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## CONFORMED AGENDA

February 12, 2025

El Dorado Water Agency  
Board of Directors

### Teleconference Locations:

El Dorado Water Agency  
1107 Investment Blvd, Suite 240  
El Dorado Hills, California 95762

South Tahoe Public Utility District  
Conference Room  
1275 Meadow Crest Dr  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Lori Parlin, Chair, Board of Supervisors  
Pat Dwyer, El Dorado Irrigation District  
Nick Haven, South Tahoe P.U.D.  
George Turnboo, Board of Supervisors  
Brian Veerkamp, Board of Supervisors

Rebecca Guo, P.E., General Manager  
Tami Scowcroft, Deputy Clerk/Business Services Officer

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Wednesday, February 12, 2025

10:00 a.m.

IN PERSON/TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS

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#### Mission Statement

***“Ensuring that El Dorado County has adequate and affordable water to maintain economic prosperity, protect the environment, and support the rural-agriculture way of life for today and in the future.”***

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Public comment will be received at designated periods as called by the Board Chair.

Public comment on items scheduled for Closed Session will be received before the Board recesses to Closed Session.

Except with the consent of the Board, individuals shall be allowed to speak to an item only once.

Time for public input will be provided at every Board of Directors meeting. Individuals will have three minutes to address the Board. Individuals authorized by organizations will have three minutes to present organizational positions and perspectives and may request additional time, up to five minutes. At the discretion of the Board, time to speak by any individual may be extended.

Individual Board members may ask clarifying questions but will not engage in substantive dialogue with persons providing input to the Board.

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## **CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Director Parlin, Director Haven, Director Veerkamp, Director Turnboo, Director Dwyer

### **AB 2449 – not needed**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** If necessary, based on a Director's announcement, staff recommends the Board consider approval of any Directors request to participate remotely and utilize a "just cause" or "emergency circumstance" exception for remote meeting participation pursuant to AB 2449 (Gov. Code 54953(f)).

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**OPEN FORUM:** Public comments during open forum are limited to three (3) minutes.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

At this time the Board will make any necessary additions, deletions, or corrections to the Agenda; determine matters to be added to or removed from the Consent Calendar; and with one motion adopt the Agenda and approve the Consent Calendar.

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Director Dwyer, seconded by Director Haven, the Board adopted the agenda and approved the Consent Calendar, approved.

**Ayes:** Dwyer, Haven, Turnboo, Veerkamp, Parlin

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** None

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Determination of matters to be added to or removed from the Consent Calendar and Board action on the Consent Calendar.

### **1. Approval of Minutes (Conformed Agenda) of the El Dorado County Water Agency ("EDCWA") Regular Meeting, November 13, 2024**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Board receive and file the Conformed Agenda for the Regular Meeting, November 13, 2024.

### **2. Interim Warrant Register**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Board receive and file the Interim Warrant Registers for November 2024, December 2024, and January 2025.

### **3. Budget to Actual Report**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Board receive and file the Budget to Actual Report for the period through January 31, 2025.

## **END CONSENT CALENDAR**

## DISCUSSION CALENDAR:

### 4. Election of Officers and Committee Members for 2025 and Beginning of 2026

Pursuant to Resolution WA-1-2005, the Board is to conduct an organizational meeting of the El Dorado Water Agency (EDWA) in February of each year to elect its Chair, First Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair. At this same time, the Board also appoints representatives to the Regional Water Authority and Mountain Counties Water Resources Association.

