



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
PACIFIC TUNNEL REHABILITATION 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 Pacific Tunnel Rehabilitation Project (proposed Project). The proposed Project consists of a complete replacement of the upstream and downstream portals and replacement of the existing timber invert and timber sidewalls within the existing canal tunnel using air-placed concrete as a replacement for the timber components. The proposed Project would also require improvements to existing access roads, including minor surface grading and realignment. The approximately 14-acre project site is located south of State Route (SR) 50 in unincorporated El Dorado County near Fresh Pond, approximately 15 miles east of Placerville and 4 miles east of Pollock Pines. Portions of the project site are within the Eldorado National Forest and lands owned by EID.

Tunnel rehabilitation would consist of the complete replacement of the upstream and downstream portals, removing the existing timber invert and timber sidewalls within the tunnel, and relining the tunnel with air-placed concrete. Road improvements would be necessary to provide construction access. These improvements would include minor surface grading to address rutting and/or potholing within the existing footprint of Park Creek Road and Canal Access Road. Approximately 1,200 feet of Tunnel Access Road between Canal Access Road and the tunnel site would require re-alignment and grading to provide safe all-weather access. Project construction is anticipated to take approximately 6 months. The project site is not identified on the lists specified in Government Code section 65962.5.

EID is the lead agency under 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 MND has been prepared.

Agencies and members of the public are invited to comment on the proposed IS/MND. The comment period is from April 1, 2020 to April 30, 2020. 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 April 30, 2020. Comments can be sent to Michael Baron, Environmental Review Analyst, El Dorado Irrigation District, at the address above or by email at mbaron@eid.org. The EID Board of Directors will hold a public hearing to consider the IS/MND on May 11, 2020, or at a subsequent regularly scheduled board meeting. Meetings typically begin at 9:00 a.m. Please check EID's website for information regarding the meeting format: <https://www.eid.org/about-us/board-of-directors/meetings-agendas-and-minutes>.

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