



MEETING AGENDA

June 10, 2026

10:00 a.m.

El Dorado Water Agency
Board of Directors

Teleconference Locations:
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Chambers
330 Fair Lane, Building A
Placerville, CA 95667

South Tahoe Public Utility District
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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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1. Approval of Minutes (Conformed Agenda) of the El Dorado County Water Agency (“EDCWA”) Regular Meeting, May 13, 2026

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Board receive and file the Conformed Agenda for the Regular Meeting, May 13, 2026.

2. Interim Warrant Register

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Board receive and file the Interim Warrant Register for May 2026.

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, 2026.

4. Annual Investment Authority for FY 2026-2027

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Board adopt Resolution WA-3-2026, which authorizes delegation of investment authority to the El Dorado County Treasurer/Tax Collector on behalf of the Water Agency effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, in accordance with the El Dorado County Investment Policy, as approved by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors.

5. Irrigation Management Services Program Policy Exception

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Board approve the following exceptions to Policy B-1016 for the 2026 growing season:

4.01 (d) Periodic, usually weekly, monitoring of soil moisture ~~for a total of at least 20 monitoring events per year~~ for each monitoring station;

4.01 (f) Periodic, usually weekly, electronic reports reviewed for accuracy and submitted to each Participant for data collected at each Monitoring Site ~~for a total of at least 20 reports per year for each Monitoring Site~~;

4.01 (h) ~~Initial~~, Mid-Year and End-of-Year data exports electronically submitted to the Agency in a .csv or other approved file format by the deadlines of ~~April 15~~, July 30 and November 2, respectively.

Additionally, corresponding amendments to the Agreement for Irrigation Management Services Program Soil Moisture Monitoring Between El Dorado County Water Agency And Kirk T. Taylor Dba Sierra Foothill Water Management will be made as approved by Agency legal counsel.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR:

6. ACWA Vision for Water Future

Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) recently initiated a policy effort designed to bring greater attention to critical water priorities among gubernatorial candidates and state leadership as California approaches a transition to a new administration in 2027. The initiative, known as the “Vision for Our Water Future”, outlines statewide priorities intended to strengthen water reliability, affordability, and long-term resilience. The Water Agency has been an active ACWA member since the 1980s and participates directly in statewide leadership through the General Manager’s service on the ACWA Region 3 Board. These long-standing relationships form a strong basis for Water Agency support. Staff recommends the Board consider adopting Resolution WA-4-2026 supporting ACWA’s initiative.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Board adopt Resolution No. WA-4-2026 in support of ACWA’s “Vision for Our Water Future” initiative.

7. USBR WaterSMART Drought Response Program Grant for Fiscal Year 2027 to Support Updates to the Upper American River Basin Regional Drought Contingency Plan

Through the WaterSMART Program, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) provides financial assistance to support water management improvements, planning and design activities, watershed management projects, a comprehensive approach to drought planning, implementation actions to proactively address water shortages, and other similar projects that contribute to sustainability in the Western United States. The WaterSMART Drought Response Program (DRP) supports a proactive approach to drought. The Water Agency is working with the Ferguson Group (TFG) to develop an application for this WaterSMART DRP grant to combine the existing Upper American River Basin Regional Drought Contingency Plan (RDCP) with the existing El Dorado County Drought and Water Shortage Resilience Plan (CDRP) and develop an updated drought trigger / response framework. Combining these two existing plans and clarifying roles, responsibilities, and triggers for measures to prepare for and respond to drought within the West Slope of El Dorado County will streamline implementation of the drought response actions identified in the RDCP and CDRP at a time when drought conditions are beginning to reemerge.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Board to adopt Resolution WA-5-2026 authorizing the Water Agency to commit to the financial and legal obligations associated with receipt of this WaterSMART DRP financial assistance, if awarded, to advance drought planning efforts.

8. Fiscal Year 2026/2027 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 2026/2027 to the Board for its review on May 13, 2026. After the budget presentation, the Board approved the recommended budget as presented for

publication and set the public hearing for June 10, 2026. Staff published a public notice in a general circulation newspaper more than 10 days prior to the public hearing.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: It is recommended that the Board: (1) Hold a public hearing for the Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027; (2) Adopt Resolution WA-6-2026, pending Board deems any public hearing comments were sufficiently reflected in the budget, adopting the Recommended Budget and Reserve for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 with any revisions, reductions, or additions the Board deems necessary; (3) Authorize the Board Chair to sign any budget implementation paperwork required by the County of El Dorado; and (4) Adopt Resolution WA-7-2026, approving the personnel allocations and salary schedule.

9. Alder Creek Reservoir Appraisal Study Project Team Selection

The Water Agency posted a Request for Proposals (RFP) on March 11, 2026 for Development of the Alder Creek Reservoir and Conservation Project Appraisal Study, with an addendum to the RFP containing answers to questions received by prospective applicants posted on March 27, 2026. The RFP deadline was April 23, 2026 and the Water Agency received proposals from six firms. After reviewing the six proposals and consulting with Reclamation staff, the Water Agency invited the three top project teams to present on their proposal at an in-person interview. Following the interview process Stantec was unanimously selected as the top project team.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends that the Board: 1) make a finding that contracting with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for the Development of the Alder Creek Reservoir and Conservation Project Appraisal Study (Project) supports the Water Agency in carrying out its mission; 2) authorize the General Manager to sign the Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for \$500,000 in a form acceptable to legal counsel.

10. Annual Maintenance for Groundwater Sustainability Agency Management

The South Tahoe Public Utility District (STPUD) and the Water Agency are the two overlying Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) for the Tahoe Valley-Tahoe South (TVS) Subbasin. STPUD historically has performed the required maintenance tasks while the Water Agency provided a 50 percent financial cost-share. Last year, STPUD requested considering switching roles due to limited STPUD staff availability. Staff recommends executing a Task Order with Santiago Water Strategies, Inc. (Santiago), who is also performing the 5-year periodic evaluation, to perform the annual GSP reporting requirements of the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). Staff also recommends entering into an agreement with STPUD related to sharing the cost of this task order.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Board: 1) Approve the Task Order with Santiago Water Strategies, Inc. with a budget of \$100,000 and a period of performance from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027; 2) authorize the General Manager to execute the Task Order in a form acceptable to legal counsel; and 3) authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with South Tahoe Public Utility District related to sharing the cost of this annual GSA maintenance.

11. Approve Fiscal Year 2026/27 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.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends that the Board approve 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 authorize the General Manager to execute in a form acceptable to legal counsel:

Consultant/Organization	Task Order	Task Order Description	Task Order Type	FY 25/26 Approved NTE (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026)	FY 25/26 Remaining Based on Invoices Received as of May 1, 2026	FY 26/27 NTE Amount (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027)	Notes	Agency Program Element	Project	Funding Source
Batker Consulting LLC	2	Funding Mechanisms for Working Landscapes	Multi-Year Project	\$70,000.00	\$29,902.50	\$30,000.00	Extending period of performance with remaining budget.	Watershed Management	Watershed Program Activities	Property Taxes
Brown and Caldwell	2	On Call Grant Services	As Needed Support	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	Extending period of performance for potential as needed grant writing support	Assistance and Innovation	Assistance Activities	Property Taxes
Brown and Caldwell	3	El Dorado County Drought and Water Shortage Resilience Plan Annual Updates	Annually Ongoing	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	Renew annual budget for drought plan implementation support	Water Security	Regional Drought Planning	Property Taxes
Downey Brand	-	Legal: Water Rights	Multi-Year Project	\$250,000.00	\$159,971.17	200,000.00	Estimated 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	Annually Ongoing	70,000.00	\$39,989.76	56,000.00	Estimated budget for potential as needed support and GIS portal maintenance and 508 compliance updates.	Assistance and Innovation	GIS Portal	Property Taxes
Dynamic Geospatial Solutions LLC	3	Support the American River Watershed Instrumentation Network (ARWIN)	Multi-Year Project	\$11,000.00	\$9,054.00	\$39,200.00	Estimated budget for development of a web map/application for ARWIN and associated mapping support.	Assistance and Innovation	American River Water Instrumentation Network (ARWIN)	Federal Funds
Dynamic Geospatial Solutions LLC	NEW	Headwaters Connect GIS Support	Annually Ongoing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	New task order for preparing GIS portal for watershed work, drone footage, and map preparation related to Headwaters Connect.	Watershed Management	Headwaters Connect Watershed Group	Property Taxes
El Dorado County Ag in the Classroom	NEW	EDC Water Education	Annually Ongoing	\$45,000.00	\$21,423.86	\$45,000.00	Annual requested amount to promote water education in schools	Assistance and Innovation	Countywide Water Education/Outreach	Property Taxes
EN2 Resources, Inc./Stratus Engineering Associates LLC	NEW	Raw Water Draft Points Plan Development	One-Year	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$78,000.00	New task order to prepare plan which will identify raw water sources to improve fire response throughout county.	Assistance and Innovation	Draft Points for Fire Suppression	Property Taxes
Environmental Science Associates	1	El Dorado Water Reliability Project Phase 2	Multi-Year Project	\$655,000.00	\$88,175.69	\$200,000.00	Estimated budget to complete final EIR and associated public outreach and CEQA notices	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project	Property Taxes
Environmental Science Associates	2	On-Call Professional Services and Technical Assistance	As Needed Support	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	Renew annual budget for technical assistance	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project	Property Taxes

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ERA Economics LLC	5	On-Call Economic Consulting Services	As Needed Support	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	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	\$85,000.00	\$72,093.20	\$85,000.00	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	\$200,000.00	\$84,000.00	\$200,000.00	Estimated budget to continue preparation of Final EIR and preliminary water right support	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project	Property Taxes
Khadam Consulting	5	American River Water Instrumentation Network (ARWIN)	Multi-Year Project	\$73,000.00	\$73,000.00	\$50,000.00	Estimated budget to support long-term plan for grant funding administration and develop of a Dashboard.	Assistance and Innovation	American River Water Instrumentation Network (ARWIN)	Federal Funds
KP Public Affairs	4	Public Relations Support and Advocacy Services	Annually Ongoing	\$120,000.00	\$55,992.34	\$120,000.00	Renew annual budget for public relations support	Communication and Advocacy	Public Affairs Support and Outreach	Property Taxes
Orit Kalman	1	Headwaters Connect Facilitation Support	Annually Ongoing	25,000.00	\$16,731.25	\$30,000.00	Estimated annual budget for Headwaters Connect facilitation support	Watershed Management	Headwaters Connect Watershed Group	Property Taxes
Radbridge Incorporated	1	Ecosystem Service Valuation and Related Services	Multi-Year Project	\$50,000.00	\$37,972.50	\$40,000.00	Extend period of performance to complete remaining work.	Watershed Management	Watershed Program Activities	Property Taxes
Sloan Sakai Yeung & Wong LLP	2936/002	Legal: General Counsel/HR/Litigation/Confidential	Annually Ongoing	\$460,000.00	\$418,818.28	\$460,000.00	Renew annual budget for legal support	Administration/Operations	N/A	Property Taxes
Smith Policy Group	1	State and Regional Affairs	Annually Ongoing	\$100,000.00	\$48,812.50	\$100,000.00	Renew annual budget for state and regional advocacy support	Communication and Advocacy	Local, State, and Federal Advocacy; Regional Coordination	Property Taxes
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	15	Water Supply Support and Integration	Multi-Year Project	\$75,000.00	\$66,913.00	\$75,000.00	Estimated annual budget to provide CVP/SWP modeling support for EIR.	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project	Property Taxes
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	41	Countywide Plenary for Water Support	Annually Ongoing	\$65,000.00	\$27,213.46	\$65,000.00	Renew annual budget for Plenary facilitation with option for 2 meetings if needed	Communication and Advocacy	Countywide Plenary for Water	Property Taxes

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Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	57	American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Administration Support	Multi-Year Project	\$12,500.00	\$8,331.00	\$10,000.00	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	\$82,000.00	\$31,598.47	\$50,000.00	Estimated budget to complete environmental documentation.	Watershed Management	Grazing for Fuels Reduction to Protect Water Supply and Quality	Property Taxes
Sunzi Consulting	6	Regulatory and Capacity Support	As Needed Support	\$ 60,000.00	\$32,314.00	\$ 60,000.00	Renew annual budget for potential as needed support	Water Security	Water Demand/Supply Planning and Development	Property Taxes
Sunzi Consulting	9	Watershed Program Support	As Needed Support	55,000.00	\$15,893.60	\$ 45,020.00	Estimated annual budget for watershed program support	Watershed Management	Watershed Program Activities	Property Taxes
Sunzi Consulting	NEW	Headwaters Connect Support	Annually Ongoing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$59,910.00	New task order to support Headwaters Connect and Programmatic Watershed Plan Implementation	Watershed Management	Headwaters Connect Watershed Group	Property Taxes
Sunzi Consulting	NEW	West Slope Water Blueprint	Multi-Year Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$349,903.00	New task order to prepare the West Slope Water Blueprint	Water Security	Water Blueprints for West Slope and Tahoe Basin	Property Taxes
The Ferguson Group	2	Water Supply Reliability Ag Needs	Annually Ongoing	\$48,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$48,000.00	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	\$48,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$48,000.00	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	\$2,000.00	\$1,874.34	\$2,000.00	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	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	Renew annual budget for federal advocacy	Communication and Advocacy	Local, State, and Federal Advocacy; Regional Coordination	Property Taxes

