

CONFORMED AGENDA

June 11, 2025

El Dorado Water Agency Board of Directors

Teleconference Locations:

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

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

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

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

10:00 a.m.

IN PERSON/TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS

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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PROTOCOLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

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.

CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

Present: Director Parlin, Director Veerkamp, Diector Turnboo, Director Dwyer (left after Closed Session Item 13 and 14), Director Haven

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: Director Dwyer informed the Board that he would recuse himself from Closed Session Items 11 and 12 due to a conflict of interest involving the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID). He also strongly encouraged the Board not to finalize the Environmental Impact Report until all matters with EID have been fully addressed. Director Dwyer requested that Closed Session Items 13 and 14 be taken out of order and heard first to allow him to depart prior to the discussion of Items 11 and 12. Motion by Director Turnboo, seconded by Director Veerkamp, the Board adopted the Agenda and approved the Consent Calendar by unanimous vote.

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

 Approval of Minutes (Conformed Agenda) of the El Dorado County Water Agency ("EDCWA") Regular Meeting, May 9, 2025
 RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Board receive and file the Conformed Agenda for the Regular Meeting, May 9, 2025.

2. Interim Warrant Register

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Board receive and file the Interim Warrant Register for May 2025.

3. Budget to Actual Report

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

4. Annual Investment Authority for FY 2025-2026

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Board adopt Resolution WA-2-2025, which authorizes delegation of investment authority to the El Dorado County Treasurer/Tax Collector on behalf of the Water Agency effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in

accordance with the El Dorado County Investment Policy, as approved by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors.

5. Agreement with the University of California, Merced, and Extension of Term RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to enter into a new agreement with the Regents of the University of California, Merced, in a form acceptable to legal counsel, on terms consistent with the original agreement, with a period of performance through March 31, 2026.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR:

6. Adoption of the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan

The Water Agency has prepared the final draft 2026-2030 Strategic Plan (SP30+) for the Board's consideration for adoption. The SP30+ was developed based on the Situation Assessment which included 20 interviews and input received by the Board at the April 9, 2025 and May 9, 2025 Board meetings. The SP30+ establishes the Water Agency's mission statement, vision statement, core values, goals and priority objectives; and seeks to set a course for the Water Agency for the next five years that will guide the Water Agency's investments of resources.

BOARD ACTION: Motion by Director Veerkamp, seconded by Director Turnboo, the Board (1) made a determination that the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan (SP30+) supports the Water Agency's powers enacted under the 1959 Water Act; and (2) adopted Resolution WA-3-2025, approving the adoption of SP30+ by unanimous vote.

7. Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Recommended Budget Public Hearing and Adoption and Adoption of Personnel Allocations and Salary Schedule

In accordance with Resolution WA-5-2012, staff brought the recommended budget for FY 2025/2026 to the Board for its review on May 9, 2025. After the budget presentation, the Board approved the recommended budget as presented for publication and set the public hearing for June 11, 2025. Staff published a public notice in a general circulation newspaper more than 10 days prior to the public hearing. BOARD ACTION: Motion by Director Turnboo, seconded by Director Haven, the Board: (1) Held a public hearing for the Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. No public comments were received prior to or during the public hearing; (2) Adopted Resolution WA-4-2025, adopting the Recommended Budget and Reserve for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 without any revisions, reductions, or additions; (3) Authorized the Board Chair to sign any budget implementation paperwork required by the County of El Dorado; and (4) Adopted Resolution WA-5-2025, approving the personnel allocations and salary schedule by unanimous vote.

8. Approve Fiscal Year 2025/26 Agreements and Task Orders

Pursuant to the Water Agency's Purchasing Policy No. B-1005 (Section 3), once an Agreement or Task Order has reached the General Manager's fiscal signature authority or expires, Board approval is required for associated amendments or extensions. There are 30 amendments to and 4 new task orders for current Agreements, Task Orders, Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) or Scope of Services for next fiscal year. These

will require Board approval for extensions of time and/or require Board approval because the task order amount exceeds the General Manager's signature authority.

