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## CONFORMED AGENDA

### 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  
David Peterson, First Vice Chair, South Tahoe P.U.D.  
Wendy Thomas, Second Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors  
George Turnboo, Board of Supervisors  
Pat Dwyer, El Dorado Irrigation District

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

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Wednesday, June 12, 2024

10:00 a.m.

IN PERSON/TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS

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*“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.

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**10:04 a.m. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Director Parlin, Director Peterson (participated via Zoom at the South Tahoe Public Utility District Conference Room teleconference location noticed on the agenda), Director Thomas (left at 12:18 p.m. at the conclusion of Closed Session), Director Dwyer, Director Turnboo

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG****AB 2449 – NOT NECESSARY FOR THIS MEETING**

**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)).

**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 Thomas, seconded by Director Turnboo, the Board adopted the Agenda and approved the Consent Calendar.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** Director Parlin, Director Peterson, Director Thomas, Director Dwyer, Director Turnboo

**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.

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFORMED AGENDA**

**1. Approval of Minutes (Conformed Agenda) of the El Dorado County Water Agency (“EDCWA”) Regular Meeting, May 10, 2024**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Board receive and file the Conformed Agenda for the Regular Meeting, May 10, 2024.

**2. Interim Warrant Register**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Board receive and file the Interim Warrant Register for May 2024.

**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, 2024.

**4. Annual Investment Authority for FY 2024-2025**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Board adopt Resolution WA-2-2024, which authorizes delegation of investment authority to the El Dorado County Treasurer/Tax Collector on behalf of the Water Agency effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, in accordance with the El Dorado County Investment Policy, as approved by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors.

**END CONSENT CALENDAR**

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFORMED AGENDA

**DISCUSSION CALENDAR:****5. Fiscal Year 2024/2025 (FY 2024/25) 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 2024/25 to the Board for its review on May 10, 2024. After the budget presentation, the Board approved the recommended budget as presented for publication and set the public hearing for June 12, 2024. 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 Thomas, the Board: (1) Held a public hearing for the Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. The public hearing opened at 10:08 a.m. and closed at 10:14 a.m. No public comments were received prior to or during the public hearing; (2) Adopted Resolution WA-3-2024, adopting the Recommended Budget and Reserve for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 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-4-2024, approving the personnel allocations and salary schedule.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Director Parlin, Director Peterson, Director Thomas, Director Dwyer, Director Turnboo**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**6. Approve Fiscal Year 2024/25 Consultant 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 28 amendments to current Agreements, Task Orders, Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) or Scope of Services and 3 new task orders identified 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 Turnboo, seconded by Director Thomas, the Board approved the following amendments to existing Agreements, Task Orders, Scopes of Services, and MOUs and New Task Orders as outlined in the following table for services to support the Water Agency in carrying out its mission, and authorize the General Manager to execute in a form acceptable to legal counsel:**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Director Parlin, Director Peterson, Director Thomas, Director Dwyer, Director Turnboo**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

