



Media Release

**El Dorado County Water Agency
Announces Dissolution of
El Dorado Water & Power Authority**
Water Agency will continue as the designated agency to lead project efforts

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PLACERVILLE – The El Dorado County Water Agency (EDCWA) announced today that the El Dorado Water and Power Authority (EDWPA) is dissolving in order to more effectively manage all project efforts going forward. All functions of EDWPA will be assumed by EDCWA, with no interruption to ongoing or future efforts.

EDWPA was established in 2004 as a joint powers authority between the El Dorado County Water Agency, El Dorado County and El Dorado Irrigation District, as the key stakeholders negotiating with SMUD as part of its Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensing process. The intent of the JPA was to provide one unified voice for all of the parties being represented. The Board of Directors for the JPA consisted of representatives from each of the three agencies.

“Since the conclusion of the SMUD relicensing effort, EDCWA has started leading a number of projects that benefit the entire region as it relates to securing water supply reliability,” said El Dorado County Supervisor Brian Veerkamp.

“The county is confident that the Water Agency will continue to spearhead a collaborative structure for all of the interested parties, as well as equal representation for all stakeholders involved in the process, including the county,” Veerkamp continued.

The EDCWA’s primary role is to ensure that water supplies exist and remain available for El Dorado County, and it provides a neutral and collaborative voice for all interests involved in EDWPA.

“The Water Agency is already working with other organizations throughout El Dorado County and the region to continue to ensure water availability and reliability for the region,” said General Manager Ken Payne.

“Having the Agency guide this process helps to simplify its management and allows for easier coordination and execution of work among other various regional interests.”

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About the El Dorado County Water Agency

The El Dorado County Water Agency (EDCWA) is a long-term water planning organization dedicated to ensuring that El Dorado County has adequate water supplies through protecting existing water supplies, securing new water rights and promoting water conservation. EDCWA was established in 1959 and its offices are located in Placerville.