BOARD ACTION: Motion by Director Veerkamp, seconded by Director Dwyer, the Board approved by unanimous vote the following amendments to existing Agreements, Task Orders, Scopes of Services, and MOUs and New Task Orders and Agreements as outlined in the following table for services to support the Water Agency in carrying out its mission, and authorized the General Manager to execute in a form acceptable to legal counsel:

Consultant/ Organization	Task Order	Task Order Description	Task Order Type	FY 24/25 Approved NTE (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025)	FY 24/25 Remaining Based on Invoices Received as of May 31, 2025	FY 25/26 NTE Amount (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026)	Notes	Agency Program Element	Project	Funding Source
Batker Consulting LLC	1	Ecosystem Service Valuation and Related Services	Multi-Year Project	\$50,000	\$15,951.25	\$16,000	Extending period of performance with remaining budget.	Watershed Management	Upper American River Watershed Program	Property Taxes
Batker Consulting LLC	2	Funding Mechanisms for Working Landscapes	One-Year	N/A	N/A	\$70,000	New task order	Watershed Management	Upper American River Watershed Program	Property Taxes
Brown and Caldwell	2	On Call Grant Services	As Needed Support	\$22,500	\$22,500.00	\$30,000	Estimated budget for potential as needed grant writing support	Assistance and Innovation	Assistance Activities	Property Taxes
Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes (CW3E) - Scripps Institute	NEW	CW3E Support for ARWIN/ARHO Network Transition and Integration	One-Year	N/A	N/A	\$43,000	New task order	Assistance and Innovation	See Fund 5240	Federal Grant
Downey Brand		Legal: Water Rights	Multi-Year Project	\$300,000	\$168,410.32	\$250,000	Budget to support Final EIR and preliminary water rights preparation	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project	Property Taxes
Dynamic Geospatial Solutions LLC	1	GIS Support Services	As Needed Support	\$56,000	\$39,370.07	\$70,000	Estimated budget for potential as needed support, GIS portal maintenance, drone footage, watershed GIS portal development	Assistance and Innovation	GIS Portal	Property Taxes
Dynamic Geospatial Solutions LLC	3	Support the American River Watershed Instrumentation Network (ARWIN)	Multi-Year Project	\$29,120	\$10,668.00	\$11,000	Extending period of performance with remaining budget.	Assistance and Innovation	American River Water Instrumentation Network (ARWIN)	Federal Grant
El Dorado County Ag in the Classroom	9 - NEW	EDC Water Education	Annually Ongoing	\$45,000	\$8,651.22	\$45,000	Annual requested amount to promote water education in schools	Assistance and Innovation	Countywide Water Education/Outreach	Property Taxes
Environmental Science Associates	2	On-Call Professional Services and Technical Assistance	As Needed Support	\$20,000	\$20,000.00	\$20,000	Renew annual budget for technical assistance	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project	Property Taxes
ERA Economics LLC	5	On-Call Economic Consulting Services	As Needed Support	\$30,000	\$30,000.00	\$30,000	Renew annual budget for potential as needed support	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project	Property Taxes
Khadam Consulting	1	On-Call Water Resources Planning and Regulatory Services	As Needed Support	\$85,000	\$21,453.72	\$85,000	Renew annual budget for potential as needed support	Water Security	Water Demand/Supply Planning and Development	Property Taxes
Khadam Consulting	4	El Dorado Water Right Project Support	Multi-Year Project	\$145,000	\$11,489.66	\$200,000	Estimated budget to continue preparation of Final EIR and preliminary water right support	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project	Property Taxes

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Khadam Consulting	5	American River Water Instrumentation Network (ARWIN)	Multi-Year Project	\$125,000	\$62,805.32	\$73,000	Extend period of performance with additional funds to support CW3E with ARHO/ARWIN transition.	Assistance and Innovation	American River Water Instrumentation Network (ARWIN)	Federal Grant
KP Public Affairs	4	Public Relations Support and Advocacy Services	Annually Ongoing	\$120,000	\$59,462.18	\$120,000	Renew annual budget for public relations support	Communication and Advocacy	Public Affairs Support and Outreach	Property Taxes
Orit Kalman	1	Upper American River Watershed Engagement Support	Multi-Year Project	50,000	\$43,812.50	\$25,000	Anticipated annual budget for watershed program facilitation support	Watershed Management	Upper American River Watershed Program	Property Taxes
Radbridge Incorporated	1	Ecosystem Service Valuation and Related Services	Multi-Year Project	\$50,000	\$50,000.00	\$50,000	Extend period of performance.	Watershed Management	Upper American River Watershed Program	Property Taxes
Sloan Sakai Yeung & Wong LLP	2936/002	Legal: General Counsel/HR/Litigation, Confidential Subconsultants	Annually Ongoing	\$460,000	\$420,275.29	\$460,000	Renew annual budget for legal support	Administration/Operations	N/A	Property Taxes
Smith Policy Group	1	State and Regional Affairs	Annually Ongoing	\$100,000	\$34,397.50	\$100,000	Renew annual budget for state and regional advocacy support	Communication and Advocacy	Local, State, and Federal Advocacy; Regional Coordination	Property Taxes
South Tahoe Public Utility District	-	Groundwater Management	Annually Ongoing	\$80,000	\$80,000.00	\$80,000	STPUD-agreed upon amount to support implementation of GSA	Assistance and Innovation	See Fund 5240	Property Taxes
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	15	Water Supply Support and Integration	Multi-Year Project	\$50,000	\$63.65	\$75,000	Estimated budget to continue modeling support for preparation of Final EIR	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project	Property Taxes
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	41	Countywide Plenary for Water Support	Annually Ongoing	\$65,000	\$38,132.07	\$65,000	Estimated annual budget for Plenary facilitation with option for 2 meetings if needed	Communication and Advocacy	Countywide Plenary for Water	Property Taxes
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	57	American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Administration Support	Multi-Year Project	\$12,500	\$5,549.50	\$12,500	Estimated annual budget for ARPA administration	Assistance and Innovation	Assistance Activities	Property Taxes
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	58	Development of the ASRA Knickerbocker Zone Grazing Pilot	Multi-Year Project	\$175,000	\$22,543.03	\$66,000	Estimated budget for completion of environmental compliance	Watershed Management	Grazing for Fuels Reduction to Protect Water Supply and Quality	Property Taxes
Strategy Driver Inc.	9	SMUD Agreement Negotiations	As Needed Support	\$15,000	\$15,000.00	\$15,000	Renew annual budget for support with negotiations	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project	Property Taxes