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UC San Diego	-	CW3E Support for ARWIN/ARHO Network Transition and Integration	Multi-Year Project	\$43,000.00	\$17,083.22	\$379,032.00	Fund 5240. Estimated budget to continue support on ARWIN program.	Assistance and Innovation	American River Water Instrumentation Network (ARWIN)	Federal Funds
Western Hydrologics, LLP	14	EDWRP CEQA Support	Multi-Year Project	\$162,500.00	\$32,380.00	\$75,000.00	Estimated budget to support modeling for final EIR and associated outreach materials.	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project	Property Taxes
Western Hydrologics, LLP	20	Water Security Program Technical Support and Related Services	As Needed Support	\$165,300.00	\$139,246.25	\$140,000.00	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	\$28,000.00	\$25,815.00	\$26,000.00	Extend period of performance with remaining budget	Assistance and Innovation	American River Water Instrumentation Network (ARWIN)	Federal Funds
Western Hydrologics, LLP	NEW	Alder Appraisal Study Upstream Modeling	Multi-Year Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	New task order to perform Upper American River modeling to support Alder Appraisal Study	Water Security	Upstream Storage Investigations, Alder Reservoir	Federal Funds & Property Taxes
Western Hydrologics, LLP	NEW	EDWRP Water Rights Support	Multi-Year Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	New task order to initiate water rights support	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project	Property Taxes

12. American River Conservancy Memorandum of Understanding for Watershed Program Collaboration

American River Conservancy is a non-profit organization that serves its communities by ensuring healthy ecosystems within the upper American and upper Cosumnes River Watersheds through land conservation, stewardship and education. ARC and the Water Agency are requesting approval to enter into a memorandum of understanding to strengthen and formalize their existing collaboration. The purpose of this non-binding agreement is to document the intent of the parties to accelerate landscape-scale restoration and promote watershed health within the upper American and Cosumnes Rivers watersheds. The agreement will not commit any funding by either party.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the American River Conservancy in a form acceptable to legal counsel.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMUNICATIONS/DIRECTION TO STAFF

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

CLOSED SESSION:

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 Mufti, Unrepresented Employee: General Manager

DISCUSSION CALENDAR:

15. Potential Amendment to Employment Agreement with General Manager

The Agency Board will meet in closed session on June 10, 2026, to conduct the annual performance review for the General Manager. Based on the outcome of that review, the Board may wish to consider amendments to the existing Employment Agreement with the General Manager. This staff report provides the opportunity for the Board to discuss and make any such amendments.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Following Discussion of this item, the Board may make a recommendation to further amend the Employment Agreement with the General Manager in a form acceptable to the parties to the agreement and approved by Water Agency Legal Counsel and authorize the Board Chair to execute an amendment to the Employment Agreement.

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BOARD ACTION: Motion by Director Veerkamp, seconded by Director Haven, the Board adopted the agenda, with Items 10 and 11 pulled to be heard at the June Board meeting, and approved the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Board receive and file the Conformed Agenda for the Regular Meeting, March 11, 2026.

2. Interim Warrant Register

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Board receive and file the Interim Warrant Registers for March and April 2026.

3. Budget to Actual Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Board receive and file the Budget to Actual Report for the period through April 30, 2026.

4. Cell Phone Allowance Request for Water Resources Principal

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Board approve a cell phone allowance at Tier C3 (\$60 per month) and data allowance (\$40 per month) for Jake Sahl, Water Resources Principal.

5. Request for Approval of Overnight Travel Expense – Urban Water Institute 2026 Annual Conference

Staff recommends the Board approve the General Manager’s and Board Member’s attendance at the United Water Institute Annual Conference in San Diego, CA for a total amount not to exceed \$7,000.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR:

6. Georgetown Divide Public Utility District Presentation

Nicholas Schneider, General Manager at Georgetown Divide Public Utility District (GDPUD), will provide the Board of Directors with an update on GDPUD's ongoing projects and local collaboration activities.

BOARD ACTION: The Board received and filed the presentation.

7. 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 requesting the Board approve a one-time supplemental grant opportunity to support Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) updates for the four urban water providers in El Dorado County for the current fiscal year and into the next. Staff is also requesting an extension to an existing grant agreement with the American River Conservancy due to changes in project schedule.

BOARD ACTION: Motion by Director Dwyer, seconded by Director Veerkamp, the Board amended staff recommendation as follows: 1) approved an exception to Policy B-1015 for a one-time supplemental grant opportunity to provide cost-share funding of up to \$20,000 each to El Dorado Irrigation District, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, South Tahoe Public Utility District, and Tahoe City Public Utility District for development of their Urban Water Management Plans for costs being incurred between January 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027; 2) Approved a one-time extension to the term of the grant agreement with the American River Conservancy, extending the term to June 30, 2027; and 3) authorized the General Manager to execute grant agreements and an amendment in a form acceptable to legal counsel. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Tahoe Valley-Tahoe South Subbasin 5-Year Plan Update for Compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

The South Tahoe Public Utility District (STPUD) and the Water Agency are the two overlying Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) for the Tahoe Valley-Tahoe South (TVS) Subbasin. The TVS Subbasin has an approved Alternative Plan dated April 2022 for sustainable management. STPUD historically has performed the required tasks while the Agency provided a 50 percent financial cost-share. Last year, STPUD requested considering switching roles due to limited STPUD staff availability. This included requesting the Agency to lead the update of the required Periodic Evaluation, commonly referred to as the five-year plan update, which is due by December 31, 2026 for continued compliance with SGMA regulations. Staff recommend executing a Task Order with Santiago Water Strategies, Inc. (Santiago) to lead this work to complete the Periodic Evaluation for timely submission to the California Department of Water Resources.

BOARD ACTION: Motion by Director Haven, seconded by Director Veerkamp, the Board: 1) Approved the Task Order with Santiago Water Strategies, Inc. with a budget of \$149,000 and a period of performance to January 31, 2027; 2) authorized the General Manager to execute the Task Order in a form acceptable to legal counsel; and 3) authorized the General Manager to enter into an

agreement with South Tahoe Public Utility District related to sharing the cost of this plan update. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Approval of Fiscal Year 2026/2027 (FY 2026/27) Recommended Budget

At the Water Agency's Board of Director's (Board) meeting on May 2, 2012, the Board adopted Resolution WA-5-2012, which provides the timeframe and process for the approval of the Water Agency's annual budget in compliance with the California Government Code Sections 29060 through 29093. According to the resolution, the Board will review the General Manager's recommended budget at its May Board meeting and set the date for the public hearing for its next meeting. Attached for the Board's review and approval is the recommended budget for FY 2026/27.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion by Director Turnboo, seconded by Director Veerkamp, the Board: (1) Approved the FY 2026/27 recommended budget for publication and set the public hearing for the FY 2026/2027 budget for June 10, 2026 for approval of the final budget with any Board revisions, reductions, or increases; and (2) directed staff to publish a public notice in a newspaper of general circulation at least ten days prior to the public hearing and make the recommended budget available to the public. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMUNICATIONS/DIRECTION TO STAFF:

- 1) Director Haven shared South Tahoe Public Utility District's excitement to open their one mega watt solar facility as it will be a huge offset in terms of cost to the District and its rate payers.
- 2) Director Turnboo encouraged everyone to visit Grizzly Flats Community Services District since Kim Gustafson, General Manager, and staff have been doing a fantastic job rebuilding since the Caldor Fire.
- 3) Director Parlin reported out on her attendance at the 2026 Cap-to-Cap conference as part of the Wildfire and Forest Health Team.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT:

- 1) Participated in subcommittee for Mountain Counties Water Resources Association to set the agenda for the August California-United Water Institute Program which included a special morning session on rural community water issues.
- 2) Presented at the El Dorado Irrigation District Board meeting on March 23 to provide an overview of the Water Agency.
- 3) Presented at Coloma Lotus Advisory Committee on April 2 on the El Dorado Water Reliability Project, focusing on the need to improve water security for existing and future users especially in Other County Areas where groundwater is less reliable.
- 4) Extended thanks to Senators Padilla and Schiff and Congressman Kiley for moving forward our Community Directed Spending request for watershed management projects.
- 5) Had a successful Farm Day alongside our partner, El Dorado Irrigation District.
- 6) Welcomed Jake Sahl as the newest employee and gave Jake an opportunity to introduce himself to the Board.

Items 10 and 11 were pulled from the agenda to be heard at the June Board Meeting.

10. Public Employee Performance Evaluation:

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

11. Conference with Labor Negotiators:

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

ADJOURN @ 11:43 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING: June 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., at the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 330 Fair Lane, Building A, Placerville, CA 95667



AGENDA REQUEST
Regular Meeting, June 10, 2026

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Rebecca Guo, P.E., General Manager *RG*
Tami Scowcroft, Business Services Officer *TS*
DATE: June 10, 2026
SUBJECT: Interim Warrant Register

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Attached is the May 2026 Interim Warrant Register for the Board's review.

(Attached: May 2026 Interim Warrant Register)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board receive and file the Interim Warrant Register for May 2026.

ACTION OF AGENCY ON:

VOTE:

Unanimous _____ or

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstentions:

Absent:

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered into the minutes of the Board of Directors, El Dorado County Water Agency.

Date _____

Attest:

By _____
Clerk of the Agency



El Dorado County Water Agency (Index Code #72000)
Warrant Register (Based on Claim Vouchers Submitted)
 May 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026

SUB OBJECT	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION (LIMIT 50 CHARACTERS)	NOTES	VENDOR NAME
4260	\$ 109.28	PU Auth Employee 1 3777 5/22/2026	Sahl Business Cards	US Bank
4260	\$ 99.46	PU Auth Employee 2 9972 05/22/2026	Primo Brands Water	US Bank
4260 Total	\$ 208.74	Office Expense		
4263	\$ 185.52	PU Auth Employee 1 3777 5/22/2026	GoDaddy Domain Renewal	US Bank
4263	\$ 26.00	PU Auth Employee 1 3777 5/22/2026	constant contact	US Bank
4263 Total	\$ 211.52	Subscriptions / Newspapers / Journals		
4266	\$ 85.97	Inv 5251901 Act ED01 CN39543-01 0401-043026	Printer expenses	UBEO West LLC
4266 Total	\$ 85.97	Printing / Duplicating Svc - Commercial Vendor		
4300	\$ 1,610.25	Inv 17601306 TO5 svcs thru Apr 23 2026	Work Plan for El Dorado South County Water Supply Conveyance Plan Development	Brown and Caldwell
4300	\$ 4,752.50	Inv 17602035 TO6 svcs thru Apr 23 2026	Water Supply Conveyance Project Understanding and Briefings	Brown and Caldwell
4300	\$ 22,846.25	Inv 628012 Matter Mo. 44385.00000 April 26 svcs	Water Rights Legal	Downey Brand
4300	\$ 14,594.50	Inv 627120 Matter No. 44385.00000 svcs thru Mar 31 2026	Water Rights Legal	Downey Brand
4300	\$ 4,452.00	Inv 003001-2026-004 TO1 svcs thru Apr 30 2026	General GIS Support Services	Dynamic Geospatial Solutions
4300	\$ 4,620.00	Inv 003004-2026-004 TO4 svcs thru Apr 30 2026	GIS Services to Support the Tahoe Basin Water Blueprint Project	Dynamic Geospatial Solutions
4300	\$ 8,033.00	Inv 218494 TO1 svcs thru Mar 31 2026	El Dorado Water Reliability Project-Phase 2 Environmental Impact Report	Environmental Science Associates
4300	\$ 13,585.50	Inv 219427 TO1 svcs thru Apr 30 2026	Phase 2 Environmental Impact	Environmental Science Associates

SUB OBJECT	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION (LIMIT 50 CHARACTERS)	NOTES	VENDOR NAME
4300	\$ 7,148.20	Inv 7376 TO4 svcs thru Apr 30 2026	El Dorado Water Right Project Support	Khadam Consulting Inc
4300	\$ 1,500.00	Inv 7377 TO5 svcs thru Apr 30 2026	Instrumentation Network (ARWIN) Initiative	Khadam Consulting Inc
4300	\$ 4,325.00	Inv7015087 TO4 svcs thru Apr 30 2026	Public Relations Support	KP Public Affairs
4300	\$ 3,262.50	Inv 042026 TO1 svcs thru Apr 30 2026	Upper American River Watershed Engagement Support	Orit Kalman
4300	\$ 8,232.50	Inv 07-2604.1 TO1 svcs thru Apr 30 2026	Economic Analysis of Outdoor Recreation in the UARW	Radbridge Incorporated
4300	\$ 1,950.00	Inv 61459 Matter # 2936/002 svcs thru Apr 30 2026	General Counsel	Sloan Sakai Yeung & Wong LLP
4300	\$ 8,775.00	Inv EDWA202603-01 TO1 svcs thru Feb 28 2026	State Advocacy	Smith Policy Group
4300	\$ 8,718.75	Inv EDWA202604-01 TO1 svcs thru Mar 31 2026	State Advocacy	Smith Policy Group
4300	\$ 9,562.50	Inv EDWA202605-01 TO1 svcs thru Apr 30 2026	State Advocacy	Smith Policy Group
4300	\$ 4,274.00	Inv 2557550 TO15 svcs thru Apr 3 2026	Water Supply Project Support and Integration	Stantec Consulting Services Inc.
4300	\$ 17,817.88	Inv 2557551 TO41 svcs thru Apr 3 2026	Plenary for Water Facilitation Support	Stantec Consulting Services Inc.
4300	\$ 17,370.51	Inv 2557552 TO58 svcs thru Apr 3 2026	Development of the ASRA Knickerbocker Zone Grazing Study	Stantec Consulting Services Inc.
4300	\$ 2,658.50	Inv 4029 Task A64 svcs thru Apr 30 2026	Suppression Work Plan Scoping	Stratus Engineering Associates LLC
4300	\$ 5,474.00	Inv 1326 TO6 svcs thru Apr 30 2026	Regulatory and Capacity Support	Sunzi Consulting LLC
4300	\$ 7,148.00	Inv 1327 TO9 svcs thru Apr 30 2026	Watershed Program Support	Sunzi Consulting LLC
4300	\$ 13,736.00	Inv 1328 TO12 svcs thru Apr 30 2026	Regional Blueprint Scoping	Sunzi Consulting LLC
4300	\$ 26,178.00	Inv 1329 TO13 svcs thru Apr 30 2026	Tahoe Basin Water Blueprint and Implementation Roadmap	Sunzi Consulting LLC
4300	\$ 5,776.50	Inv 1330 TO14 svcs thru Apr 30 2026	Subbasin Management Framework	Sunzi Consulting LLC

