



El Dorado Irrigation District

NOTICE OF INTENT and NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

(Pursuant to CEQA Section 21092 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072)

EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROJECT

The El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Section 15000 et seq., Title 14, California Code of Regulations) for the EID Vegetation Management Project (proposed project). The proposed project involves implementing vegetation management activities on EID lands to return the areas to a more managed, fire resistant condition and to protect local communities, EID's critical infrastructure, and water quality from the effects of catastrophic wildfire.

EID proposes to implement vegetation management projects at four facilities to reduce the risk of wildfire: Weber Reservoir, Sly Park Recreation Area, Camp 5 Maintenance Yard, and Flume 46 on the El Dorado Canal. Vegetation management would be accomplished through a variety of treatments and prescriptions such as mechanical and hand treatments, removal of fuel ladders, and tree removal and pruning to inhibit vertical fire spread and the potential for crown fire. The work is being completed with funding provided by CAL FIRE under the California Climate Investments Fire Prevention Grant Program. The project sites are not identified on the lists specified in Government Code section 65962.5. EID is the lead agency under the CEQA for the proposed 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 June 10, 2019 to July 10, 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 can be sent to Doug Venable, EID Environmental Review Analyst, at the address above or by email at dvenable@eid.org by 5:00 p.m. on July 10, 2019. **A public hearing to consider the IS/MND will be held on July 22, 2019 at 9:00 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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