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Sunzi Consulting	6	Regulatory and Capacity Support	As Needed Support	\$60,000	\$11,466.59	\$60,000	Renew annual budget for potential as needed support	Water Security	Water Demand/Supply Planning and Development	Property Taxes
Sunzi Consulting	9	Watershed Program Support	Multi-Year Project	55,000	\$37,815.00	\$55,000	Renew annual budget for watershed program support	Watershed Management	Upper American River Watershed Program	Property Taxes
Sunzi Consulting	12	Regional Blueprint Scoping	Multi-Year Project	N/A	N/A	\$95,600	New task order	Water Security	Water Demand/Supply Planning and Development	Property Taxes
The Ferguson Group	2	Water Supply Reliability Ag Needs	Annually Ongoing	\$48,000	\$16,000.00	\$48,000	Renew annual budget for federal advocacy	Communication and Advocacy	Local, State, and Federal Advocacy; Regional Coordination	Property Taxes
The Ferguson Group	3	Alder Reservoir related activities	Annually Ongoing	\$48,000	\$16,000.00	\$48,000	Renew annual budget for federal advocacy	Communication and Advocacy	Local, State, and Federal Advocacy; Regional Coordination	Property Taxes
The Ferguson Group	2A	Water Supply Reliability Ag Needs: Reasonable Business Expenses	Annually Ongoing	\$2,000	\$2,000.00	\$2,000	Renew annual budget for federal advocacy	Communication and Advocacy	Local, State, and Federal Advocacy; Regional Coordination	Property Taxes
The Ferguson Group	3A	Alder Reservoir related activities: Reasonable Business Expenses	Annually Ongoing	\$2,000	\$2,000.00	\$2,000	Renew annual budget for federal advocacy	Communication and Advocacy	Local, State, and Federal Advocacy; Regional Coordination	Property Taxes
Western Hydrologics, LLP	14	EDWRP CEQA Support	Multi-Year Project	\$105,000	\$24,187.50	\$105,000	Estimated budget to continue modeling support for preparation of Final EIR and preliminary water rights preparation	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project	Property Taxes
Western Hydrologics, LLP	20	Water Security Program Technical Support and Related Services	As Needed Support	\$190,000	\$165,231.25	\$165,300	Extend period of performance with remaining budget	Water Security	Water Demand/Supply Planning and Development	Property Taxes
Western Hydrologics, LLP	22	American River Water Instrumentation Network (ARWIN)	Multi-Year Project	\$50,000	\$27,345.00	\$28,000	Extend period of performance with remaining budget	Assistance and Innovation	American River Water Instrumentation Network (ARWIN)	Federal Grant

9. Fiscal Year 2025/26 Water Agency Grant Program

Per Board Policy B-1015, the Water Agency may provide grants to incentivize entities within El Dorado County to implement actions that contribute to the Water Agency's mission to advance integrated water management and help realize economic, environmental, and social benefits countywide in an efficient and equitable manner. Staff is seeking Board approval to award three recipients with Grant Program funding for Fiscal Year 2025/26.