SUB OBJECT	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION (LIMIT 50 CHARACTERS)	NOTES	VENDOR NAME
4300	\$ 4,000.00	INV6285 SOS 2 June 2026	Reliability Ag	The Ferguson Group, LLC
4300	\$ 4,000.00	INV6284 SOS 3 June 2026	Federal Advocacy - Alder	The Ferguson Group, LLC
4300	\$ 29,835.00	INV6384 WaterSMART Grant May 2026	Grant Writing Assistance	The Ferguson Group, LLC
4300	\$ 36,337.89	Inv CNT1000026-SEP25 231019-CNT1000026	USBR WaterSMART Grant for American River Basin Hydrologic Observatory Wireless Sensor Network Project (ARHO)	The Regents of the University of California
4300	\$ 9,087.50	Inv 2841 TO14 svcs thru Apr 30 2026	EI Dorado Water Reliability Project - Upper American River Modeling and Support	Western Hydrologics, LLP
4300	\$ 3,666.25	Inv 2856 TO20 svcs thru Apr 30 2026	Water Security Program Technical Support and Related Services	Western Hydrologics, LLP
4300 Total	\$ 315,328.48	Professional and Specialized Services		
4400	\$ 205.30	2627 Bdgt	Public Notice for Budget Hearing	Column Software PBC
4400	\$ 112.20	5/22/26	Public Notice for Budget Hearing	Mountain Democrat
4400 Total	\$ 317.50	Publication & Legal Notices		
4420	\$ 87.02	Inv 3107883460 Mar 30 2026 - Jun 29 2026	Postage Meter Lease	Pitney Bowes
4420	\$ 125.57	Inv 5251901 Act ED01 CN39543-01 0501-053126	Copy Machine Lease	UBEO West LLC
4420 Total	\$ 212.59	Rents and Leases - Equipment		
4440	\$ 5,625.00	6/1/2026 rent 1107 Investment Blvd #240	Building Lease	GLARUS INVESTMENTS LLC
4440	\$ 203.00	6/1/2026 CAM rent 1107 Investment Blvd #240	Building Lease	GLARUS INVESTMENTS LLC
4440	\$ 251.44	2025 CAM Recovery 1107 Investment Blvd #240	Building Lease	GLARUS INVESTMENTS LLC
4440	\$ 590.00	#240	Building Lease	GLARUS INVESTMENTS LLC
4440 Total	\$ 6,669.44	Rents and Leases - Building & Improvements		
4602	\$ 56.55	PU Mlg & Exp 04/18/2026-04/22/2026	Mileage 04/18/2026-04/22/2026	Rebecca Guo
4602 Total	\$ 56.55	Private Auto Mileage - Employee		
4609	\$ 125.00	PU Auth Employee 1 3777 5/22/2026	MCWRA Legislative Day Guo	US Bank
4609	\$ 125.00	PU Auth Employee 1 3777 5/22/2026	MCWRA Legislative Day Parlin	US Bank
4609	\$ 45.00	PU Auth Employee 2 9972 05/22/2026	EDC Farm Bureau Dinner	US Bank
4609 Total	\$ 295.00	Staff Development		
4650	\$ 947.60	PU Auth Employee 2 9972 05/22/2026	UWI 2026 Conf Guo	US Bank
4650	\$ 947.60	PU Auth Employee 2 9972 05/22/2026	UWI 2026 Conf Veerkamp	US Bank
4650 Total	\$ 1,895.20	Overnight Travel: Registration		

SUB OBJECT	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION (LIMIT 50 CHARACTERS)	NOTES	VENDOR NAME
4651	\$ 4.32	PU Mlg & Exp 04/18/2026-04/22/2026	Cap to Cap Conf Meal	Rebecca Guo
4651	\$ 5.40	PU Mlg & Exp 04/18/2026-04/22/2026	Cap to Cap Conf Meal	Rebecca Guo
4651	\$ 4.54	PU Mlg & Exp 04/18/2026-04/22/2026	Cap to Cap Conf Meal	Rebecca Guo
4651	\$ 39.58	PU Mlg & Exp 04/18/2026-04/22/2026	Cap to Cap Conf Meal	Rebecca Guo
4651	\$ 13.42	PU Mlg & Exp 04/18/2026-04/22/2026	Cap to Cap Conf Meal	Rebecca Guo
4651	\$ 11.30	PU Mlg & Exp 04/18/2026-04/22/2026	Cap to Cap Conf Meal	Rebecca Guo
4651 Total	\$ 78.56	Overnight Travel: Meal/Per Diem		
4654	\$ 18.91	PU Mlg & Exp 04/18/2026-04/22/2026	Cap to Cap Flight Change	Rebecca Guo
4654 Total	\$ 18.91	Overnight Travel: Airfare Costs		
4655	\$ 70.00	PU Mlg & Exp 04/18/2026-04/22/2026	Cap to Cap Airport Parking	Rebecca Guo
4655	\$ 35.00	PU Mlg & Exp 04/18/2026-04/22/2026	Capt to Cap Baggage Fee	Rebecca Guo
4655	\$ 35.00	PU Mlg & Exp 04/18/2026-04/22/2026	Capt to Cap Baggage Fee	Rebecca Guo
4655	\$ 21.15	PU Mlg & Exp 04/18/2026-04/22/2026	Cap to Cap Uber	Rebecca Guo
4655	\$ 19.33	PU Mlg & Exp 04/18/2026-04/22/2026	Cap to Cap Uber	Rebecca Guo
4655	\$ 18.20	PU Mlg & Exp 04/18/2026-04/22/2026	Cap to Cap Uber	Rebecca Guo
4655	\$ 20.44	PU Mlg & Exp 04/18/2026-04/22/2026	Cap to Cap Uber	Rebecca Guo
4655	\$ 12.95	PU Mlg & Exp 04/18/2026-04/22/2026	Cap to Cap Uber	Rebecca Guo
4655	\$ 14.29	PU Mlg & Exp 04/18/2026-04/22/2026	Cap to Cap Uber	Rebecca Guo
4655	\$ 33.06	PU Mlg & Exp 04/18/2026-04/22/2026	Cap to Cap Uber	Rebecca Guo
4655	\$ 3.90	PU Mlg & Exp 04/18/2026-04/22/2026	Cap to Cap Metro	Rebecca Guo
4655 Total	\$ 283.32	Overnight Travel: Other Costs		
4656	\$ 1,620.97	PU Mlg & Exp 04/18/2026-04/22/2026	Cap to Cap Hotel	Rebecca Guo
4656 Total	\$ 1,620.97	Overnight Travel: Hotel		
Grand Total	\$ 327,282.75			



AGENDA REQUEST
Regular Meeting, June 10, 2026

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Rebecca Guo, P.E., General Manager *RG*
Tami Scowcroft, Business Services Officer *TS*
DATE: June 5, 2026
SUBJECT: Budget to Actual Report

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

To present the Board of Directors an overview to the Water Agency’s finances throughout the fiscal year, the attached Budget to Actual Report is provided for Board information. The Budget to Actual Report encompasses Agency expenditures; and is summarized in key categories to highlight where the Water Agency’s expenses occur in relation to both estimated budgets and to actual received revenues. The report also tracks the Board-established reserve fund.

(Attached: Budget to Actual Report through May 31, 2026)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board receive and file the Budget to Actual Report for the period through May 31, 2026.

ACTION OF AGENCY ON:

VOTE:

Unanimous _____ or

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstentions:

Absent:

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered into the minutes of the Board of Directors, El Dorado County Water Agency.

Date _____

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By _____
Clerk of the Agency

Purpose of Cash Flow Reserves

Since there are no provisions in the 1959 Water Agency Act that allow the Water Agency to “borrow” funds or establish a line of credit to cover the lag between the beginning of a fiscal year and receipt of property tax payments, the Board established a reserve fund (currently \$1,750,000) to cover the shortfall created by the first nine months of expenditures and the receipt of the first (late December) and second (late April) property tax payments.

Explanation of Current and Projected Cash Balances

As mentioned above, the Water Agency begins each fiscal year with a \$1,750,000 reserve to cover expenditures until the property tax payments are received. Without this reserve the Water Agency would operate in the red until the first property tax payment is received. If the first property tax payment is delayed, then the Water Agency will use additional funds from the cash flow reserve to cover its expenses.

Budget to Actual Report
Revenues and Expenditures for the Period through May 31, 2026

	Adopted Budget	Actual Transaction	Balance
Revenues			
Revenues*	3,527,008	4,470,701	(943,693)
Grants (includes ARPA Funding)	3,222,837	1,082,515	2,140,322
Fund Balance Carryover	3,200,000	6,616,385	(3,416,385)
Expenditures			
Salaries and Benefits	1,117,278	621,004	496,274
Services, Supplies, and Memberships	360,119	333,181	26,938
Professional Services	4,569,656	1,824,896	2,744,760
Cost Shares and Contributions to Government Entities	563,695	85,667	478,028
Projects Receiving External Grant Funding (includes ARPA)	3,238,807	1,045,380	2,193,427
County Services	92,390	-	92,390
Fixed Assets	7,900	-	7,900
Summary			
Total Revenue	9,949,845	12,169,601	(2,219,756)
Total Expenditures	9,949,845	3,910,128	6,039,717
Net (Revenues less Expenditures)	0	8,259,473	(8,259,473)

	Reserved Fund	Actual Transaction	Reserve Balance
Cash Flow Reserve	\$ 1,750,000	\$ -	\$ 1,750,000

*Property taxes are typically received in two installments: late December and late April.

Note: Should you require more detailed information, please contact Tami Scowcroft at ext. 6678

AGENDA REQUEST
Regular Meeting, June 10, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Tami Scowcroft, Business Services Officer 

DATE: June 5, 2026

SUBJECT: **Annual Investment Authority for FY 2026-2027**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Government Code Section 53607 authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to delegate its authority to invest or reinvest its funds to the treasurer of the local agency for a one-year period. The treasurer assumes full responsibility for all those transactions until the delegation of authority is revoked or expires. While Section 53607 provides the treasurer shall render monthly reports of those transactions to the Board, the El Dorado County Treasurer follows the criteria for such reports described in Government Code Section 53646(b)(1) which authorizes such reports to be made on a quarterly basis. The delegation of authority must be renewed annually to remain effective. The El Dorado County Treasurer-Tax Collector serves as the ex officio treasurer of the Water Agency. It is recommended that the Board renew its authorization allowing the El Dorado County Treasurer to continue investing on behalf of the Water Agency during FY 2026-2027.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board adopt Resolution WA-3-2026, which authorizes delegation of investment authority to the El Dorado County Treasurer/Tax Collector on behalf of the Water Agency effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, in accordance with the El Dorado County Investment Policy, as approved by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors.

ACTION OF AGENCY ON:

VOTE:

Unanimous _____ or

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstentions:

Absent:

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered into the minutes of the Board of Directors, El Dorado County Water Agency.

Date _____

Attest:

By _____
Clerk of the Agency



RESOLUTION NO. WA-3-2026

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Resolution Adopting the Delegation of Investment Authority to County Treasurer-Tax Collector

WHEREAS, Government Code's Section 53600 definition of "local agency" operates to include the El Dorado County Water Agency; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 53607 authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to delegate its authority to invest or reinvest its funds to the treasurer for a one-year period, who shall make monthly reports; of those transactions to the Board; and

WHEREAS, Water Code App. §96-38 makes the El Dorado County Treasurer-Tax Collector the ex officio treasurer of the El Dorado County Water Agency; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 53646(b)(1), et seq. authorizes the Treasurer to make quarterly reports of those transactions to the Board, which is the current practice utilized by the County Treasurer and received by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 53600.3 states persons authorized to make investment decisions on behalf of those local agencies investing public funds are trustees and therefore fiduciaries subject to the prudent investor standard; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors desires to delegate its authority as authorized by Government Code Section 53607, and to require reports of all such transactions by the County Treasurer on a quarterly basis;

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the El Dorado County Water Agency as follows:

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1. The Board of Directors hereby delegates its fiduciary authority to invest or reinvest Water Agency funds deposited in the County treasury to the El Dorado County Treasurer-Tax Collector as the representative for investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquisitioning, exchanging, selling or managing of public funds held in the County treasury. The prudent investor standard shall apply to all of the above cited financial investment decisions of the El Dorado County Treasurer-Tax Collector. Nothing in this delegation of authority shall exceed the provisions of Government Code Sections 53601, 53607 and 53635 or any other applicable public entity investment statute.

2. The County Treasurer shall report all such transactions to the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis as authorized by Government Code Section 53646(b)(1), et seq.

