

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

**Form F**

Lead agencies may include 15 hardcopies of this document when submitting electronic copies of Environmental Impact Reports, Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, or Notices of Preparation to the State Clearinghouse (SCH). The SCH also accepts other summaries, such as EIR Executive Summaries prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15123. Please include one copy of the Notice of Completion Form (NOC) with your submission and attach the summary to each electronic copy of the document.

SCH #: 2014032038

Project Title: El Dorado Water Reliability Project

Lead Agency: El Dorado County Water Agency

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Project Location: Placerville  
*City*

El Dorado  
*County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

Please see the attached document.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

It is anticipated that the Proposed Project would result in significant or potentially significant effects on the following California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) resources areas: aesthetics; agriculture and forestry; air quality; biological resources, cultural resources; energy; geology and soils, and mineral resources; greenhouse gas emissions; hazards and hazardous materials; hydrology and water quality, land use and planning; noise and vibration; public services; recreation; transportation; tribal cultural resources; utilities and service systems and wildfire. The Proposed Project does not propose any mitigation measures at this time as specific locations of infrastructure development and water use is currently unknown, and mitigation is uncertain.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Areas of controversy have been identified for the Proposed Project, based on comments made during the 55-day public review period in response to information published in the Notice of Preparation. Areas of controversy included impacts associated with surface water diversion on aquatic biological resources and water recreation as well as concerns about growth within the county under the adopted General Plan and the associated secondary effects of growth (e.g., traffic, air quality, loss of open space).

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

State Water Resources Control Board  
Sacramento Municipal Utilities District

## **Project Description**

The El Dorado County Water Agency proposes to implement the El Dorado Water Reliability Project (Proposed Project) to secure the partial assignment of surface water rights (State Filed Applications 5644 and 5645) of up to 40,000 acre-feet per year from the upper American River and its tributaries. Consistent with the 2005 El Dorado–SMUD Cooperation Agreement, the surface water would be stored and diverted at the existing Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) Upper American River Project facilities and delivered to two locations: SMUD’s White Rock Powerhouse Penstock and the El Dorado County area of Folsom Reservoir, where the South Fork American River meets the upper reach of the reservoir. This surface water would be put to reasonable and beneficial use to help meet projected water demands associated with the anticipated land use capacity identified in the adopted 2004 El Dorado County General Plan, as amended, for the western slope of El Dorado County that extends from the Sierra Nevada crest at Echo Summit west to the Sacramento County line. No new diversion, storage, treatment, or distribution facilities would be built or operated as part of the Proposed Project.