



El Dorado Irrigation District

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND INITIAL STUDY FOR THE FLUME 48 UTILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

In accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq., and the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Section 15000 et seq., the El Dorado Irrigation District (District) will be preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Flume 48 Utility and Infrastructure Replacement Project (Project). The purpose of this Notice of Preparation and Initial Study (NOP/IS) is to provide an opportunity for the public, interested parties, and public agencies to comment on the scope and proposed content of the Draft EIR. If you are a Responsible or Trustee Agency with jurisdiction by law over natural resources held in public trust, the District requests that you identify any relevant environmental information related to your statutory responsibilities that should be included in the Draft EIR.

The Project would replace approximately 448 linear feet of an existing wooden flume (i.e., Flume 48), which is highly susceptible to damage from wildfire and other natural hazards, with a more durable ignition resistant concrete conveyance structure (i.e., cast-in-place or precast concrete flume). Flume 48 is part of District's Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project 184, which consists of a series of dams, canals, flumes, siphons, a penstock, and a powerhouse that deliver water from the South Fork of the American River for drinking water and power generation.

The Project would include mobilization, access improvements and site preparation, demolition and disposal of the existing wood structure, clearing and grubbing vegetation within the work area, stabilization of the existing rock wall foundation or construction of a new foundation using mechanically stabilized earth wall, and construction of the new concrete conveyance structure. The Project would also include retrofitting an existing spillway structure into the new concrete conveyance, installation of metal walkways and handrails to facilitate future maintenance and inspection along the flume, and implementation of permanent slope stabilization measures (e.g., hazard tree removal, slope/rock scaling, rock fall protection) as necessary to stabilize areas upslope of the new structure. A complete description of the Project and an identification of probable environmental effects of the Project are provided in the NOP/IS.

Based on the results of the IS, the District has determined that the Project may result in potentially significant environmental effects and, consequently, an EIR is required. The Draft EIR will address the full range of potentially significant environmental effects of the Project and feasible alternatives to the Project that meet CEQA requirements.

DOCUMENT REVIEW AND AVAILABILITY: The public review period begins on Thursday, December 19, 2024 and ends on Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. A copy of the NOP/IS is available for public review at 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, CA 95667, or online at www.EID.org/CEQA.

COMMENTS: Submit comments by email to Flume48NOP@EID.org, include "Flume 48 NOP-Comment" in the subject line. If applicable, also include the name of a contact person in your agency. Comments may also be submitted to El Dorado Irrigation District, FLUME 48 NOP, ATTN: Brian Deason, Environmental Resources Supervisor, 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, CA 95667 **Comments must be received no later than 5:00 P.M. on January 30, 2025.**

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