3. The delegation of authority in this Resolution shall be effective from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, and it requires annual renewals of its terms by formal action of the Board of Directors as required by Government Code Section 53607.

4. That any and all resolutions, practices, and procedures of the Agency in conflict with this Resolution are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed as of the effective date of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE Board of Directors of the El Dorado County Water Agency at a regular meeting of said Board, held on June 10, 2026, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

ATTEST:

By _____

Clerk of the Agency

By _____

Chair, Board of Directors

I CERTIFY THAT:

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.

DATE _____

ATTEST:

By _____

Clerk of the Agency



AGENDA REQUEST
Regular Meeting, June 10, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Rebecca Guo, P.E., General Manager
 Jake Sahl, Water Resources Principal

DATE: June 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Irrigation Management Services Program Policy Exception

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The purpose of the Water Agency's Irrigation Management Services Program (IMS Program) is to support efficient use of agricultural water in the West Slope of El Dorado County. Board Policy B-1016 (Policy) defines the Program scope, participant eligibility criteria, consultant eligibility, funding limitations, deadlines for participant sign-ups and consultant responsibilities, and serves as a guide and resource for the Agency in the administration of the Program. Due to changes in the IMS Program this year including extending areas of eligibility to all growers in the West Slope and a change in IMS Program consultants, the rollout of the soil moisture monitoring component of the IMS Program is taking longer for the 2026 season than past years, thereby necessitating the certain Policy exceptions for this season.

(Continued)

(Attached: Board Policy B-1016)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board approve the following exceptions to Policy B-1016 for the 2026 growing season:

- 4.01 (d) Periodic, usually weekly, monitoring of soil moisture ~~for a total of at least 20 monitoring events per year~~ for each monitoring station;
- 4.01 (f) Periodic, usually weekly, electronic reports reviewed for accuracy and submitted to each Participant for data collected at each Monitoring Site ~~for a total of at least 20 reports per year for each Monitoring Site~~;
- 4.01 (h) ~~Initial~~, Mid-Year and End-of-Year data exports electronically submitted to the Agency in a .csv or other approved file format by the deadlines of ~~April 15~~, July 30 and November 2, respectively.

Additionally, corresponding amendments to the Agreement for Irrigation Management Services Program Soil Moisture Monitoring Between El Dorado County Water Agency and Kirk T. Taylor Dba Sierra Foothill Water Management will be made as approved by Agency legal counsel.

ACTION OF AGENCY ON:

VOTE:

Unanimous _____ or

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstentions:

Absent:

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered into the minutes of the Board of Directors, El Dorado County Water Agency.

Date _____

Attest:

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Clerk of the Agency

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION (*Continued*):

The Water Agency initiated the IMS Program in 2000 as a tool to encourage agricultural water conservation in the West Slope of El Dorado County. An effective IMS Program is an important tool in demonstrating the county's efficient use of agricultural water supplies and has the additional benefit of supporting better crop performance. In this way, the purpose of the IMS Program aligns with the Water Agency's mission by supporting water security, economic prosperity, and the rural-agricultural way of life for today and in the future. In the West Slope, a separate IMS Program is also being run by El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) for users within their service area.

Over the last 25 years, the Water Agency's IMS Program has remained largely unchanged, while IMS technologies have continued to develop and advance. As a result, the Board of Directors directed staff to evaluate multiple approaches to achieving an effective IMS Program. Staff presented the evaluation findings to the Board on February 11, 2026. At that meeting, several local growers provided public comment explaining the effectiveness of neutron probe monitoring in the existing IMS Program, particularly when paired with irrigation recommendations, in helping them use water efficiently. The Board gave feedback supporting the inclusion of a Participant cost share as part of the IMS Program.

Based on feedback solicited throughout the last year by current IMS Program participants and other growers in the West Slope, in addition to feedback provided in the February 2026 Board meeting, Water Agency staff recommended continuing to provide soil moisture monitoring services using neutron probes in 2026 while implementing program enhancements through policy updates and new agreements. The recommended policy updates and Participation Agreements specify Participant cost-share requirements. The policy updates also expand and clarify the scope of the IMS Program, including specific requirements for irrigation recommendations, an optional supplemental service for Distribution Uniformity Testing, and additional data to support Water Agency analyses.

At the Water Agency's Board meeting on March 11, 2026 (Agenda Item 7), the Water Agency's Board of Directors approved Resolution WA-2-2026 and adopted revisions to Policy No. B-1016 for Irrigation Management Services and made further express findings of fact as follows: (i) approved the Program and Agency participation for the calendar year 2026 Growing Season, and (ii) encumbered its Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget in an aggregate total not-to-exceed amount of \$85,000 with qualified, professional consultants providing IMS services.

In past years, soil moisture monitoring services under the IMS Program were provided by two consultants, Kirk Taylor (Sierra Foothill Water Management, or SFWM) and Jim Brockmeyer (JVB Consulting), with each consultant maintaining direct relationships with a distinct set of IMS Program participants. Unfortunately, Jim Brockmeyer was unable to provide soil moisture monitoring services for the 2026 season. Fortunately, SFWM was available to take on an expanded role, however the loss of JVB Consulting contributed to delays in signing up a significant portion of growers who had previously received soil moisture monitoring from JVB Consulting.

At the same time, Water Agency staff developed outreach materials and, after coordinating with EID staff, began recruitment efforts to enroll growers within the EID service area in the IMS Program for the first time. The process of contacting and enrolling these growers has been slower than anticipated, and new applicants are still trickling in as of early June 2026.

These unforeseen circumstances have made several of the deadlines established in the IMS Program Policy and the Agreement for Services with SFWM untenable. Though these deadlines were well thought out, shifting the deadlines will not hamper the overall effectiveness nor impact of the IMS Program. Staff do not foresee these deadlines posing a problem in future years and are not seeking any permanent updates to the IMS Program Policy at this time.

POLICY:

The Water Agency's work on this project is consistent with the Strategic Plan and Water Resources Development and Management Plan as follows:

2026-2030 Strategic Plan

IP4: Assistance and Innovation: Through financial assistance, incentivize best practices to improve water resources reliability, including agricultural water use efficiency.

2024 Water Resources Development and Management Plan (WRDMP)

Assistance and Innovation Program: Provide farming community assistance through long-term implementation of the IMS Program that monitors and assists small, rural farmers to irrigate in an efficient manner. Work with farmers to increase water efficiency for their crops and demonstrate the best management practice for meeting water quality requirements for agricultural water management.

FISCAL:

There are no fiscal impacts associated with the requested exceptions to Policy B-1016.



**EL DORADO COUNTY WATER AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS'
POLICY**

Subject:	Policy No. B-1016	Page 1 of 5
IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES PROGRAM	Date Adopted: March 9, 2011	Revised Date: March 13, 2013 <i>March 11, 2026</i>

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of the El Dorado County Water Agency’s (“Agency”) Irrigation Management Services Program (“Program”) is to conserve water in the West Slope of El Dorado County.

This Policy defines the Program scope, participant eligibility criteria, consultant eligibility, funding limitations, and serves as a guide and resource for the Agency General Manager (“General Manager”) and Agency Staff (“Staff”) in the administration of the Program.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The Agency’s Mission Statement is to “ensure El Dorado County has adequate and affordable water, through collaboration, to support economic prosperity, watershed health, and the rural-agricultural way of life for today and in the future. ” In accordance with the Agency’s Water Resources Development and Management Plan, this Program advances the Resource Management Strategy to develop and implement demand management. By supporting agricultural water use efficiency, the Program also promotes the beneficial use of existing and future water supplies in accordance with California Constitution, Article X, Section 2.

The Agency initiated the Program in 2000 and began providing partial funding for soil moisture monitoring and reporting services on a site-specific basis to eligible agricultural growers in 2001.

3.00 PROGRAM DEFINITIONS

“Cultivated Area” Land area in acres developed for and actively used to grow commercially viable irrigated agricultural crop(s) in El Dorado County.

“Distribution Uniformity Test” An in-field evaluation of how evenly water is distributed across a field based on the Participant’s irrigation system. Each test is conducted within a field served by one common irrigation system while the irrigation system is running.

“Growing Season” The timeframe each year during which agricultural crops in El Dorado County may be irrigated. This timeframe is typically from April 1 through October 31 but may be adjusted year-to-year based on weather patterns per the General Manager’s approval.

“Parcel Size” Actual parcel size in acres upon which Cultivated Area is situated, as defined on El Dorado County Assessor’s Records.

“Participant” An owner or lessee of agricultural land in El Dorado County on which there is growing a commercially viable irrigated agricultural crop eligible to participate in the Program.

“Participant Property” Property spanning at least five (5) acres consisting of a minimum of one (1) acre developed for and actually being used to grow a commercially viable irrigated agricultural crop(s) in El Dorado County.

4.00 PROGRAM SCOPE

4.01 Soil Moisture Monitoring

The required services and deliverables to be provided by consultants under the Program include:

- (a) Installation and maintenance of Monitoring Sites on an approved Participant Property compatible for and capable of being read by neutron probes;
- (b) Collection of completed Participant Applications and signed Participation Agreements and cost share payments from each Participant prior to initiating any monitoring activities each year;
- (c) An approved sample report submitted to the Agency each year prior to initiating monitoring, showing the type of deliverables that will be submitted to both the Agency and the Participant, and demonstrating the capabilities of the consultant’s current data platform;
- (d) Periodic, usually weekly, monitoring of soil moisture for a total of at least 20 monitoring events per year for each monitoring station;
- (e) Monitoring and data collection throughout the active root zone at each Monitoring Site in increments of 1 foot or smaller;
- (f) Periodic, usually weekly, electronic reports reviewed for accuracy and submitted to each Participant for data collected at each Monitoring Site for a total of at least 20 reports per year for each Monitoring Site;
- (g) Forecasted recommendations included in electronic reports to Participants for the timing, duration and quantity of water irrigation based on recorded data at each Monitoring Site, daily reference evapotranspiration data from the California Irrigation Management Information Systems, and other relevant information including crop type, soil type, and irrigation system type;
- (h) Initial, Mid-Year and End-of-Year data exports electronically submitted to the Agency in a .csv or other approved file format by the deadlines of April 15, July 30 and November 2, respectively.
- (i) Mid-Year and End-of-Year Summary Reports and Compilation of Participant Reports submitted to the Agency by the deadlines of July 30 and November 2, respectively.

4.02 Distribution Uniformity Testing

As an optional supplemental service to soil moisture monitoring, Participants on a first-come, first-served basis within the limited number of Participants as directed by the Agency, may participate in Distribution Uniformity Testing. The required services and deliverables to be provided by consultant(s) for Distribution Uniformity Testing under the Program include:

- (a) Collection of completed Participant Applications and signed Participation Agreements and cost share payments from each Participant prior to initiating any testing activities each year;
- (b) An approved sample report submitted to the Agency each year prior to initiating testing, showing the type of deliverables that will be submitted to both the Agency and the Participant;
- (c) Annual water flow rate measurements from a minimum of 20 emitters throughout the irrigated field for each approved test;
- (d) Electronic reports reviewed for accuracy and submitted to each Participant for data collected during each test;
- (e) Findings, including recommendations for improvements and photos if applicable, electronically submitted to the Agency and Participant included with the electronic reports for each test;
- (f) End-of-Year data exports electronically submitted to the Agency in a .csv or other approved file format by the deadline of November 2;

5.00 PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY AND MONITORING SITES

To qualify for participation in the Program, a Participant must own or lease a minimum Parcel Size of 5 acres with a minimum of 1 acre of Cultivated Area.

5.01 Maximum Monitoring Stations

The following table establishes the minimum Parcel Size and Cultivated Area to qualify for and defines the maximum number of monitoring stations available to each such qualifying Participant:

Minimum Parcel Size (acres)	Minimum Cultivated Area (acres)	Maximum Number of Participant Monitoring Sites
5	1	1
5	5	2
10	10	3
20	20	4

5.02 Adjoining Properties

In the case where a Participant has an adjoining parcel(s) that is contiguous to, and has a common property line with the main parcel, that are collectively utilized as a

single farming operation, each parcel must meet the minimum Parcel Size requirement, while the cumulative cultivated area will be used in determining the maximum number of Monitoring Sites.

6.00 FUNDING LIMITATION

Each year, at its discretion, the Agency Board will establish in its Fiscal Year Budget a not-to-exceed budget to fund the Program.

6.01 Program Participant Cost Share

Agency's contribution for the irrigation management services provided shall be established by the Agency Board of Directors. The Program Participant cost share for each Monitoring Site shall be specified in the Participation Agreement and shall be provided by Participant to Agency prior to commencement of any monitoring activities. The cost share per Distribution Uniformity Test shall be paid to the Agency prior to testing which may occur at any time during the Growing Season.

6.02 Annual Funding Limits

The Board shall establish a maximum budget for each Growing Season. The sum of all compensation paid to one or more consultant(s) shall not exceed the Board-approved fiscal year budget for the Program.

6.03 Funding Priority

The number of Monitoring Sites and Distribution Uniformity Tests that the Agency will provide contributions for is limited to the amount of available Program funding, and priority for participation will be given to those without access to other established IMS Programs in the West Slope. In order to assist as many Participants as possible, the Agency shall first consider all Participants for the minimum number of Monitoring Sites. Once all Participants receive the first Monitoring Site, then Participants will be considered for an additional Monitoring Site. This review process will be continued until there is no more available funding or all Participants have received the maximum Monitoring Sites for which they are eligible. Any remaining funding available will be eligible for supplemental Distribution Uniformity Testing on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must have at least one Monitoring Site in order to be eligible for the supplemental Distribution Uniformity Testing.

