



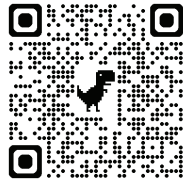
# The Waterfront



## 2025 Water Quality Reports Available

Each year, EID provides its customers with an annual water quality report (sometimes referred to as a **Consumer Confidence Report**) to let you know how our water quality compares to established federal and state drinking water standards. For more information about the sources of your water, read the 2025 Water Quality Report for your community by visiting the following web addresses or scanning the QR code.

- Main System:** [www.eid.org/main](http://www.eid.org/main)
- Outingdale:** [www.eid.org/outingdale](http://www.eid.org/outingdale)
- Strawberry:** [www.eid.org/strawberry](http://www.eid.org/strawberry)



## Where Your Water Comes From

EID maintains three water systems and has rights to approximately 75,000 acre-feet of water from various sources in the Sierra Nevada foothills. An acre-foot equals one acre of land covered by one foot of water and contains 325,851 gallons. Jenkinson Lake, located at the center of Sly Park Recreation Area in Pollock

Pines, provides nearly one-half of the Main System's water supply.

The **Main Water System** runs from El Dorado Hills to Pollock Pines and encompasses the majority of EID's service area, providing water to more than 128,000 people.

The **Outingdale Water System** provides water from the Middle Fork of the Cosumnes River to approximately 478 people in the small community of Outingdale, located about 15 miles southeast of Placerville.

The **Strawberry Water System** provides water from the upper South Fork American River to approximately 350 people in the community of Strawberry, located about 40 miles east of Placerville along Highway 50.

*Para obtener una copia en español, visite [www.eid.org/waterquality](http://www.eid.org/waterquality)*

## Free Water Efficiency Check: Simple Steps to Save Water at Home

Looking for an easy way to save water and lower your bill? The El Dorado Irrigation District offers a complimentary landscape survey designed to help you get the most out of your irrigation system and identify opportunities to improve efficiency.

This free service is a great starting point for anyone who wants to better understand how water is being used around their home. Contact [officeofwaterefficiency@eid.org](mailto:officeofwaterefficiency@eid.org) to schedule your complimentary landscape survey today.

## Improve Your Irrigation System

During your landscape survey, water efficiency staff will evaluate your irrigation system and provide personalized recommendations to help improve performance. This may include identifying areas of overwatering, adjusting sprinkler coverage, or suggesting simple upgrades that can make your system more efficient.

Even small changes can lead to meaningful water savings over time while keeping your landscape healthy. Learn more at [www.eid.org/customers/water-efficiency](http://www.eid.org/customers/water-efficiency)



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Message from the  
General Manager

**Pravani  
Vandeyar**

## **Planning Today for Reliable Water Tomorrow**

When I think about the work we do at the El Dorado Irrigation District, I often come back to something simple. Water is part of your everyday life. It is there when you start your morning, prepare meals, care for your home, and spend time with your family. Most of the time, it is something you should not have to think about, and that is exactly how it should be.

Behind the scenes, however, there is a great deal of work required to make sure that water is always there when you need it. It takes careful planning, ongoing maintenance, and long-term investment to deliver safe, reliable water, wastewater, and recycled water services to our community. That responsibility does not stop with meeting today’s needs. It also means planning ahead so our systems continue to serve future generations.

As part of that effort, we are conducting a Cost-of-Service Analysis in 2026. This work helps us better understand the cost of providing safe and reliable water, wastewater, and recycled water services.

### **Taking a Closer Look at What It Really Costs**

A Cost-of-Service Analysis is a comprehensive review of what it truly costs to provide the services you rely on every day. That includes treating and delivering clean, safe drinking water to homes and businesses, collecting and treating wastewater to protect public health and the environment, and producing recycled water for irrigation. It also includes maintaining and operating a complex system of infrastructure, including treatment plants, pump stations, storage tanks, pipelines, canals, and reservoirs. Much of this infrastructure is out of sight, but it plays a critical role in keeping everything running smoothly.

Behind the scenes, our teams monitor water quality, maintain equipment, respond to repairs, and ensure systems meet strict state and federal regulations. In addition to daily operations, we must plan for the future by replacing aging infrastructure, upgrading facilities,

meeting new regulatory requirements, and preparing for challenges such as drought, wildfire, and extreme weather.

This analysis brings all of these pieces together so we can clearly understand both current costs and long-term needs. For me, the goal is simple. Rates should reflect the true cost of providing service and nothing more.

### **Putting the Cost of Water into Perspective**

It can be helpful to look at the value of water in a way we can all relate to. A gallon of milk or gasoline often costs several dollars, and bottled water can cost even more per gallon. In comparison, the water delivered to your home is treated, tested, and delivered through an extensive system for a fraction of that cost. At the same time, water bills reflect more than the cost per gallon. They support the systems, infrastructure, and work required to keep service safe and reliable.

