

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

EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT FLUME 30 REPLACEMENT 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 Flume 30 Replacement Project (proposed project). The proposed project involves replacing 350 feet of wooden flume structure with reinforced air-placed concrete, canal bench improvements, improvements to Forest Service Road 10-08YE, and construction of a new segment of access road. The Flume 30 project area is located east of the town of Pollock Pines in an unincorporated area of El Dorado County. The project area is south of U.S. Highway 50 (US 50) and east of Plum Creek, on federal lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), in the Eldorado National Forest (ENF).

The proposed Flume 30 Replacement Project is approximately 350 feet long and consists of one groundlevel and three elevated flume segments that transverse Bull Creek. The existing wooden flume and substructure would be demolished and disposed at an off-site disposal area, in accordance with applicable regulations. A new flume of precast concrete voided slab would be installed to span Bull Creek. The eastern abutment would not require additional improvements and could be used with only minor modification. The western abutment would be removed and rebuilt using a system similar to the eastern reinforced shotcrete facing and rock anchor tie backs to provide stability. Access to the project area would primarily rely on the use of existing roads. A new road of approximately 2,200 lineal feet would need to be constructed to allow access to the existing canal bench. Project construction is anticipated to take approximately 5 to 6 months. The project site is not identified on the lists specified in Government Code section 65962.5. EID is the lead agency under the CEOA 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 June 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020. The proposed IS/MND can be reviewed on the EID web site at www.eid.org/ceqa. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2020. Comments can be sent to Michael Baron, Environmental Review Analyst, El Dorado Irrigation District, at 2890 Mosquito Road Placerville, CA 95667 or by email at mbaron@eid.org. The EID Board of Directors will hold a public hearing to consider the IS/MND on July 13, 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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