7.00 CONSULTANT SELECTION AND ELIGIBILITY

Each year, Agency staff will recommend to the Board to enter into consultant contracts for the Program services. For consultants who have not previously participated in the Program to be eligible they must satisfy condition (a), below; for former consultants to be eligible, in addition to satisfying (a), below, they must also have been in compliance with all Program requirements in effect during such prior participation, and have complied and performed (b) and (c), below. Conditions include but are not limited to:

- (a) Be experienced and capable of providing the services defined in the Program Scope for the applicable service;
 - For consultants conducting soil moisture monitoring using neutron probes, proof of a current a license from the California Department of Public Health is required for the individual(s) operating the equipment.
- (b) Submit all invoices and deliverables in accordance with the Program deadlines in a timely manner during the previous growing season; and
- (c) Provide services as defined in the Program Scope satisfactorily in the previous growing season.

Consultants that do not meet the above requirements will not be authorized to enter into Agency contracts for the Program.

8.00 BOARD AUTHORITY

Agency's Board of Directors, at its discretion, approves the Program, Agency participation, sets the contribution amount, approves the consultant contracts, and allocates Program funding in each Fiscal Year Budget for each Growing Season.

9.00 AGENCY STAFF RESPONSIBILITY

The General Manager or his/her designee is responsible for administering the Program in accordance with policies and procedures defined herein, and providing annual reports to the Agency's Board of Directors.

10.00 EFFECTIVE DATE AND SUPERSESSION

This Policy shall be effective upon its adoption and shall supersede all prior policies, amendments, letters of intent, or positions of Agency on this subject.

10.01 Board Resolutions

<u>Resolution Number</u>	<u>Date Board Approved</u>
WA-3-2011	March 9, 2011 #4
WA-2-2013	March 13, 2013 #4
WA-2-2026	March 11, 2026 #7

11.00 RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
AP-2030	IMS Requirements and Responsibilities



**AGENDA REQUEST
Regular Meeting, June 10, 2026**

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Rebecca Guo, P.E., General Manager *RG*
DATE: June 5, 2026
SUBJECT: ACWA Vision for Water Future

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) recently initiated a policy effort designed to bring greater attention to critical water priorities among gubernatorial candidates and state leadership as California approaches a transition to a new administration in 2027. The initiative, known as the “Vision for Our Water Future”, outlines statewide priorities intended to strengthen water reliability, affordability, and long-term resilience. The Water Agency has been an active ACWA member since the 1980s and participates directly in statewide leadership through the General Manager’s service on the ACWA Region 3 Board. These long-standing relationships form a strong basis for Water Agency support. Staff recommends the Board consider adopting Resolution WA-4-2026 supporting ACWA’s initiative.

(Attached: Resolution WA-4-2026)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board adopt Resolution No. WA-4-2026 in support of ACWA’s “Vision for Our Water Future” initiative.

ACTION OF AGENCY ON:

VOTE:

Unanimous _____ or

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstentions:

Absent:

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered into the minutes of the Board of Directors, El Dorado County Water Agency.

Date _____

Attest:

By _____

Clerk of the Agency

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION (continued):

ACWA represents nearly 470 public water agencies that collectively deliver most of the water used throughout California. Water agencies are managing ongoing challenges that include drought, flooding, climate variability, aging infrastructure, and increasingly complex regulatory requirements. The Vision for Our Water Future provides a statewide framework to help address these challenges by promoting coordinated leadership and clear priorities.

The Water Agency has long supported statewide and regional efforts that improve water supply reliability, protect local interests, and strengthen coordinated water management. Supporting ACWA's Vision aligns with the Water Agency's established role in advancing collaboration and representing regional needs through active participation in ACWA's boards and committees.

The vision establishes an essential framework built around four statewide priorities. These priorities guide coordinated action among state and local agencies to support a reliable and resilient water future for California.

1. **Lead on Water:** Recognize water as an essential resource and ensure strong executive leadership to improve reliability and support coordinated action across state government.
2. **Protect Affordability:** Ensure water remains affordable by strengthening long term investment and funding partnerships that help address rising infrastructure and regulatory costs.
3. **Deliver Critical Infrastructure:** Modernize and improve the statewide water system to ensure reliable supplies under changing climate and community needs.
4. **Modernize Water Management:** Improve regulatory and operational systems so water projects can move forward efficiently, and agencies can respond quickly to changing conditions.

Supporting the vision reinforces the Water Agency's commitment to statewide coordination and long term planning. Adoption of Resolution WA-4-2026 would demonstrate the Water Agency's support for these priorities and contribute to the collective efforts of water agencies throughout California.

Policy

The Water Agency's support of ACWA's "Vision for Our Water Future" initiative is consistent with its Water Resources Development & Management Plan Communication and Advocacy program by supporting state advocacy related to water resource issues and management.

Fiscal

There is no financial impact associated with adoption of Resolution WA-4-2026, which supports ACWA's "Vision for Our Water Future".



RESOLUTION NO. WA-4-2026

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Resolution In Support of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Vision for Our Water Future

WHEREAS, in April 2026, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) launched Vision for Our Water Future, a member-driven initiative to identify statewide water priorities to inform engagement with California's next Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Vision for Our Water Future priorities are a set of recommendations for the next governor, emphasizing the importance of strong leadership, sustainable investment and coordinated action across all levels of government to secure California's water future; and

WHEREAS, the first priority is to lead on water and elevate water as foundational to California's economy, agriculture, communities, environment and climate resilience through sustained leadership and coordinated state action; and

WHEREAS, the second priority is to ensure safe and reliable water remains affordable through sustained and predictable funding partnerships and streamlined investment delivery; and

WHEREAS, the third priority is to strengthen and modernize California's water infrastructure, including both built and natural systems, to improve reliability and resilience; and

WHEREAS, the fourth priority is to improve regulatory, operational and scientific frameworks to enable efficient project delivery and adaptive water management; and

WHEREAS, local water agencies play a critical role in delivering safe and reliable water supplies and are essential partners in implementing statewide solutions; and

WHEREAS, supporting the Vision recommendations demonstrates a unified commitment to collaborative, science-based and practical policies that advance a secure and resilient water future for California's communities, farms, economy and environment; now, therefore, be it

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that El Dorado County Water Agency hereby expresses support for ACWA's Vision for Our Water Future recommendations and affirms its commitment to working collaboratively to advance reliable, affordable and resilient water supplies.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE Board of Directors of the El Dorado County Water Agency at a regular meeting of said Board, held on June 10, 2026, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

ATTEST:

By _____

Clerk of the Agency

By _____

Chair, Board of Directors

I CERTIFY THAT:

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.

DATE _____

ATTEST:

By _____

Clerk of the Agency



**AGENDA REQUEST
Regular Meeting, June 10, 2026**

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Rebecca Guo, P.E., General Manager
DATE: June 1, 2026

SUBJECT: USBR WaterSMART Drought Response Program Grant for Fiscal Year 2027 to Support Updates to the Upper American River Basin Regional Drought Contingency Plan

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Through the WaterSMART Program, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) provides financial assistance to support water management improvements, planning and design activities, watershed management projects, a comprehensive approach to drought planning, implementation actions to proactively address water shortages, and other similar projects that contribute to sustainability in the Western United States. The WaterSMART Drought Response Program (DRP) supports a proactive approach to drought. The Water Agency is working with the Ferguson Group (TFG) to develop an application for this WaterSMART DRP grant to combine the existing Upper American River Basin Regional Drought Contingency Plan (RDCP) with the existing El Dorado County Drought and Water Shortage Resilience Plan (CDRP) and develop an updated drought trigger / response framework. Combining these two existing plans and clarifying roles, responsibilities, and triggers for measures to prepare for and respond to drought within the West Slope of El Dorado County will streamline implementation of the drought response actions identified in the RDCP and CDRP at a time when drought conditions are beginning to reemerge.

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(Attachment: Resolution WA-5-2026)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board to adopt Resolution WA-5-2026 authorizing the Water Agency to commit to the financial and legal obligations associated with receipt of this WaterSMART DRP financial assistance, if awarded, to advance drought planning efforts.

ACTION OF AGENCY ON:

VOTE:

Unanimous _____ or

Ayes:

Date _____

Noes:

Attest:

Abstentions:

By _____
Clerk of the Agency

Absent:

Background:

Creation of the RDCP – 2018-2023

The three major public water agencies in the West Slope have drought plans which establish drought-stage water supply conditions and ways to respond to those varying conditions when needed. Their water supplies rely mainly on the American River and local streams, of which the reliability is threatened by changing weather patterns and reduction in snowpack. These three major public water agencies only serve a portion of the West Slope. The remainder of the West Slope (termed the “Other County Area”, or OCA) consists of areas served by small water systems (SWS) and individual self-supply users with domestic wells. Most residents in the OCA rely on the West Slope’s shallow groundwater supplies from low-yield fractured rock aquifers that are considered an unreliable water supply source for large-scale use due to their limited capacity and uncertainty surrounding these fractured bedrock formations. Additionally, existing infrastructure does not allow for much exchange of water supplies between the public water agencies and small water systems in the OCA.

In order to improve long-term resiliency to drought and expand mitigation planning to the OCA, the Water Agency applied for and was awarded funding under the WaterSMART DRP for creation of the RDCP in 2018. The Water Agency, in collaboration with public water purveyors, land use agencies, Tribes, and environmental interests in the West Slope of El Dorado County formed the Drought Planning Task Force. The Drought Planning Task Force was convened throughout the development of the RDCP, and was envisioned to reconvene to prepare future updates to the plan and to coalesce when certain drought triggers occur in the planning area. The Water Agency, with input from the Drought Planning Task Force, completed the RDCP in 2023, laying out a plan to increase the resiliency of water resources in the face of future climate change conditions and droughts for the West Slope. The RDCP provides for an update every 5 years, or following events or occurrences that affect the local water supply outlook. The UARB RDCP complements public water agency-specific water shortage contingency plans, provides a coherent approach on a regional level for better coordination, and promotes the benefits shared by the entire West Slope area.

New State Requirements for Counties, Small Water Suppliers, and Domestic Wells – 2021

Senate Bill (SB) 552, signed by Governor Newsom and enacted into law in September 2021, requires State and local governments to share responsibility in preparing for and acting in the case of a water shortage event. The purpose of this is to improve the ability of Californians to manage future droughts and help prevent catastrophic impacts on drinking water for

communities vulnerable to impacts of climate change. SB 552 outlines the new requirements for small water suppliers, State small water systems (SSWS), domestic well communities, county governments, DWR, and the State Water Board to implement more proactive drought planning and be better prepared for future water shortage events or dry years.

Through SB 552, the California State Legislature identified counties as the best-suited government entity to provide the needed leadership to improve water resilience for state small water systems (serving 5 to 14 connections) and domestic wells. Accordingly, each county is required to:

1. Establish and convene a standing drought task force to facilitate drought and water shortage preparedness for state small water systems, domestic wells, and other privately supplied homes within the county's jurisdiction.
2. Develop a plan demonstrating the potential drought and water shortage risk and proposed interim and long-term solutions for state small water systems and domestic wells within the county.

Creation of the CDRP – 2022 - 2025

In response to SB 552, DWR made up to \$125,000 available to each county through a non-competitive County Drought Resiliency Planning grant program. The purpose of this program was to provide reimbursement funding for activities necessary to address the varied needs of counties to comply with SB 552 planning requirements, with no cost-share requirement. El Dorado County asked the Water Agency to lead this effort given the Agency's role as a countywide water resource planning agency and past engagement in the DWR County Drought Advisory Group that developed the basis for the SB 552 legislation and participation in the development of DWR's SB 552 implementation program. The Water Agency prepared the County Drought Resiliency Planning grant application for County submittal and subsequently the County entered into an agreement with DWR to receive this available funding and executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Water Agency in April 2024 to execute the agreement.

In 2022, the Water Agency established the El Dorado County Drought and Water Shortage Task Force and began working towards development of the CDRP, which was finalized in spring of 2025. The CDRP lays out a framework to improve drought and water shortage preparedness for all SWS and domestic wells in El Dorado County and promotes the vision of the County General Plan. The CDRP also fulfills requirements under SB 552 that requires counties, small water suppliers, and schools to prepare for and take action in case of water shortage events, provides an understanding of available information on SWS and domestic wells, and identifies drought and water shortage vulnerabilities within the county. The CDRP covers the entirety of El Dorado County whereas the RDCP focuses on the West Slope. The CDRP provides for annual updates, with larger-scale updates planned for every 5 years. The 1st annual update is currently underway and will be finalized this summer.

Proposed Grant Project

Under its WaterSMART DRP, Reclamation issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity No. R26AS00016, and proposals are due on July 28, 2026. The grant would provide assistance to water users for a range of initiatives that build long-term resiliency including infrastructure improvements for increased water storage and distribution capabilities, water source

diversification, decision-making tools for water management, and comprehensive planning to prepare for and respond to drought conditions.

New drought monitoring resources have emerged since the RDCP was created and drought planning within El Dorado County has advanced, in part due to creation of the Drought Task Force as part of the CDRP development process. It is important to update the RDCP so that the drought trigger / response framework is based on the best available data and is structured in a way that facilitates implementation of proactive and reactive drought measures while recognizing the inherent capacity constraints of the Drought Task Force member organizations. Having two overlapping drought plans within El Dorado County creates a barrier to participation for members of the Drought Task Force. Combining the RDCP and CDRP into a comprehensive drought plan for the West Slope of El Dorado County while updating the outdated components of both plans will meaningfully advance drought planning efficacy. Doing this now, before severe drought conditions arise, is critical.