#### **BOARD ACTIONS:**

- 1) **Motion by Director Dwyer, seconded by Director Haven, the Board: (1) Elected Director Parlin as Chair, Director Veerkamp as First Vice Chair, and Director Turnboo as Second Vice Chair of EDWA to serve until February 2026**

#### **Vote:**

**Ayes:** Dwyer, Haven, Turnboo, Veerkamp, Parlin

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** None

and

- 2) **Motion by Director Veerkamp, seconded by Director Turnboo, the Board appointed Chair Parlin, as Member and First Vice Chair Veerkamp, as Alternates for Regional Water Authority and Mountain Counties Water Resources Association, and General Manager Rebecca Guo to remain as an alternate for Regional Water Authority.**

#### **Vote:**

**Ayes:** Veerkamp, Turnboo, Dwyer, Haven, Parlin

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** None

### 5. Adoption of Regular Board Meeting Schedule for March 2025 through February 2026

Pursuant to Resolution WA-10-2011, the regular meetings of the El Dorado Water Agency (EDWA) Board of Directors generally occur on the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. The Board adopts the schedule for its regular meetings for the coming year at its February meeting. Attached is the proposed regular meeting schedule for the remainder of 2025 through February 2026.

**BOARD ACTION:** Motioned by Director Haven, seconded by Director Dwyer, the Board (1) adopted the yearly schedule for regular EDWA Board Meetings for the remainder of 2025 through February 2026 to commence at 10:00 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month except the following two meetings: May 9, 2025 (a Friday) and August 20, 2025 (the third Wednesday of the month); and (2) approved holding its September 10, 2025 regularly scheduled meeting in South Lake Tahoe at the South Lake Tahoe Public Utility District office.

**Vote:**

**Ayes:** Haven, Dwyer, Turnboo, Veerkamp, Parlin

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** None

**6. Irrigation Management Services 2024 Program Update and 2025 Agreements**

On March 9, 2011, the Board approved Policy No. B-1016, Irrigation Management Services (IMS). This policy, as amended March 13, 2013, includes grower eligibility guidelines and the requirement for Board approval of IMS agreements no later than March of each year. This year, early approval is requested to allow for the option of beginning the growing season on March 1 due to weather uncertainty. The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board to receive a 2024 IMS Program update and consider agreement approval for the 2025 irrigation season.

**Comments were received from Kirk Taylor, Agriculture Water Efficiency Specialist at Sierra Foothill Water Management.**

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Director Dwyer, seconded by Director Veerkamp, the Board: 1) Received and filed the presentation; 2) Made the finding that entering into agreements for IMS supports the Water Agency in carrying out its mission; 3) Authorized the General Manager to sign agreements, in a form acceptable to the legal counsel, with qualified, professional consultants providing IMS services in an aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$70,000 allocated for the 2025 growing season, March 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025 with a \$500/site cost share; and 4) Directed staff to evaluate the goals and success rate of the IMS program before the next growing season and provide a presentation on the findings to the Board.

**Vote:**

**Ayes:** Dwyer, Veerkamp, Haven, Turnboo, Parlin

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** None

**7. Davids Engineering, Inc. Task Order 11 Amendment**

In July 2023, the Water Agency executed an agreement for Task Order 11 with Davids Engineering, Inc., which was subsequently amended for FY2024/25 in July 2024. The purpose of this task order is to validate and refine the applied water estimates previously assumed in the 2020 El Dorado County Agricultural Development Feasibility Assessment. This study aims to increase confidence in and the defensibility of modeled applied water estimates, thereby strengthening justification of projected water supply demand needs. The proposed amendment is requested to offset the additional unanticipated but necessary costs associated with data collection and analysis.

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Director Turnboo, seconded by Director Veerkamp, the Board: 1) Received and filed the presentation; and 2) Authorized the General Manager to increase Davids Engineering, Inc. Task Order 11 not-to-exceed amount by \$71,000 for a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$271,000 for services through June 30, 2025 to complete the Refinement of the El Dorado County West Slope

**Agricultural Development Feasibility Assessment through Validation of Applied Water Estimates Study.**

**Vote:**

**Ayes:** Turnboo, Veerkamp, Dwyer, Haven, Parlin

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** None

**8. Strategic Plan 5-year Update for 2026-2030 (SP30+) and Consultant Support**

The existing Water Agency's Strategic Plan for 2021 through 2025 (SP25+) requires an update to renew the Agency's continued activities which fulfill its role provided by the 1959 El Dorado County Water Agency Act (Act). The strategic plan update is timely for budgetary discussions for the next fiscal year and will incorporate the major progress made on several keystone initiatives to promote the continued success of the Water Agency. Staff have formulated a strategy for a timely and effective update, including streamlined consultant support with facilitation services.