Consultant Name	Task Order	Task Order Description	2023 Vendor Pool for Professional Services	Amendments/ New Task Orders	Task Order Type	FY 23/24 Approved NTE (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024)	FY 23/24 Remaining Based on Invoices Received as of May 28, 2024	Recommended FY 24/25 NTE Amount (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025)	Notes	Agency Program Element	Project
Batker Consulting LLC	1	Ecosystem Service Valuation and Related Services	No	Amendment	Multi-Year Project	\$110,000	\$36,937	\$50,000	Budget to complete water supply and wildfire economic valuation	Watershed Management	Upper American River Watershed Program
Davids Engineering	11	Refinement of the El Dorado County West Slope Agricultural Development Feasibility Assessment through Validation of Applied Water Estimates	Yes	Amendment	Multi-Year Project	\$163,000	\$90,379	\$200,000	Budget needed for Phase 2 of this project	Water Security	Water Demand/Supply Planning
Downey Brand	-	Legal: Water Rights	No	Amendment	Multi-Year Project	\$200,000	\$103,391	\$300,000	Budget to support Draft EIR and water rights	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project
Dynamic Geospatial Solutions LLC	1	GIS Support Services	No	Amendment	As Needed Support	\$28,000	\$17,724	\$56,000	Estimated budget for potential as needed support	Assistance and Innovation	GIS Portal
El Dorado County Ag in the Classroom	8	EDC Water Education	No	New	Annually Ongoing	\$45,000	\$25,910	\$45,000	Annual requested amount to promote water education in schools	Assistance and Innovation	Countywide Water Education/Outreach
EN2 Resources, Inc.	A31	Tahoe Basin Purveyor Support Activities	Yes	Amendment	As Needed Support	\$25,000	\$18,235	\$15,000	Estimated budget for potential as needed support	Water Security	Water Demand/Supply Planning
Environmental Science Associates	1	El Dorado Water Reliability Project Phase 2	Yes	Amendment	Multi-Year Project	\$750,000	\$296,802	\$325,000	Budget to continue preparation of EIR	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project
Environmental Science Associates	2	On-Call Professional Services and Technical Assistance	Yes	Amendment	As Needed Support	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	Renew annual budget for technical assistance	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project
ERA Economics LLC	3	Economic Consulting Services and Ag Development Feasibility Assessment	Yes	Amendment	As Needed Support	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	Estimated budget for potential as needed support	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project
Khadam Consulting	1	On-Call Water Resources Planning and Regulatory Services	Yes	Amendment	As Needed Support	\$75,000	\$38,660	\$50,000	Estimated budget for potential as needed support	Water Security	Water Demand/Supply Planning
Khadam Consulting	4	El Dorado Water Right Project Support	Yes	Amendment	Multi-Year Project	\$90,000	\$31,695	\$50,000	Budget to continue preparation of EIR	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project
Khadam Consulting	5	American River Water Instrumentation Network (ARWIN)	Yes	New	Multi-Year Project	N/A	N/A	\$50,000	New task order	Assistance and Innovation	Innovation Planning and Implementation
KP Public Affairs	4	Public Relations Support and Advocacy Services	No	Amendment	Annually Ongoing	\$120,000	\$49,076	\$120,000	Renew annual budget for public relations support	Communication and Advocacy	Public Affairs Support
Orit Kalman	1	Upper American River Watershed Engagement Support	Yes	Amendment	Multi-Year Project	\$60,000	\$49,594	\$50,000	Extending period of performance with remaining budget.	Watershed Management	Upper American River Watershed Program
Radbridge Incorporated	1	Ecosystem Service Valuation and Related Services	No	Amendment	Multi-Year Project	\$100,000	\$81,025	\$50,000	Estimated budget to support ecosystem service valuation.	Watershed Management	Upper American River Watershed Program

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Sloan Sakai Yeung & Wong LLP	-	Legal: General Counsel/HR/Litigation, Confidential Subconsultants	No	Amendment	Annually Ongoing	\$460,000	\$234,276	\$460,000	Renew annual budget for legal support	Administration/O perations	Not applicable
Smith Policy Group	1	State and Regional Affairs	No	Amendment	Annually Ongoing	\$100,000	\$34,210	\$100,000	Renew annual budget for state and regional advocacy support	Communication and Advocacy	Local, State, and Federal Advocacy; Regional Coordination
South Tahoe Public Utility District	-	GSA MOU	No	Amendment	Annually Ongoing	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$80,000	STPUD-agreed upon amount to support implementation of GSA	Governance and Partnership	See Fund 5240
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	15	Water Supply Support and Integration	Yes	Amendment	Multi-Year Project	\$150,000	\$58,263	\$50,000	Budget to continue modeling support for preparation of EIR	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	41	Countywide Plenary for Water Support	Yes	Amendment	Annually Ongoing	\$75,000	\$48,202	\$65,000	Estimated annual budget for Plenary facilitation	Communication and Advocacy	Countywide Plenary for Water
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	57	American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Administration Support	Yes	Amendment	Multi-Year Project	\$19,000	\$16,215	\$12,500	Estimated annual budget for ARPA administration	Assistance and Innovation	Assistance Activities
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	58	Development of the ASRA Knickerbocker Zone Grazing Pilot	Yes	Amendment	Multi-Year Project	\$180,000	\$175,028	\$175,000	Extending period of performance with remaining budget.	Watershed Management	Grazing for Fuels Reduction to Protect Water Supply and Quality
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	63	Natural Disaster Recovery Toolkit	Yes	Amendment	Multi-Year Project	\$157,000	\$84,159	\$50,000	Extending period of performance and estimated remaining budget.	Assistance and Innovation	Assistance Activities
Strategy Driver Inc.	9	SMUD Agreement Negotiations	No	Amendment	As Needed Support	\$20,000	\$18,260	\$15,000	Renew annual budget for support with negotiations	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project
Sunzi Consulting	5	Programmatic Watershed Plan Rollout System	Yes	Amendment	Multi-Year Project	\$81,613	\$40,940	\$50,000	Estimated budget to support watershed plan implementation.	Watershed Management	Upper American River Watershed Program
Sunzi Consulting	6	Regulatory and Capacity Support	Yes	Amendment	As Needed Support	\$20,000	\$13,824	\$30,000	Estimated budget for potential as needed support	Water Security	Water Demand/Supply Planning
The Ferguson Group	2/2A	Water Supply Reliability Ag Needs	No	Amendment	Annually Ongoing	\$50,000	\$1,908	\$50,000	Renew annual budget for federal advocacy	Assistance and Innovation	Innovation Planning and Implementation
The Ferguson Group	3/3A	Alder Reservoir related activities	No	Amendment	Annually Ongoing	\$50,000	\$2,000	\$50,000	Renew annual budget for federal advocacy	Communication and Advocacy	Local, State, and Federal Advocacy; Regional Coordination
Western Hydrologics, LLP	14	EDWRP CEQA Support	Yes	Amendment	Multi-Year Project	\$110,000	\$70,755	\$80,000	Budget to continue modeling support for preparation of EIR	Communication and Advocacy	Local, State, and Federal Advocacy; Regional Coordination
Western Hydrologics, LLP	20	Water Security Program Technical Support and Related Services	Yes	Amendment	Multi-Year Project	\$235,000	\$192,170	\$190,000	Extending period of performance with remaining budget.	Water Security	Water Demand/Supply Planning
Western Hydrologics, LLP	22	American River Water Instrumentation Network (ARWIN)	Yes	New	Multi-Year Project	N/A	N/A	\$50,000	New task order	Water Security	Water Demand/Supply Planning