The WaterSMART DRP provides for projects that seek to update existing drought contingency plans and Reclamation staff have confirmed that ensuring that drought contingency plans funded under the WaterSMART DRP remain consistent with other regional drought plans is an eligible use of funds. As a result, the Water Agency is recommending pursuing this grant opportunity to update the RDCP.

Policy

The proposed project implements “RMS 7 - Improve Drought Preparedness and Responses” from the 2024 WRDMP and complements public water agency-specific water shortage contingency plans. It also supports SP30+ IP4c by pursuing alternative funding through all viable venues to advance its initiatives.

Financial Impact

Water Agency staff is anticipating a cost of \$200,000 to combine the two plans and update the drought trigger / response framework. The WaterSMART DRP grant program requires a minimum 50% cost share, with an extra 5 points (out of a possible 100) awarded for applications that provide a 55% cost share. As such, the Water Agency is seeking \$90,000 in federal funds to match \$110,000 local cost share which will be predominately through the Water Agency’s property tax revenue to secure a consultant to perform the work, alongside some in-kind contributions by the Water Agency staff. While any grant award is not anticipated until FY 27/28, there are sufficient funds in Sub-object 4300 to perform this work in FY 26/27.



RESOLUTION No. WA-5-2026

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
EL DORADO COUNTY WATER AGENCY
AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE THROUGH
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION WATERSMART
DROUGHT RESPONSE PROGRAM GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Water Agency (“EDWA”) recognizes that drought preparedness is imperative to ensuring that El Dorado County has adequate and affordable water to maintain economic prosperity, protect the environment, and support the rural-agricultural way of life for today and in the future; and

WHEREAS, EDWA recognizes that implementation of the drought mitigation measures detailed in the Upper American River Basin Regional Drought Contingency Plan (RDGP) and El Dorado County Drought and Water Shortage Resilience Plan (CDRP) would be improved by combining and updating these two plans; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (“Reclamation”) has implemented the WaterSMART Program to work cooperatively with states, tribes, and local entities as they plan for and implement actions to increase water supply through investments to modernize existing infrastructure and attention to local water conflicts; and

WHEREAS, Reclamation has established the WaterSMART Drought Response Program (“DRP”) as a category of funding to support a proactive approach to drought and provide assistance to water users for a range of initiatives that build long-term resiliency including decision-making tools for water management, and comprehensive planning to prepare for and respond to drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, Reclamation has solicited projects for grant funding under the Fiscal Year 2027 WaterSMART DRP, for which applications are due on or before July 28, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of EDWA has identified itself as an eligible applicant under Reclamation’s WaterSMART DRP Grant; and

WHEREAS, EDWA is pursuing grant funding assistance under the WaterSMART DRP Grant in an amount of up to \$90,000 to combine the existing RDGP with the existing CDRP and develop an updated drought trigger / response framework (Project).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors as follows:

1. The Board finds that the proposed project will serve both the mission of the EDWA and satisfy the goals of the WaterSMART Program and, on that basis, supports staff's submittal of the financial assistance application to Reclamation.
2. EDWA is capable of funding the 50-percent cost share required to obtain grant funding under the WaterSMART Drought Response Program, as well as an additional 5-percent cost share to increase the competitiveness of the application, for a total cost share of 55-percent.
3. The Board hereby ratifies the action of its General Manager, or her designee, of EDWA in applying for financial assistance from Reclamation's WaterSMART Drought Response Program and authorizes the General Manager or her designee to execute any related documents, including a cooperative financial assistance agreement with Reclamation.
4. The General Manager and staff are directed to take all other actions necessary to secure funding for the Project under the WaterSMART DRP Grant, including working with Reclamation to meet established deadlines or entering into a cooperative financial assistance agreement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the El Dorado County Water Agency at a regular meeting of said Board, held on June 10, 2026, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

ATTEST:

By _____

Clerk of the Agency

By _____

Chair, Board of Directors

I CERTIFY THAT:

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By _____

Clerk of the Agency



**AGENDA REQUEST
Regular Meeting, June 10, 2026**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Rebecca Guo, P.E., General Manager *RG*
Tami Scowcroft, Business Services Officer *TS*

DATE: May 26, 2026

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Recommended Budget Public Hearing and Adoption and Adoption of Personnel Allocations and Salary Schedule

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

In accordance with Resolution WA-5-2012, staff brought the recommended budget for FY 2026/2027 to the Board for its review on May 13, 2026. After the budget presentation, the Board approved the recommended budget as presented for publication and set the public hearing for June 10, 2026. Staff published a public notice in a general circulation newspaper more than 10 days prior to the public hearing.

(Attached: FY 2026/27 Recommended Budget; Resolutions WA-6-2026 and WA-7-2026)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board: (1) Hold a public hearing for the Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027; (2) Adopt Resolution WA-6-2026, pending Board deems any public hearing comments were sufficiently reflected in the budget, adopting the Recommended Budget and Reserve for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 with any revisions, reductions, or additions the Board deems necessary; (3) Authorize the Board Chair to sign any budget implementation paperwork required by the County of El Dorado; and (4) Adopt Resolution WA-7-2026, approving the personnel allocations and salary schedule.

ACTION OF AGENCY

VOTE:

Unanimous _____ or

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstentions:

Absent:

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered into the minutes of the Board of Directors, El Dorado County Water Agency.

Date _____

Attest:

By _____
Clerk of the Agency

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION (continued):

On May 22, 2026 a notice was published in both the Mountain Democrat and the Tahoe Daily Tribune that a public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 (FY 2026/27) recommended budget was set for June 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. and the recommended budget was available for public review prior to the hearing. The notice also advised the public that they may attend the public hearing virtually or in person and comment on the recommended budget.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF FY 2026/27 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

It is recommended that the following take place at the June 10, 2026, Board meeting:

1. Hold the public hearing for the recommended budget
2. Board directs staff to make any revisions, reductions, or additions the Board deems necessary
3. Adopt FY 2026/27 recommended budget and reserve through Resolution WA-6-2026
4. Authorize Board Chair to sign budget documents as required by El Dorado County
5. Review the carry-over calculation used in the FY 2026/27 budget
6. Adopt Resolution WA-7-2026, approving the personnel allocations and salary schedule

RECOMMENDED BUDGET

The budget of \$11,017,294 is balanced with revenues equaling expenditures (attached). This budget was prepared using the budget and expenditure priority guidelines established in the Expenditure Priority Policy No. B-1003 (adopted November 12, 2020) and the Budget Policy No. B-1001 (adopted November 12, 2020). Since the Board presentation on May 13, 2026, the following slight modifications were made to the recommended budget expenditures; no changes in budgeted revenue were made:

- Contribution to Non-County Governmental Associations (Sub-Object 5240):
 - As part of the American River Hydrologic Observatory (ARHO) work funded by a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Grant, the Water Agency has been working with the University of California (UC), Merced on the development of two snowpack monitoring stations. In the recommended FY 2026/27 budget presented to the Board on May 13, 2026, the Water Agency included the remaining funds of \$78,940 in UC Merced's agreement to complete the ARHO work. As of the latest invoice received from UC Merced on May 21, 2026, all of these funds were expended in FY 2025/26 and the work is complete. This amount of \$78,940 was transferred within the Sub-Object 5240 budget to Other Grant Assistance, so that it could be used for supplemental grant opportunities.
 - The Water Agency has been exploring options for the long-term operations and maintenance of the ARHO snowpack monitoring stations and is currently evaluating these opportunities with the Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes (CW3E). A preliminary estimate of \$180,400 was previously provided for planned upgrades to the ARHO sites. Upon further review, it was found that this preliminary estimate did not include all the anticipated costs associated with the project so CW3E updated the estimate on May 22, 2026. The direct and overhead costs were adjusted accordingly for a total estimate of \$379,200. To make this adjustment, the additional funds were transferred within the Sub-Object 5240 budget from the ARWIN Implementation (TBD) line item, which was reduced from \$332,611 to \$133,811. All the work for ARWIN implementation, whether completed through CW3E or others, is budgeted within the remaining amount of the Water Agency's congressionally directed funding.

- Professional Services (Sub-Object 4300): The allocation of Professional Services budget amongst the Water Agency's five Implementation Programs was refined based on the individual task order proposals that were developed over the last month between staff and its consultants, and are shown in the attached recommended budget. This reallocation did not change the overall budget for this sub-object.
- County Contributions (Sub-Object 7000): As approved by the Board in 2025, the Water Agency entered into an agreement with the County to have an agency-specific ArcGIS Online account within the County's ecosystem, allowing the Water Agency to manage and update its GIS Portal directly. The funds were originally allocated under object 7000, however, the County prefers if the funds were available in object 4144. Staff have moved the funds to object 4144 and reduced the 7000 object amount accordingly.

RESERVE POLICY

The Water Agency's Policy No. B-1002, allows the creation of reserves deemed necessary for the Agency to conduct business in a fiscally responsible manner. The Water Agency's primary source of funding is currently ad valorem taxes. The majority of these taxes are received around January and late April. Since there are no provisions in the Water Agency Act that allows the Agency to borrow funds or establish a line of credit to cover the Water Agency's daily operations and legislative mandated duties prior to the receipt of ad valorem tax revenues, a cash flow reserve, called the General Cash Flow Reserve ("Cash Flow Reserve"), was established by the Board on June 3, 2009.

The purpose of the Cash Flow Reserve is to establish and maintain a permanent general revolving fund in such amount that is sufficient to assure payment of the running and operating expenses of the Agency on a cash basis. The Cash Flow Reserve may not be used for any other purpose. Any use of the Cash Flow Reserve, other than for budgeted expenses, requires further Board approval. Agency Board has established a reserve fund to cover the shortfall created by the first nine months of expenditures and the receipt of the first and second property tax payments. There is no proposed change to this reserve fund policy during FY 2025/26.

The Cash Flow Reserve must be fully replenished and restored back to the current designated amount prior to the end of each fiscal year to ensure and preserve the Agency's ability to perform its legal obligations.

The Water Agency also has an Un-Quantified Legal Obligations Reserve. The Un-Quantified Legal Obligations Reserve is the liability balance for participation in CalPERS for pension benefits. The Board created this designated reserve consistent with Policy B-1002 under Resolution WA-3-2010. No modification to either reserve is recommended this fiscal year.

PUBLIC COMMENT LETTERS

As of the date of preparation of this agenda item, no public comments have been received.

PERSONNEL ALLOCATIONS AND SALARY SCHEDULE

The Board annually adopts a resolution approving the allocated personnel positions and the applicable salary ranges included in the budget. This fiscal year's budget reflects the same position allocations as those adopted in FY 2025-26. As of April 2026, the Agency is fully staffed.

The positions included in the FY 2026/27 budget are:

- Water Agency General Manager (1)
- Water Resources Principal (2)
- Business Services Officer/Deputy Clerk (1)
- Water Agency Administrative Assistant (.5)

Total: 4.5 Full-Time Equivalents

The salary schedule for the FY 2026/27 budgeted positions remains the same as last year and is as follows:

**El Dorado County Water Agency
 Salary Schedule
 Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

Position Title		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Business Services Officer	Hourly	\$47.52	\$49.90	\$52.39	\$55.00	\$57.75
	Monthly	\$8236.80	\$8649.33	\$9080.93	\$9533.33	\$10,010.00
Water Resources Principal	Hourly	\$63.29	\$66.45	\$69.77	\$73.26	\$77.65
	Monthly	\$10,970.27	\$11,518.00	\$12,093.47	\$12,698.40	\$13,459.33
Water Agency Administrative Assistant	Hourly	\$20.50	\$21.53	\$22.60	\$23.73	\$24.92
	Monthly	\$3,553.33	\$3,731.87	\$3,917.33	\$4,113.20	\$4,319.47
Water Agency General Manager	Annual salary set periodically by Board.					

Attached for the Board's approval is Resolution WA-7-2026, which confirms the allocated positions and salary schedule for FY 2026/27.



