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# CONFORMED AGENDA

September 10, 2025

9:00 AM

El Dorado Water Agency  
Board of Directors

Meeting to be held at:  
South Tahoe Public Utility District  
1275 Meadow Crest Drive  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

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

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Wednesday, September 10, 2025

9:00 a.m.

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## Mission Statement

*“Ensuring that El Dorado County has adequate and affordable water, through collaboration, to support economic prosperity, watershed health, and 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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**CALL TO ORDER @ 9:02 a.m.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present: Director Parlin, Director Turnboo, Director Haven, Director Dwyer (arrived at 9:09 a.m. during Item #3)**

**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 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.

**1. Approval of Minutes (Conformed Agenda) of the El Dorado County Water Agency ("EDCWA") Regular Meeting, August 20, 2025**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Board receive and file the Conformed Agenda for the Regular Meeting, August 20, 2025.

**2. Interim Warrant Register**

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

**DISCUSSION CALENDAR:**

**3. South Tahoe Public Utility District Presentation**

South Tahoe Public Utility District (STPUD) staff will provide the Board of Directors with a presentation regarding community water service challenges, groundwater management activities, project updates, and grant requests.

**BOARD ACTION: The Board received and filed the presentation.**

**4. Groundwater Management for Tahoe Valley South Subbasin**

In 2014, the State of California enacted the Groundwater Sustainability Management Act (SGMA) to enhance local management of groundwater and establish minimum standards for sustainable use. Within El Dorado County, there is one groundwater basin subject to SGMA, the Tahoe Valley South Subbasin. South Tahoe Public Utility District and the Water Agency are the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies for the

Subbasin. This presentation provides a history and update on SGMA implementation in the Subbasin.

**BOARD ACTION: The Board received and filed the presentation.**

#### **5. American Rescue Plan Act Update**

In 2021, the County of El Dorado (County) received federal funding under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$37.46 million. Of this amount, \$5.445 million was allocated to water related projects. In coordination with the County, the Water Agency solicited, ranked, and recommended projects for ARPA funding. The Water Agency serves as administrator for these projects, overseeing the distribution and reporting of expenditures, under the overall jurisdiction of the County. This item provides an update on the status of the ARPA-funded water resources projects. All project work and expenditures must be completed by December 31, 2026, in accordance with ARPA funding guidelines.

**BOARD ACTION: The Board received and filed the presentation.**

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

- 1. Director Haven expressed appreciation for the annual visit to Tahoe and thanked everyone for attending. He wished those participating in the TCPUD tour and event an enjoyable time and noted that he would not be able to attend.**
- 2. Director Parlin shared her enthusiasm about the increasing visibility of articles highlighting the benefits of cattle grazing, and noted the Governor appears to be showing support as well. She expressed excitement that the Agency's Knickerbocker Zone of the Auburn State Recreation Area/Auburn Project Lands (ASRA/APL) Grazing project is progressing.**
- 3. Director Turnboo reported he met with Representative Kiley and, in light of new FEMA rules, expressed hope that additional funding could be directed toward grazing projects.**
- 4. Director Dwyer commented on the significant amount of money spent on mechanical mastication when grazing has been around for hundreds of years. He expressed interest in pursuing a second grazing test project in South County.**
- 5. Director Dwyer voiced concern about the Agency joining the Wildfire Solutions Coalition. While there is currently no financial obligation, he cautioned that such coalitions often require funding commitments in the future.**
- 6. Director Parlin suggested staff consider developing a policy to present at a future Board meeting regarding the process of joining organizations.**
- 7. Director Parlin asked the General Manager to share information about the Watershed Resiliency Pilot with the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association.**

#### **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 in addition to the following updates:

- 1. The October Board Meeting will be held at the Agency's office, as the County notified the Agency that the Board of Supervisors' Chamber will be**

unavailable that day due to equipment upgrades. The only other board room available is located in Shingle Springs.

2. The Agency became an Amazon Business Prime member at no cost through the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), as part of ongoing efforts to reduce operational costs where possible.

## Program Updates Some highlights since August 2025 Board Meeting

<b>Governance and Partnership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Water Forum:</b> Drafting Partner Specific Agreement</li> <li>• <b>County:</b> Coordinating on Open Space Element Update</li> <li>• <b>OWPR:</b> Solicited volunteers for scoping for raw water draft locations at El Dorado County Fire Prevention Officers' Monthly Meeting</li> <li>• <b>Watershed Resilience Pilot:</b> Working session with RWA and PCWA to review vulnerabilities in upper watershed Advisory Committee meeting</li> <li>• <b>SMUD-County Negotiations:</b> As El Dorado Designated Representation, coordinating with County</li> </ul>
<b>Water Security</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>US Bureau of Reclamation:</b> Coordination with Central California Area Office</li> <li>• <b>El Dorado Water Reliability Project:</b> Addressing comments and preparing final EIR</li> <li>• <b>Agricultural Applied Water Validation :</b> Final review of report ongoing</li> </ul>
<b>Watershed Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Upper American River Watershed Program:</b> Next group meeting on 9/16, coordination with RCD on Project Pipeline</li> <li>• <b>Collaboratives Coordination:</b> Monthly HELP partnership meeting</li> <li>• <b>Grazing for Fuels Reduction :</b> Environmental documents under review before submittal to Reclamation</li> <li>• <b>Post-Caldor Watershed Recovery:</b> working with Reclamation and USFS on NEPA</li> </ul>
<b>Assistance and Innovation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA):</b> Program administration</li> <li>• <b>ARWIN:</b> Developing Implementation Plan including long-term O&amp;M options</li> <li>• <b>Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Playbook for Water Systems :</b> Initial draft plan to be reviewed</li> </ul>
<b>Communication and Advocacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MCWRA:</b> Meeting to help plan for Regional Roundtable</li> <li>• <b>State Advocacy:</b> Tracking bills, working with Hadwick on potential tour, coordination call with GDPUD</li> <li>• <b>ACWA:</b> Federal affairs subcommittee meetings, headwaters working group meeting</li> <li>• <b>Annual Water Agency Report:</b> under development to report out on fiscal year accomplishments</li> <li>• <b>Plenary:</b> Preparing Tahoe-focused fall Plenary on October 23<sup>rd</sup> 10-2pm</li> <li>• <b>Art Contest:</b> Winter in the Watershed</li> </ul>

**Adjourned at 9:55 a.m. in Honor and Memory of Mike Thornbrough, Former EDWA Board Member**

**NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING:** October 8, 2025, 10:00 a.m. at the El Dorado Water Agency at 1107 Investment Blvd, Suite 240, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.

### ANNOUNCEMENT:

Upon adjournment of this Board meeting, staff and a possible quorum of the Board, will be present for the tour and grand opening ceremony of Tahoe City Public Utility District's West Lake Tahoe Regional Water Treatment Plant, 275 Lodge Drive, Homewood, CA. While a quorum of the Agency Board Members may be in attendance, no Agency business will be discussed nor any action will be taken on behalf of the Agency at this social occasion. The public is welcome to attend the Tahoe City Public Utility District grand opening event.