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

- 1) Director Peterson announced his decision to not run for re-election on the South Tahoe Public Utility District Board. Director Peterson shared his thoughts on the EDWA Board and how to continue to better prioritize activities, budgets, and consultant selection moving forward.
- 2) Director Parlin thanked Director Peterson for sharing his thoughts and for giving his constructive feedback.
- 3) Director Thomas thanked Director Peterson for his time on the EDWA Board.
- 4) Director Turnbo asked the General Manager to reach out to Tim Neilson regarding the potential Alder Reservoir project.
- 5) Director Turnbo asked staff to research funding opportunities for cattle ranchers to purchase virtual fencing.
- 6) Director Dwyer thanked the General Manager for attending the Tax Payer Association meeting. Director Dwyer complimented her professionalism and presentation.
- 7) Director Dwyer announced that a third and final tour was scheduled with EID staff, himself, and staff at the Water Agency. This tour is focused EID's infrastructure in the upper watershed.
- 8) Director Parlin announced she is unavailable to attend the July Board meeting.

**GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT:**

The General Manager reported on the following:

- 1) A signed letter was requested from all water-related ARPA subrecipients by 7/12/24, to confirm that all funds will be obligated by 12/31/24. Agencies who have on-going ARPA projects are TCPUD, GFCSD, STPUD, and Fairgrounds. If it appears funds cannot be obligated by this deadline, the Board will be notified in August.
- 2) Gave an update on the Fuels Reduction Grazing project in Auburn State Recreation Area. The cattle rancher was connected with GDPUD to explore options for water for the cattle. Environmental surveys were completed and data is being analyzed.
- 3) The first Plan Advisory Group meeting was held to inform the 2024 Water Resources Development and Management Plan (WRDMP) update process. A website subpage was created for the WRDMP and includes the charter, meeting materials, and other relevant documents.
- 4) Gave an update on Congressionally Directed Spending. The Water Agency's requests for additional hydrometeorological stations (ARWIN) and the Programmatic Watershed Plan (PWP) implementation were recommended by Butler and Padilla for Senate Appropriations Committee review.
- 5) Attended the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association (MCWRA) Inaugural Legislative Advocacy Day along with 18 MCWRA member representatives to educate legislators and their staff about the importance of protecting the Sierra Nevada watershed, and to advocate for investment in forest management and water infrastructure in the region.



- 6) Participated in meetings with U.S Forest Service and El Dorado and Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation Districts (RCD) to discuss PWP implementation and potential collaboration opportunities.
- 7) Presented at El Dorado Taxpayers Association on the Water Agency's ecosystem valuation and the importance of active headwaters management. Director Dwyer was in attendance.

**CLOSED SESSION: The Board recessed into Closed Session at 10:56 a.m.**

7. **Closed Session - Pending 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.
8. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation** pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b).  
Title: General Manager
9. **Conference with Labor Negotiators** pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6.  
Agency Designated Representatives: Chair Lori Parlin and General Counsel DeeAnne Gillick  
Unrepresented Employee: General Manager

**Closed Session adjourned and Open Session reconvened at 12:18 p.m. General Counsel reported there was no reportable action out of Closed Session for items 7, 8, or 9.**

**ADJOURN @ 12:19 p.m.**

**NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING:** July 10, 2024, 10:00 a.m., at the El Dorado Water Agency 1107 Investment Blvd, Suite 240, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.