



SCOPING MEETING FACT SHEET

APRIL 1, 2013

Initial Study / Notice of Preparation
El Dorado Forebay Dam Modification Project
Environmental Impact Report

Welcome

This fact sheet has been prepared for the scoping meeting associated with the El Dorado Forebay Dam Modification Project (Project) Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Please sign in, and pick up meeting handouts. Comment forms are provided if you have a question or comment that you would like to be addressed. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive Project-related notices, please indicate your interest on the sign-in sheet. You may also sign up for e-mail notifications via the Forebay Dam Project link on El Dorado Irrigation District's (District or EID) website at www.eid.org. The agenda for the meeting includes: 1) a presentation of the proposed project; 2) information regarding the CEQA process and EIR schedule; and 3) the gathering of public comments on the scope and content of the Project EIR.

Project Summary

The Project will remediate the El Dorado Forebay Dam and its associated facilities. The main elements of the Project involve constructing an earthen stability buttress below the Forebay Dam, raising the Forebay Dam 10 vertical feet, and remediating associated facilities. The Project is required to satisfy specific regulatory mandates issued to the District by both the California Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to meet dam safety standards. Additionally, the Project will improve the reliability of the drinking water supply and minimize impacts to District ratepayers through optimized hydroelectric power generation revenue.

Project Objectives

The Project is designed to meet the following objectives:

- Protect public safety by protecting residents, life, and property below the dam
- Comply with DSOD and FERC dam safety requirements
- Regain and optimize full reservoir operational use to improve the reliability of the drinking water system and optimize renewable hydroelectric power generation revenue

Background

The El Dorado Forebay is an off-stream reservoir, created by an earthen embankment dam, in El Dorado County, California, near Pollock Pines on the north side of U.S. Highway 50. The Forebay is a component of the El Dorado Hydroelectric Project, which is owned and operated by EID and licensed by FERC as FERC Project No. 184. The District operates Project No. 184 facilities to provide water for drinking water supply and renewable hydroelectric power generation.

Purpose of the Scoping Meeting

The purpose of the scoping meeting is to provide a forum for the public to comment on the Initial Study and Notice of Preparation (IS / NOP). These comments will assist EID staff in determining the scope and content of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and will help EID identify a range of possibly alternatives, mitigation measures, and any significant effects associated with the proposed project.

If you have input on the scope of the environmental analysis and would like to speak at this meeting, please fill out a comment form. If you do not wish to speak, you may complete a comment form and leave it with a staff person or take it with you and mail it to the address on the form and listed below. You may also e-mail your comments or questions to bdeason@eid.org.

EIR Process and Next Steps

The IS / NOP was published by EID on March 13, 2013. The IS / NOP provides information on: the Project background; proposed Project objectives and Project description; and potential environmental effects proposed to be evaluated in the EIR. Copies of the IS / NOP are available for public review for 30 days, March 13, 2013 through Thursday, April 11, 2013 at:

1. EID website at http://www.eid.org/in_business.htm
2. Placerville Main Public Library, 345 Fair Lane, Placerville
3. Pollock Pines Public Library, 6210 Pony Express Trail, Pollock Pines
4. EID Customer Service Building, 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville

Comments on the IS / NOP must be received by **5:00 p.m. on April 11, 2013**. Requests for additional information and comments on the scope and content of the IS / NOP can be sent to Brian Deason, Hydroelectric Compliance Analyst, El Dorado Irrigation District at 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, CA 95667, or bdeason@eid.org.

At the end of the public response period, EID will consider all comments received (including those provided at this scoping meeting) from interested persons, organizations, and agencies in preparing the environmental analysis to be included in the EIR. A Draft EIR will be prepared and circulated for public review. During the Draft EIR public response period, agencies and the public will have an opportunity to review the analysis in the Draft EIR and provide comments on its adequacy either in writing or orally at a public meeting. At the close of the public review period, EID will prepare written responses to all oral and written comments received and will prepare a Final EIR. The Draft EIR, Final EIR, and other supporting documentation will be provided to the EID Board of Directors for consideration in certifying the EIR as adequate under CEQA and in approving or denying the Project.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and California law, it is the policy of the El Dorado Irrigation District to offer its public programs, services and meetings in a manner that is readily accessible to everyone, including individuals with disabilities. If you are a person with a disability and require information or materials in an appropriate alternative format; or if you require any other accommodation, please contact the ADA Coordinator at the number or address below at least 72 hours prior to the meeting or when you desire to receive services. Advance notification within this guideline will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility. The District ADA Coordinator can be reached by phone at (530) 642-4045, or e-mail at adacoordinator@eid.org.