



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)
RIGHT-OF-WAY REINFORCEMENT PROGRAM

The El Dorado Irrigation District (EID or District) 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 Right-of-way Reinforcement Program (program or proposed program). The program involves vegetation management within the existing utility corridors for seven of the District's approximately 88-mile water transmission pipeline system. Within the utility corridor, crews would remove trees less than 12 inches in diameter at breast height (DBH), and would clear brush, shrubs, and other woody material, with widths ranging up to 60-feet. Hazard trees greater than 12 inches DBH within the utility corridor would also be removed. Vegetation treatments consist of mechanical or manual removal of vegetation and then chipping and broadcasting or lopping and scattering material onsite, and occasionally pile burning material where terrain limits equipment access and onsite conditions allow. Initial treatment activities are expected to be completed in approximately 5-years with ongoing maintenance of vegetation ongoing into the future as needed.

The program area is not identified on the lists specified in Government Code section 65962.5. EID is the lead agency for the program under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and has directed the preparation of an Initial Study (IS) on the proposed program in accordance with CEQA requirements, the State CEQA Guidelines, and EID's guidelines. The IS covering the program describes treatment activities and assesses the proposed program's potentially significant adverse impacts on the physical environment. It concludes that the proposed program'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 March 8, 2023 to April 6, 2023.** 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 Michael Baron, EID Environmental Review Analyst, at the address above or by email at ROWRProgramMND@EID.org by 5:00 p.m. on April 6, 2023. **A public hearing to consider the IS/MND will be held on April 24, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.** or at a subsequent 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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