El Dorado County Water Agency
Fiscal Year 2026-27
Recommended Budget

Recommended Budget Review:
May 13, 2026 Board Meeting

Public Hearing and Adoption of Recommended Budget set for:
June 10, 2026 Board Meeting



El Dorado County Water Agency Recommended Budget Fiscal Year 2026-27

Budget Summary Based on Policy No. B-1003 Expenditure Priority (approved November 12, 2020)

	Proposed	Revisions		Budget
	Agency Request	Amended	Mid Year	Board Approved
Estimated Carry-over				
Carry-over from Prior Fiscal Year 2025-26	4,000,000	-	-	4,000,000
Estimated Sources				
Taxes - Property	4,003,073	-	-	4,003,073
Penalty & Costs on Delinquent Taxes	1,814	-	-	1,814
Investment Income - Interest	75,000	-	-	75,000
State Grant Revenue	-	-	-	-
Redevelopment Revenue Offsets	16,565	-	-	16,565
Federal Funds/Grant Revenue	2,820,742	-	-	2,820,742
Miscellaneous Revenue	100,100	-	-	100,100
Subtotal	7,017,294	-	-	7,017,294
Combined Carry-over & Sources Total	11,017,294	-	-	11,017,294
Estimated Expenditures				
Program 1: Governance and Partnership				
Legislative Advocacy Membership	15,700	-	-	15,700
Professional Services	299,000	-	-	299,000
Contributions and Grants	149,695	-	-	149,695
Subtotal	464,395	-	-	464,395
Program 2: Water Security				
Legislative Advocacy Membership	-	-	-	-
Professional Services	4,199,196	-	-	4,199,196
Contributions and Grants	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	4,199,196	-	-	4,199,196
Program 3: Watershed Management				
Legislative Advocacy Membership	-	-	-	-
Professional Services	519,930	-	-	519,930
Contributions and Grants	1,974,445	-	-	1,974,445
Subtotal	2,494,375	-	-	2,494,375
Program 4: Assistance and Innovation				
Legislative Advocacy Membership	-	-	-	-
Professional Services	654,035	-	-	654,035
Contributions and Grants	706,307	-	-	706,307
Subtotal	1,360,342	-	-	1,360,342
Program 5: Communication and Advocacy				
Legislative Advocacy Membership	40,500	-	-	40,500
Professional Services	496,000	-	-	496,000
Contributions and Grants	16,500	-	-	16,500
Subtotal	553,000	-	-	553,000
Administration/Operations				
Salaries & Employee Benefits	1,153,438	-	-	1,153,438
Supplies, Equipment, Leases, etc.	426,345	-	-	426,345
Professional Services	248,304	-	-	248,304
EDC Service Charges	110,000	-	-	110,000
Fixed Assets	7,900	-	-	7,900
To General Cash Flow Reserves	-	-	-	-
To Designated Reserve (Legal)	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	1,945,987	-	-	1,945,987
Expenditure Total	11,017,294	-	-	11,017,294
(over) / under budget	(0)	-	-	(0)
<u>Reserve</u>				
	General Cash Flow Reserve Current Balance			1,750,000
	Un-Quantified Legal Obligations Reserve Current Balance			576,072
	FY 2026-27 Reserves Contribution			-
	Total Reserves			2,326,072

Notes: Recommended Budget May 13, 2026. Public Hearing and Recommended Budget Adoption June 10, 2026

El Dorado County Water Agency
Recommended Budget Fiscal Year 2026-27
Memberships (sub-object 4220)

Association/Group	FY 2024- 25 Actuals	FY 2025-26 Budget	FY 2026- 27 Hearing	Amended	Mid- Year	FY 2026- 27 Budget
Current Memberships						
Local Chambers of Commerce						
Public outreach and education to community business leaders on projects, programs and important issues of Water Agency and local purveyors.						
Divide Chamber of Commerce	-	159	159			159
EDC Chamber of Commerce	308	373	373			373
El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce	337	397	397			397
Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce	-	359	359			359
Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce	-	1,025	1,025			1,025
Shingle Springs/Cameron Park Chamber of Commerce	125	205	205			205
SAGE of El Dorado County Professional membership	-	231	231			231
Water Education Foundation Pillar Member	1,650	1,691	1,690			1,690
National Groundwater Association (NGWA) Professional membership	-	369	369			369
American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)	-	938	938			938
American Water Resources Association (AWRA)	546	560	560			560
Multidisciplinary association for information exchange, professional development and education about water resources and related issues.						
Miscellaneous memberships related to EDWA mission (tbd)	-	3,075	3,075			3,075
Subtotal	<u>2,966</u>	<u>9,381</u>	<u>9,380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,380</u>
Total Memberships	<u><u>2,966</u></u>	<u><u>9,381</u></u>	<u><u>9,380</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>9,380</u></u>

El Dorado County Water Agency
 Recommended Budget Fiscal Year 2026-27
 Memberships - Legislative Advocacy (sub-object 4221)

Association/Group	FY 2024- 25 Actuals	FY 2025-26 Budget	FY 2026-27 Hearing	Amended	Mid-Year	FY 2026-27 Budget
Current Memberships						
Association of CA Water Agencies (ACWA)	16,665	20,000	22,000			22,000
Central Valley Proj Water Assn	-	1,000	1,000			1,000
California Special Districts Association (CSDA)	1,809	2,000	2,500			2,500
Mountain Counties Water Resources Assn (MCWRA)	11,964	15,000	15,000			15,000
Mountain Counties Water Issues	-	-	700			700
Miscellaneous advocacy memberships related to EDWA mission (tbd)	-	15,000	15,000			15,000
Total Memberships	30,438	53,000	56,200	-	-	56,200

El Dorado County Water Agency
Recommended Budget Fiscal Year 2026-27
Professional Services (sub-object 4300)

Projects	FY 2024-25 Actuals	FY 2025-26 Budget	FY 2026-27 Hearing	Amended	Mid- Year	FY 2026-27 Budget
Governance and Partnerships	\$ 24,003	\$ 165,000	\$ 299,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 299,000
WRDMP/SP30+		\$ 100,000	\$ -			
Partnership Development		\$ 65,000	\$ 20,000			
GSA Administration and Management		\$ -	\$ 279,000			
Water Security	\$ 1,574,174	\$ 2,605,907	\$ 4,199,196	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,199,196
El Dorado Water Reliability Project		\$ 1,440,500	\$ 1,459,137			
Water Blueprints for West Slope and Tahoe Basin		\$ -	\$ 606,082			
Water Demand/Supply Planning and Development		\$ 740,407	\$ 465,000			
Regional Drought Planning		\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000			
Water Supply Conveyance Plan		\$ -	\$ 819,950			
Upstream Storage Investigations, Alder Reservoir		\$ 400,000	\$ 640,000			
Other Water Security Initiatives		\$ -	\$ 184,026			
Watershed Management	\$ 286,644	\$ 564,400	\$ 519,930	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 519,930
Watershed Program Activities		\$ 265,000	\$ 195,020			
Headwaters Connect Watershed Group		\$ -	\$ 144,910			
Grazing for Fuels Reduction to Protect Water Supply and Quality		\$ 159,400	\$ 90,000			
Stormwater Resources Planning		\$ 140,000	\$ 90,000			
Assistance and Innovation	\$ 268,541	\$ 543,800	\$ 654,035	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 654,035
Countywide Water Education/Outreach		\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000			
GIS Portal		\$ 70,000	\$ 56,000			
Assistance Activities (ARPA Administration, IMS, grant writing, etc.)		\$ 287,500	\$ 314,835			
American River Water Instrumentation Network (ARWIN)		\$ 141,300	\$ 160,200			
Draft Points for Fire Suppression		\$ -	\$ 78,000			
Communication and Advocacy	\$ 293,480	\$ 525,000	\$ 496,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 496,000
Countywide Plenary for Water		\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000			
Public Affairs Support and Outreach		\$ 200,000	\$ 171,000			
Local, State, and Federal Advocacy; Regional Coordination		\$ 260,000	\$ 260,000			
Administration/Operations	\$ 113,130	\$ 288,549	\$ 248,304	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 248,304
TOTAL	\$ 2,559,973	\$ 4,692,656	\$ 6,416,464	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,416,464

Note: The above table lists anticipated initiatives consistent with the Water Agency's Water Resources Development and Management Plan and Strategic Plan. The listed funding amounts were developed based on ongoing projects/programs status, anticipated outside funding schedules, and partnership readiness. Actual activities and total funding may vary but will stay within the overall sub-object 4300 budget. As many Water Agency initiatives span multiple years, not all funds are expected to be spent this fiscal year, and a portion is being intentionally reserved to support higher anticipated expenditures in future project phases. The Board will approve new or amended task orders for professional services for individual projects separately consistent with Purchasing Policy B-1005.

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Recommended Budget Fiscal Year 2026-27

Transportation & Travel (sub-objects 4600,4602,4608,4609,4650, 4651,4652,4654,4655,4656)

Description	Days	Nights	Hearing	Amended	Mid-year	Adopted
OVERNIGHT/OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL ^a						
Association of CA Water Agencies (ACWA)						
ACWA Fall Conference						
<i>(Southern California)</i>						
General Manager	4	3	3,500			3,500
Water Agency Employee	4	3	3,500			3,500
Water Agency Employee	4	3	3,500			3,500
Board of Director	4	3	3,500			3,500
ACWA Spring Conference						
<i>(Northern California)</i>						
General Manager	4	3	3,300			3,300
Water Agency Employee	4	3	3,300			3,300
Water Agency Employee	4	3	3,300			3,300
Board of Director	4	3	3,300			3,300
ACWA Federal Affairs Conference						
<i>(Washington, D.C.)</i>						
General Manager	5	4	5,000			5,000
Water Agency Employee	5	4	5,000			5,000
Support Staff/Consultant	5	4	5,000			5,000
Board of Director	5	4	5,000			5,000
Board of Director	5	4	5,000			5,000
Federal Affairs Follow-up (as Necessary)						
<i>(Washington, D.C.)</i>						
General Manager	4	3	4,500			4,500
Board of Director	4	3	4,500			4,500
Board of Director	4	3	4,500			4,500
Regional Chamber Conferences:						
Cap-to-Cap						
<i>(Washington, D.C.)</i>						
General Manager	5	4	6,200			6,200
Board of Director	5	4	6,200			6,200
Board of Director	5	4	6,200			6,200
USBR Sponsored by Central Valley Project Water Association						
<i>Mid-Pacific Region Water Users Conference</i>						
<i>(Nevada)</i>						
General Manager	4	3	1,800			1,800
Water Agency Employee	4	3	1,800			1,800
Urban Water Institute (UWI) 2026 Annual Conference						
<i>(California)</i>						
General Manager	4	3	2,000			2,000
Board of Director	4	3	2,000			2,000

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Transportation & Travel (sub-objects 4600,4602,4608,4609,4650, 4651,4652,4654,4655,4656)

Description	Days	Nights	Hearing	Amended	Mid-year	Adopted
OTHER OVERNIGHT/OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL ^a						
<i>(Attendance to be confirmed by GM on case-by-case situation for relevancy once conference agendas are released)</i>						
Sierra Meadows Partnership Annual Meeting						
<i>Annual Meeting (California)</i>						
Water Agency Employee	3	2	1,800			1,800
Water Agency Employee	3	2	1,800			1,800
National Ground Water Association						
<i>Conference - Meeting the Challenges of Groundwater in Fractured Rock (Vermont)</i>						
Water Agency Employee	4	3	3,200			3,200
Water Agency Employee	4	3	3,200			3,200
California Department of Water Resources						
<i>Annual Meeting of the California Cooperative Snow Surveys Program (California)</i>						
Water Agency Employee	4	3	2,000			2,000
Water Agency Employee	4	3	2,000			2,000
American Water Resources Association						
<i>Fall Conference (TBA, Out of State)</i>						
Water Agency Employee	4	3	3,500			3,500
Water Agency Employee	4	3	3,500			3,500
American Water Resources Association						
<i>Spring Conference (TBA, Out of State)</i>						
Water Agency Employee	4	3	3,500			3,500
Water Agency Employee	4	3	3,500			3,500
CSDA Board Secretary/Clerk Conference						
<i>(California)</i>						
Deputy Clerk	4	3	2,500			2,500
CSDA General Manager Leadership Summit						
<i>(California)</i>						
General Manager	4	3	3,500			3,500
ACWA Executive Edge Leadership Forum						
<i>(California)</i>						
Water Agency Employee	3	2	2,000			2,000
Water Agency Employee	3	2	2,000			2,000
RCRC Annual Meeting						
<i>(California)</i>						
Water Agency Employee	4	3	3,500			3,500
Floodplain Management Association Conference/Symposium						
<i>(California)</i>						
Water Agency Employee	4	3	2,500			2,500

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Transportation & Travel (sub-objects 4600,4602,4608,4609,4650, 4651,4652,4654,4655,4656)

Description	Days	Nights	Hearing	Amended	Mid-year	Adopted
Water Education Foundation Tour						
<i>(California)</i>						
Water Agency Employee	3	2	1,000			1,000
Lake Tahoe Summit						
<i>(California)</i>						
Water Agency Employee	2	1	1,500			1,500
Restore America's Estuaries 2026 Coastal and Estuarine Summit						
<i>(California)</i>						
Water Agency Employee	4	3	2,000			2,000
Total Budget for Other Overnight/Out-of-State Travel (Assumed up to half of conferences will be approved on case-by-case basis for relevancy to Agency)						
			24,250			24,250
LOCAL CONFERENCES (NO OVERNIGHT TRAVEL) ^a						
<i>(Attendance to be confirmed by GM on case-by-case situation for relevancy once conference agendas are released)</i>						
California Water and Environmental Modeling Forum (CWEMF)						
<i>Annual Meeting (Folsom, California)</i>						
Water Agency Employee	3	0	750			750
Water Agency Employee	3	0	750			750
Staff Training, Off-site Meetings, and Unidentified Travel ^a						
			9,500			9,500
Total Budget (breakdown by sub-object below)			127,150	-	-	127,150

Travel Budget Summary	FY 2024-25 Actuals	FY 2025-26 Budget	FY 2026-27 Hearing	Amended	Mid-Year	FY 2026-27 Budget
Registration Fees (s/o 4609) - NO OVERNIGHT	14,319	30,990	30,000	-		30,000
Transportation, Meals, & Travel - NO OVERNIGHT (s/o 4600)	^b 1,445	7,500	6,150	-		6,150
Hotel Charges Non Employee (Board Member) (s/o 4608)	-	30,990	15,000	-		15,000
Transportation & Travel - OVERNIGHT(s/o 4650,4651,4652,4654,4655,4656)	19,397	41,320	68,500	-		68,500
Private Vehicle Mileage (s/o 4602)	2,924	7,500	7,500	-		7,500
Total Services	38,084	118,300	127,150	-	-	127,150

Notes:

(a) Overnight, out-of-state travel, or travel expenditures that exceed the limits of the Travel Policies B-1006 and B-1017 will be brought to the Board for approval.

