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Project Title: El Dorado Water Reliability Project

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 City: El Dorado Hills, California Zip: 95762 County: El Dorado

Project Location: County: El Dorado City/Nearest Community: El Dorado Hills, Placerville
 Cross Streets: N/A Zip Code: N/A

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 38 ° 39 ' 30 " N / 120 ° 51 ' 30 " W Total Acres: 1,155,200

Assessor's Parcel No.: N/A Section: 07 Twp.: 10N Range: 11E Base: Mt. Diablo

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 50, 49, 193 Waterways: Upper American River and its tributaries, Lower American River
 Airports: Placerville Airport, Georgetown Airport Railways: El Dorado Western Railroad Schools: El Dorado School District

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____ Draft EIS Other: _____
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other: Surface Water Rights

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type _____ MW _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Educational: _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Recreational: _____ Other: _____
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Land Use
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Open Space, Residential, Commercial, Agricultural, Industrial

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

See attached Project Description.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date 10/15/2024 Ending Date 12/09/2024

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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 (West Slope). No new diversion, storage, treatment, or distribution facilities would be built or operated as part of the Proposed Project.

The Project Area is the West Slope of El Dorado County. The adopted 2004 El Dorado County General Plan describes the West Slope as a rural-agricultural–dominated landscape with high-density urban development concentrated in areas adjacent to Sacramento County and along U.S. Highway 50. The City of Placerville is the only incorporated city on the West Slope. The Study Area includes areas downstream of the Project Area that may be affected by the proposed water diversions: Folsom Reservoir, the lower American River to its confluence with the Sacramento River, and the Sacramento River south to the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta.

The Draft EIR evaluates the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Project including the direct effects associated with diversion of water, and the indirect effects associated with both use of the Proposed Project water for municipal and industrial and agricultural use development envisioned in the adopted 2004 El Dorado County General Plan and with construction of new infrastructure and facilities to deliver the water.

The analysis in the Draft EIR finds that impacts associated with water diversion are less-than-significant but identifies potentially significant impacts associated with the indirect effects of growth under the County’s adopted General Plan and associated construction of new water delivery infrastructure to serve that planned growth in the following California Environmental Quality Act resource 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.