While water remains one of the most cost-effective services we rely on every day, the systems behind it require ongoing investment to stay dependable.

### **Why This Work Is So Important Right Now**

Water agencies across the country are facing aging infrastructure and rising costs. Many systems were built decades ago and now require repair or replacement. At the same time, the cost of materials, labor, and regulatory compliance continue to increase. Here at the District, we are planning for several major projects that are essential to long-term reliability, including improvements to the El Dorado Hills Water Treatment Plant and Silver Lake Dam.



*Silver Dam Today*

## *Let's Stay Connected*

For the latest on projects, recreation, and updates, follow us on Facebook at El Dorado Irrigation District, Instagram @eldoradoirrigation, visit [www.eid.org](http://www.eid.org), or scan the QR code.



In our last issue of The Waterfront, we shared an update on the Sly Park Intertie Project. The District continues to pursue grant funding to help reduce costs for our community. We secured a \$10 million grant from the California Department of Water Resources and an additional \$750,000 from El Dorado County through American Rescue Plan Act funding.

This support allows us to move forward with important improvements while being mindful of costs. These are long-term investments in the future of our community. I believe it is better to plan ahead than to react later.

By taking a proactive approach, we can anticipate future needs, prioritize improvements, and manage costs more effectively.



*Corroded Filter Backwash Waste Valve*

### **How Rates Are Developed**

I understand that conversations about rates can feel complex and, at times, concerning. Rates are not set randomly. They are governed by Proposition 218, which ensures they are based on the cost of providing service and that the process remains transparent. From my perspective, this is about accountability and trust. Every dollar collected should support operating, maintaining, and improving the systems that serve our community. We are committed to making this process clear and accessible.

### **Finding the Right Balance**

One of the most important parts of this process is finding the right balance between reliability and affordability. We must continue to invest in infrastructure to ensure safe and dependable service, while also recognizing that affordability matters.

The Cost-of-Service Analysis helps us make thoughtful decisions, prioritize needs, and plan responsibly for the future. My goal is to minimize surprises and provide as much predictability as possible.

### **Investing in the Systems You Depend On**

It is easy to take water service for granted because it works quietly in the background of our daily lives. But the systems that make that possible require constant care and investment. Pipelines must be maintained and replaced over time. Treatment facilities must be upgraded. Equipment must be inspected and repaired. These investments may not always be visible, but they are essential to reliability, public health, and environmental protection.

### **Keeping You Informed Along the Way**

I believe it is important to keep our community informed throughout this process. We have created a dedicated page on our website with updates and information about the Cost-of-Service Analysis. We will continue sharing updates as the process moves forward. If you have questions, I encourage you to reach out. Your input matters. Stay informed at [www.eid.org/customers/2026-cost-of-services-analysis-and-proposition-218](http://www.eid.org/customers/2026-cost-of-services-analysis-and-proposition-218).

### **Looking Ahead with Responsibility and Care**

At the end of the day, this work is about trust. It is about making sure that when you turn on your tap, you can rely on safe, high-quality water. It is about protecting the systems that support our community and ensuring they are strong enough for future generations. I take that responsibility seriously.

The decisions we make today will shape the reliability and sustainability of our services for years to come.



*Erosion on Old Tram Way*



*Sly Park Intertie Project*

## Check for Hidden Leaks

Not all leaks are easy to spot. Some can go unnoticed for long periods of time, especially if they are underground or within your plumbing system.

As part of the survey, staff can assist with leak detection using your water meter. This process helps determine if water is flowing when it should not be, giving you a chance to catch and fix issues early before they become more costly.

## Upgrade Indoor Water Use

The program also includes indoor water-saving opportunities. Customers may receive simple efficiency devices, such as low-flow fixtures, for self-installation during their visit. These upgrades are designed to reduce water use inside your home without impacting everyday performance.

### SAVE WITH WATER EFFICIENCY REBATES

Limited Funding - Apply Today!

#### Tier 2 Rebates: up to \$250 - NEW!

 Flow monitoring systems

#### Tier 1 Rebates: up to \$100

 High-efficiency toilets and clothes washers

 Pool covers - NEW!

 Irrigation efficiency upgrades and more



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

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- Hydropower**
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- Pipelines**
- Leak Detection**
- Meters**

## 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
12	—	9	—	11	8	—	10	14	13 (T)	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 (T) are scheduled on Tuesdays.

 In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and California law, it is the policy of the El Dorado Irrigation District to offer its public programs, services, and meetings in a manner that is readily accessible to everyone, including individuals with disabilities. If you are a person with a disability and require information or materials in an appropriate alternative format, or any other accommodation, please contact the ADA Coordinator at the number or address below at least 72 hours prior to the meeting or before you desire to receive services. Advance notification within this guideline will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility. The District ADA Coordinator can be reached by phone at (530) 642-4045 or e-mail at ADACoordinator@EID.org.