



NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
(Pursuant to CEQA Section 21092 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072)
2015 EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT TO WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT
TEMPORARY WATER TRANSFER PROJECT

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 2015 EID to Westlands Water District (WWD) Temporary Water Transfer Project (Project). Water would be released from EID facilities in western El Dorado County and northeastern Amador County; flow through El Dorado, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Merced Counties; and be used by WWD in its service area in western Fresno and Kings Counties.

EID proposes to transfer up to 3,100 acre-feet (AF) of water to WWD during summer and fall 2015. EID would make the water available through re-operations of EID reservoirs to release water otherwise planned to be consumed by EID customers and/or stored within the EID network of reservoirs. The transfer quantity includes approximately 700 AF that would be released from Weber Reservoir, and approximately 2,400 AF that would be released from Silver Lake. But for the Project, EID would otherwise retain the 700 AF in Weber Reservoir and add the 2,400 AF to storage in Jenkinson Lake or use it directly to meet summer/fall 2015 demands that would instead be met with water previously stored in Jenkinson Lake.

EID has directed the preparation of an Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) 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 potentially significant adverse impacts on the physical environment. It concludes that the proposed Project would not have any significant adverse effects on the environment and, therefore, no mitigation is required or proposed.

Public Review Period: The IS/ND is being circulated for public review and comment for a review period of 31 days from release of the document to the State Clearinghouse, starting on June 22, 2015. Written comments must be received at the following address or by email or fax no later than close of business (5:00 p.m.) on July 22, 2015:

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To Review or Obtain a Copy of the Environmental Document: Copies of the IS/ND may be reviewed at EID's office at 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, CA 95667
Or online at <http://www.eid.org/regulatory/environmental-docs-ceqa-nepa->