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Director Veerkamp, seconded by Director Turnboo, the Board authorized the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Sunzi Consulting LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$61,000, this amount was increased to include interviews with the general managers of the five major water purveyors in the county, and with a period of performance through September 30, 2025 to facilitate and prepare SP30+. The agreement shall be in a form approved by the Agency's legal counsel.

**Vote:**

**Ayes:** Veerkamp, Turnboo, Dwyer, Haven, Parlin

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** None

**9. El Dorado Water Reliability Project Presentation**

In its role as the El Dorado Designated Representative, the Agency is proposing the implement the El Dorado Water Reliability Project (EDWRP) to secure a water right for consumptive use of up to 40,000 acre-feet per year within the county's West Slope area. Consistent with the 2005 El Dorado-SMUD Agreement, the Agency prepared the draft environmental impact report and associated analyses for storing and diverting the 40,000 acre-feet of surface water from the American River. This agenda item is to provide an informational update on the EDWRP.

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board received and filed the El Dorado Water Reliability Project presentation.

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMUNICATIONS/DIRECTION TO STAFF:**

- 1) Director Veerkamp shared the county was having to make cuts to community programs budgets for this upcoming fiscal year.

## GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

The General Manager presented the following slide as an update to highlight some of the major collaboration activities since the previous Board of Directors meeting:

### Collaboration Update Some highlights since Nov 2024 Board Meeting

Watershed Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Upper Am. R. Watershed Group – <b>group meeting</b>; multiple discussions for project details with <b>USFS</b> and <b>RCD</b></li><li>Watershed FIRO – all day working session with <b>SAFCA</b></li><li>Cattle Grazing for Fuels reduction project – <b>site visit with USBR</b>, surveys complete</li></ul>
Water Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>SB 552 – Facilitated <b>County Drought Task Force</b> for small water systems; drafted County Drought Resilience Plan</li><li>EDWRP – Numerous meetings with interested parties</li></ul>
Governance and Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Individual coordination meetings with <b>ED Farm Bureau</b>, <b>LAFCO</b>, <b>TCPUD (S Barclay)</b>, <b>EID (J Money)</b>, <b>USBR</b></li><li>Attended <b>CVP Water Users Conference</b></li><li>Attended <b>ACWA</b> Fall Conference, and subsequent Committee Meetings</li><li>Participated in regional collaboratives: <b>OWPR Coordination Group</b>, <b>SOFAR</b>, <b>HELP</b>, <b>Water Forum</b>, <b>CABY</b>, <b>NCWA</b></li><li>Initiatives w/ <b>RWA</b>: Board meetings, Holiday Social, Sac Regional Water Bank, <b>BiOps</b>, Watershed Resilience Pilot</li><li><b>MCWRA Annual Meeting</b> – Joint presentation with Director Parlin on investing in our watershed</li></ul>
Communication and Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Attended multiple Water and Wildfire Team planning meetings for <b>Cap-to-Cap</b></li><li>Prop 4 – Held meetings with <b>MCWRA</b>, <b>OWPR</b>, <b>County Biomass</b>, others to coordinate strategy</li><li><b>Mt. Democrat</b> – Op-Ed 3-part series on EDWA</li><li>Farm Day – Coordinating with <b>EID</b> and <b>Ag in Classroom</b></li></ul>
Assistance and Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>ARWIN</b> - Completed draft Gap Analysis and held <b>ARWIN Collaborative</b> meeting</li><li><b>ARPA</b> – Executed Contingency Plan and continued administration</li></ul>
Administrative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Book Club</b> on Crucial Conversations</li><li>Shout out to <b>STPUD (Melanie, Shannon)</b> and <b>EID (Jennifer)</b> staff for excellent support for EDWA Board meetings</li></ul>

**ADJOURN @ 11:58 a.m.**

**NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING:** March 12, 2025, 10:00 a.m., at the El Dorado Water Agency 1107 Investment Blvd, Suite 240, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.