	—	9	—	11	8	—	10	14	13 (I)	9	14
26	23	23	27	—	22	27	24	28	26	—	—

Board meetings generally occur on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Dates marked with (I) are scheduled on Tuesdays.



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