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

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2020 EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT TEMPORARY WATER TRANSFER

The El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Section 15000 et seq., Title 14, California Code of Regulations) for the 2020 EID Temporary Water Transfer Project (proposed project). EID plans to transfer up to 8,000 acre-feet (AF) of water to state and/or federal water contractors (Buyers) to be used by the Buyers in their service areas south of the Delta in 2020.

EID proposes to transfer water to the Buyers during summer and fall 2020. EID would make the water available through re-operations of three EID reservoirs to release water otherwise planned to be consumed by EID customers and/or stored within the EID network of reservoirs. The involved reservoirs and rivers/creeks would all operate consistent with their historic flow and release schedules, and would meet all applicable rules and requirements, including but not limited to lake level and minimum streamflow requirements. The proposed 8,000-AF transfer quantity would consist of releases from Weber Reservoir (up to 850 AF) that would otherwise remain in Weber Reservoir and releases from Caples/Silver lakes (up to 8,000 AF) that would otherwise be added to storage in Jenkinson Lake or used directly to meet summer/fall 2020 demands that would instead be met with water previously stored in Jenkinson Lake. Because the total potential quantity available from the three reservoirs exceeds 8,000 AF, EID would have flexibility to adjust operations at any of the reservoirs as conditions or operations may warrant during the transfer period to fulfill the proposed 8,000-AF transfer quantity.

EID 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 for CEQA compliance. The IS describes the proposed project and assesses the proposed project's potential to result in significant adverse impacts on the physical environment. It concludes that the proposed project would not have any potentially significant or significant adverse effects on the environment and, therefore, no mitigation is required or proposed and as such a Negative Declaration (ND) has been prepared.

DOCUMENT REVIEW & AVAILABILITY: The 30-day public review period begins on March 16, 2020 and ends on April 15, 2020. A copy of the IS/ND is available for public review at 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, CA 95667, or online at <http://www.eid.org/regulatory/environmental-docs-ceqa-nepa>.

CONTACT: Please send written comments to: Brian Deason, EID, 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, CA 95667; Email: 2020WaterTransfer@eid.org by no later than 5:00 pm on April 15, 2020.

PUBLIC HEARING: The EID Board of Directors intends to consider adoption of the ND at its regularly scheduled board meeting on April 27, 2020, or at a subsequent board meeting, after 9:00 a.m. at EID's main headquarters building located at 2890 Mosquito Road in Placerville, CA. Board meeting schedule and agenda will be available at <https://www.eid.org/about-us/board-of-directors/meetings-agendas-and-minutes>.

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