



El Dorado Irrigation District

**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
(Pursuant to CEQA Section 21092 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072)
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
for the
DEER CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SOLAR PROJECT**

The El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Section 15000 et seq., Title 14, California Code of Regulations) for the Deer Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Solar Project (proposed project). The proposed project involves installation of additional Photovoltaic (PV) solar panels capable of producing electric energy at the existing Deer Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (DCWWTP).

The proposed solar PV project consists of constructing 2,393 kilowatt (kW) direct current (dc) solar arrays and associated electrical equipment (i.e., inverters, transformers, switchgear, system disconnects, and service meters) at the DCWWTP site. The new solar PV arrays would occupy about 8.5 acres within the boundary of the DCWWTP site. Construction staging areas for equipment storage, material delivery, and employee vehicles would be contained entirely on the waste water treatment plant site. Project construction is anticipated to take approximately 7 to 9 months. The project site is not identified on the lists specified in Government Code section 65962.5. EID is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Project and has directed the preparation of an Initial Study (IS) on the proposed project in accordance with the requirements of CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines, and EID's guidelines. The IS describes the proposed project and assesses the proposed project's potentially significant adverse impacts on the physical environment. It concludes that the proposed project's potentially significant or significant adverse effects on the environment could be mitigated to less-than-significant levels; therefore, a proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared.

Agencies and members of the public are invited to comment on the proposed IS/MND. The comment period is from May 13, 2019 to June 11, 2019. The proposed IS/MND can be reviewed at EID's Customer Service Building, 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, CA 95667 or on the EID web site at www.eid.org/ceqa. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on June 11, 2019. Comments can be sent to Michael C. Baron, Environmental Review Analyst, El Dorado Irrigation District, at the address above or by email at mbaron@eid.org. EID will hold a public hearing to consider the IS/MND on June 24, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. during a regularly scheduled meeting of the EID Board of Directors. The hearing will be in the EID Customer Service Building Board Room at the above address.

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