



El Dorado Irrigation District

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE FLUME 45 CRITICAL WATER SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2024091018

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the El Dorado Irrigation District's (EID or District) Flume 45 Critical Water System Infrastructure Project (Project) is now available for public review and comment pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The District owns and operates the El Dorado Hydroelectric Project, which is licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as Project 184. Project 184 includes various conveyance structures (e.g., flumes, canals, tunnels, siphons) to convey approximately 1/3 of the District's total drinking water supply to over 125,000 residents in El Dorado County, California, and also provides clean renewable energy through a 21-megawatt hydroelectric generation facility. Flume 45 is a component of this critical water conveyance system. The Project would remove the existing wooden flume, which is highly susceptible to damage and destruction by natural hazards including wildfires, landslides, and falling trees and rocks, and replace it with a more durable ignition resistant concrete conveyance structure (i.e., U shaped concrete canal). The Project requires the removal and demolition of approximately 1,140 linear feet of water conveyance, which includes a wooden flume, wooden substructure, and a historic hand-stacked rock wall. Construction of the new conveyance structure involves construction of a mechanically stabilized earth retaining wall, construction of a new U-shaped concrete canal, slope stabilization, replacement of an existing maintenance access bridge that spans the water conveyance structure, and improvements along a maintenance access road adjacent to the flume. As part of the Project, EID would also perform routine road maintenance activities along the primary access road to allow for construction and continued maintenance access to the new canal segment. The Project would be constructed during the District's annual maintenance outages, beginning in August 2026 and ending in January 2028. The first construction period would occur between August 2026 and January 2027 and the second would occur between August 2027 and January 2028.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: Based on the analysis contained in the DEIR, implementation of the Project would have a significant and unavoidable environmental impact on Cultural Resources. For all other CEQA resource topics where potentially significant impacts were identified, the DEIR found that those impacts could be mitigated to a less than significant level.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The public review and comment period starts on **February 21, 2025** and ends on **April 7, 2025**. Submit email comments to Flume45EIR@eid.org and include the name and mailing address of the commenter in the body of the email and "Flume 45 Comment" in the subject line. Comments may be submitted by mail to:

El Dorado Irrigation District
2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, CA 95667
Attn: Michael C. Baron- Flume 45 Comment

Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on April 7, 2025.



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AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS: The DEIR and appendices are available at the following website <http://www.eid.org/ceqa> and at the District Customer Service Building, 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, California. This Notice of Availability was also posted at the following locations:

- El Dorado County Recorder-Clerk Placerville Office, 360 Fair Lane, Placerville, California
- Placerville Main Public Library, 345 Fair Lane, Placerville, California
- Pollock Pines Public Library, 6210 Pony Express Trail, Pollock Pines, California

Additionally, copies of all documents referenced in the DEIR will be available for public review at the District Customer Service Building, located at 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, during normal District business hours.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: If you would like to receive an email notice when updates related to the environmental review are posted for the Project, please sign up for eNews at on the District's website at: www.EID.org/eNews and select Environmental Document Review (CEQA/NEPA).

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