BOARD ACTION: Motion by Director Turnboo, seconded by Director Haven the Board by unanimous vote: (1) approved award of grant program funding to American River Conservancy (\$28,770), South Tahoe Public Utilities District (\$43,500), and Tahoe City Public Utilities District (\$34,000); and (2) authorized the General Manager to execute grant agreements in a form acceptable to legal counsel.

10. Proposed Relocation of August 20, 2025 Water Agency Board Meeting

At a recent Board meeting, a Director expressed interest in holding Water Agency Board meetings at the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Chamber in Placerville. In response, staff recommends that the Water Agency's regularly scheduled Board meeting on August 20, 2025, be conducted at the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Chamber. This will allow the Board and staff to assess the proposed meeting location change and its effects on County staff, Agency staff, the Board of Directors, and the public. The El Dorado County Clerk of the Board has confirmed that the Chamber is available on this date.

BOARD ACTION: Motion by Director Veerkamp, seconded by Director Turnboo, the Board of Directors approved by unanimous vote amending the Water Agency meeting schedule to conduct the regularly scheduled Board meeting on August 20, 2025, in Placerville at the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Chamber.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMUNICATIONS/DIRECTION TO STAFF

- 1. Director Veerkamp reported he received an alert from California Highway Patrol that protests would be occurring on all the highway overpasses from 10 a.m. 12:00 p.m. this weekend.
- 2. Director Veerkamp invited everyone to attend the El Dorado County Fair.
- 3. Director Turnboo suggested that staff explore the possibility of hosting a booth or collaborating with the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) or others at a shared booth during the El Dorado County Fair next year.
- 4. Director Dwyer announced that EID has appointed a new General Manager, Pravani Vandeyar, effective June 9th. Ms. Vandeyar greeted the Water Agency Board and expressed her interest in collaborating with the Water Agency.

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:

Program Updates Some highlights since May 2025 Board Meeting

Governance and Partnership	 RWA: Board meeting, Sac Regional Water Bank, BiOps Water Forum: Water Forum 2.0 Water Caucus and Water Forum Successor Effort meetings OWPR: Coordination Group; continued GIS support with mapping water tanks Watershed Resilience Pilot: Network Meeting, meeting with State staff SMUD-County Negotiations: As EI Dorado Designated Representation, coordinating with County on next steps Tahoe Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA): Meeting with STPUD on future GSA management options and considerations
Water Security	 Drought Planning: finalized County Drought Resilience Plan and preparing information materials for owner use US Bureau of Reclamation: Meetings on potential appraisal study for Alder Reservoir El Dorado Water Reliability Project: Addressing comments and preparing final EIR Agricultural Applied Water Validation: Preparing final report
Watershed Management	 Upper American River Watershed Program USFS: Meeting with USFS, Georgetown Ranger District, RCD on potential watershed projects opportunities Collaboratives Coordination: Monthly HELP partnership meeting, Watershed Outcomes Bank coordination Grazing for Fuels Reduction: Environmental documents under review before submittal to Reclamation Post-Caldor Watershed Recovery: working with Reclamation and USFS on NEPA
Assistance and Innovation	 Irrigated Management Services Program: Meeting with EID Director Mansfield on ag outreach and alignment opportunities Grant Program: Solicitation, meetings with some potential applicants, and review/selection of projects American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): Program administration ARWIN: Developing Implementation Plan including long-term O&M options Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Playbook for Water Systems: Initial draft plan to be reviewed
Communication and Advocacy	 MCWRA: Attended 2025 Legislative Day with Chair Parlin State Advocacy: Legislative coordination meeting with STPUD, TCPUD, and PCWA; coordination with State legislators on bills we support Water Conservation: Non-functional turf discussion with STPUD ACWA: ACWA Spring Conference, monthly headwaters meeting Annual Water Agency Report: under development to report out on fiscal year accomplishments

CLOSED SESSION: The Board rececessed into Closed Session at 11:01 a.m.

13. Public Employee Performance Evaluation:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b). Title: General Manager

14. Conference with Labor Negotiators:

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6. Agency Designated Representatives: Chair Parlin and General Counsel Gillick, Unrepresented Employee: General Manager

11. Conference with Legal Counsel – Exisiting Litigation:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) In the Matter of Water Rights Applications 5644X02 and 5645X12 before the State Water Resources Control Board

12. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation:

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)(several potential cases)

Closed Session adjourned and Open Session reconvened at 11:56 p.m. The Board Chair reported there was no reportable action out of Closed Session for items 11, 12, 13 or 14.

ADJOURN @ 11:57 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING: August 20, 2025, 10:00 a.m. at the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Chambers 330 Fair Lane, Building