(b) Transportation & Travel (sub-object 4600) includes no overnight charges for meals, lodging, airfare, car rental, taxis, shuttles, and miscellaneous expenses (e.g., parking)

El Dorado County Water Agency

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Contribution To Non-County Governmental Associations Worksheet (sub-object 5240) and Contributions to County (sub-object 7000)

Description	Program	FY 2024-25 Actuals	FY 2025-26 Budget	FY 2026-27 Hearing	Amended	Mid- Year	FY 2026-27 Budget
Joint Delta Advocacy Program							
Joint Defense Group	3	4,850	7,500	7,500			7,500
Regional Programs							
Water Forum - City of Sacramento	1	15,002	55,000	20,000			20,000
Regional Water Authority							
Annual Associate Member Dues	1	6,359	7,500	7,500			7,500
Subscription Program: Strategic Affairs Program	1	-	11,445	11,445			11,445
Subscription Programs - BiOps/CIMIS	1	19,845	110,750	110,750			110,750
USBR ASRA Grazing Application Support	3	-	20,000	20,000			20,000
Grant Assistance							
South Tahoe P.U.D. GSA MOU	1	25,261	80,000	-			-
South Tahoe P.U.D. for TKPOA Consolidation	4	79,906	-	-			-
GDPUD Canal Lining Grant	4	34,280	-	-			-
RCD WaterSmart Post Caldor Fire Watershed Restoration*	3	9,939	1,849,565	1,841,945			1,841,945
UC Merced ARHO Grant*	4	280,586	139,270	-			-
CW3E ARWIN/ARHO Network Transition and Integration*	4	-	43,000	379,032			379,032
ARWIN Implementation (TBD)*	4	-	-	133,979			133,979
Grant Assistance (other)	4	-	150,000	187,710			187,710
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)*							
Tahoe City P.U.D.	4	-	475,000	-			-
El Dorado Irrigation District	4	-	-	-			-
Grizzly Flats C.S.D.	4	2,038,062	695,934	-			-
Georgetown Divide P.U.D.	4	-	-	-			-
Fairgrounds	4	85,414	36,038	5,586			5,586
South Tahoe PUD	4	557,320	-	-			-
Watershed Program							
Program Development with R.C.D.	3	-	25,000	25,000			25,000
Tour - West Slope Areas	5	-	15,000	15,000			15,000
Educational Programs	5	-	1,500	1,500			1,500
Sub-object 5240 Total		3,156,824	3,722,502	2,766,947	-	-	2,766,947
County Contributions (sub-object 7000)							
Town of El Dorado Drainage Study	3	-	80,000	80,000			80,000
Sub-object 7000 Total		-	80,000	80,000	-	-	80,000

*Funded in part or in whole by federal/state grants.

El Dorado County Water Agency
 Recommended Budget Fiscal Year 2026-27
 Fixed Assets (sub-objects 6040 & 6042)

	<u>FY 2024-25 Actuals</u>	<u>FY 2025-26 Budget</u>	<u>FY 2026- 27 Hearing</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Mid-Year</u>	<u>FY 2026-27 Budget</u>
Equipment: Items over \$1,500 each (sub-object 6040)						
Office furniture: Replacement due to breakage or to meet ergonomic/safety needs of staff.	-	2,500	2,500			2,500
Subtotal Equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Computers: Items over \$1,500 each (sub-object 6042)						
Computer/server hardware: Provide enhancement or replace computer related equipment to maintain Agency's technology.	3,577	5,400	5,400			5,400
Subtotal Computers	<u>3,577</u>	<u>5,400</u>	<u>5,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,400</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u><u>3,577</u></u>	<u><u>7,900</u></u>	<u><u>7,900</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>7,900</u></u>

El Dorado County Water Agency
Recommended Budget Fiscal Year 2026-27
Notes Receivable (Long-term debt repayment)

Purchase and Sale Agreement - "Texas Hill" Lands

To acknowledge a long-term notes receivable representing the last payment due from the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) for the purchase of lands from the Water Agency, which were located within the proposed Texas Hill Reservoir Site. This last payment of \$3,378,360 is due when EID obtains construction financing for and commences construction of the Texas Hill Reservoir. In the event EID or its successors in interest should ever use or sell any of the properties for any purpose inconsistent with the development of a Texas Hill Reservoir, all funds realized thereby by EID or its successors may be disbursed only to fund the development of increased water supplies or increased waste water capacity for the benefit of customers or potential customers to be served by EID or its successors.

El Dorado County Auditor's Office has advised the Water Agency that due to the uncertainty of the debt repayment, with repayment conditional upon certain events occurring and not by a certain date and/or payment plan, the annual audit report will no longer acknowledge this long-term repayment as a notes receivable. This spreadsheet is to provide historical documentation of this outstanding repayment until such time as the debt is repaid. Purchase and Sale Agreement for Texas Hill Properties approved February 6, 1996. First Amendment approved April 23, 1996.

Total Receivable 3,378,360



**EL DORADO COUNTY WATER AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS'**

Subject:	Policy No. B-1001	Page 1 of 3
Budget Policy	Date Adopted: April 14, 2010	Revised Date: November 12, 2020

1.00 PURPOSE

It is the intent of the Board to operate in a financially responsible manner and to adopt a balanced budget within the Agency's limited revenue resources.

2.00 DEFINITIONS

Expenditure Class: A major category of appropriation sub-objects within the budget. (Examples: "Salaries and Benefits", "Services and Supplies", "Fixed Assets".)

Expenditure Priority: The priority level that an expenditure receives based on the Agency's Expenditure Priority Policy (B-1003).

Operating Expense: Costs associated with the Agency's day-to-day administrative activities, including rent, utilities, office supplies, postage, legal notices, building maintenance, information technology, insurance and printing, unless related to a project.

Revenue Class: A major category of revenue sub-objects within the budget. (Examples: "Taxes", "State Revenue", "Charges for Services".)

Sub-object: A line item description of expenditures or revenues. (Example: "Office Expense" is a sub-object in the expenditure class "Services and Supplies".)

3.00 ANNUAL BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

A budget shall be developed annually for the following fiscal year. Each budget shall include a reserve consistent with the Agency's Reserve Policy (B-1002), as well as budget expenditures in accordance with the expenditure priorities outlined in the Agency's Expenditure Priority Policy (B-1003).

3.01 Proposed Budget

The proposed budget shall be drafted as follows:

- (a) An annual budget shall be prepared by the Business Services Officer based on input from the Board and General Manager;

- (b) The General Manager shall review the annual budget proposal with the Board Finance Committee [if formed]; and
- (c) A noticed public hearing for the proposed annual budget shall be held by the Board at a public Board meeting.

3.02 **Final Budget**

The final annual budget, as amended by the Board at its proposed budget public hearing, will be adopted by resolution with a majority vote at the next public Board meeting.

3.02.1 **Personnel Allocations**

With the final budget, the Board shall adopt the Personnel Allocations by resolution.

3.03 **Budget Adoption Schedule**

The budget adoption schedule may be changed by Board resolution in accordance with State law.

3.04 **Budget Amendments/Transfers**

After Board approval of the final annual budget, any revisions to the budget shall generally require prior approval of the Board. Amendments, which move funds between expenditure and revenue classes, require Board resolutions.

3.04.1 **Board Approval Exceptions**

Board approval is not required in the following situations:

- (a) If after a fiscal year ends, the actual fund balance carry-over varies less than 15% from the projected fund balance due to items encumbered in the previous fiscal year, the General Manager with assistance from the Business Services Officer may adjust the budget.
- (b) There are sufficient funds within an expenditure class to cover an over-expenditure condition of an operating expense sub-object. (Example: The utilities sub-object will be over-budget, but within the Services & Supplies class there are sufficient funds to cover the overage.)
- (c) Emergency situations as defined in the Purchasing Policy (B-1005).
 - i. This does not include any expenses, which explicitly require Board approval as defined in any of the Board policies.

3.04.2 **General Manager and Business Services Officer**

The General Manager and Business Services Officer shall be responsible for maintaining a balanced budget within Section 3.04 guidelines and bringing to the Board's attention any budget revisions that require Board approval.

4.00 BUDGET MANAGEMENT

It is the responsibility of the General Manager to maintain Agency expenditure levels within the budgeted amounts and of the General Manager and Business Services Officer to inform the Board about financial operations of the Agency, so the Board can make informed decisions and fully discharge its legal responsibilities in a fiscally sound manner.

4.01 Reports

The Business Services Officer shall submit the following reports at regularly scheduled Board meetings:

- (a) Monthly budget to actual report, which includes the revenues, expenditures, and net balance for the current fiscal year, and shows a forecast of the remainder of the fiscal year;
- (b) Monthly warrant register, which provides a brief description of all payment requests made to the County's Auditor-Controller.

5.00 EFFECTIVE DATE AND SUPERSESSION

This Policy shall be effective upon its adoption and shall supersede all prior policies, amendments, letters of intent, or positions of Agency on this subject.

5.01 Board Resolutions

Resolution Number
WA-6-2010
WA-17-2017

Date Board Approved
April 14, 2010 #15
November 8, 2017



**EL DORADO COUNTY WATER AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Subject:	Policy No. B-1002	Page 1 of 3
RESERVE POLICY	Date Adopted: June 2, 2010	Revised Date: n/a

1.00 INTRODUCTION

The Water Agency’s Board (“Board”) may establish any reserves it deems necessary for the Water Agency (“Agency”) to conduct business in a fiscally responsible manner.

2.00 ESTABLISHING A RESERVE

All reserves shall be established by resolution with a majority vote of the Board.

3.00 GENERAL CASH FLOW RESERVE

The Water Agency’s primary source of funding is ad valorem taxes, the majority of which are received around January and late April. Since there are no provisions in the Water Agency Act that allow the Agency to borrow funds or establish a line of credit to cover the Agency’s daily operations and legislative mandated duties prior to the receipt of ad valorem tax revenues, a cash flow reserve, called the General Cash Flow Reserve (“Cash Flow Reserve”), was established by the Board.

3.01 Purpose

The purpose of the Cash Flow Reserve is to establish and maintain a permanent general revolving fund in such amount that is sufficient to assure payment of the running and operating expenses of the Agency on a cash basis. The Cash Flow Reserve may not be used for any other purpose.

3.01.1 Use of the Cash Flow Reserve

The Cash Flow Reserve may only be used to cover budgeted expenditures during the fiscal year.

3.01.2 Board Approval for Use

Any use of the Cash Flow Reserve, other than for budgeted expenses, requires further Board approval.

3.02 **Calculating the Reserve Amount**

The recommended amount required for the Cash Flow Reserve is calculated by Staff based on actual expenditure history, plus adjustments for extraordinary expenditures (e.g., one-time expenditures).

3.02.1 **Frequency of Calculation**

Each fiscal year, during the budget process, the Cash Flow Reserve amount will be reevaluated by Staff to determine if the reserve amount will be adequate to meet the Agency's cash flow needs during the fiscal year operation.

3.03 **Board Review**

Based on this analysis, Staff shall make a recommendation to the Board during the budget adoption process for the Board's review and approval.

3.04 **Setting Aside the Reserve**

The Agency shall set aside a Cash Flow Reserve at the beginning of each fiscal year.

3.04.1 **End of Fiscal Year**

The Cash Flow Reserve shall be fully replenished and restored back to the current designated amount prior to the end of each fiscal year to ensure and preserve the Agency's ability to perform its legal obligations;

3.04 **Reporting**

Staff will report monthly to the Board on the use and balance of the Cash Flow Reserve.

4.00 DESIGNATED RESERVE

If the Board deems it necessary, funds for a specific expenditure or purpose may be set aside in a designated reserve.

4.01 **Purpose**

The purpose of the Designated Reserve is to establish and maintain a reserve for a specific purpose as authorized and defined by the Board.

4.01.1 **Use of the Designated Reserve**

The Designated Reserve may only be used to cover specific expenditures.

4.01.2 **Board Approval for Use**

All expenditures paid from or changes to this Designated Reserve require prior Board approval.

4.02 **Board Review and Setting Reserve Amount**

The Board will review and set the Designated Reserve amount and purpose during the budget adoption process.

4.02.1 **Board Amendments to the Designated Reserve Amount**

The Board may increase or decrease the Designated Reserve amount by Resolution during the fiscal year.

4.03 **Setting Aside the Reserve**

The Agency shall set aside the Designated Reserve at the beginning of each fiscal year.

5.00 EFFECTIVE DATE AND SUPERSESSION

This Policy shall be effective upon its adoption and shall supersede all prior policies, amendments, letters of intent, or positions of Agency on this subject.

5.01 **Board Resolutions**

Resolution Number
WA-13-2010

Date Board Approved
June 2, 2010 #12



**EL DORADO COUNTY WATER AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS'**

Subject:	Policy No. B-1003	Page 1 of 3
Expenditure Priority Policy	Date Adopted: November 12, 2020 #4	Revised Date:

1.00 PURPOSE

This Expenditure Priorities Policy (“Policy”) is to establish priorities, principles, and procedures for expenditures on projects and activities by the El Dorado County Water Agency (“Agency”) to carry out its duties under the El Dorado County Water Agency Act (“Act”) (Wat. Code App. Ch. 96).

The investment needs for the El Dorado County for advancing integrated water management for countywide benefits are significant. The Agency’s expenditures in projects and activities should be prioritized to improve countywide conditions in an efficient, effective, and responsible manner. This Policy sets the Agency’s priorities for expenditure.

2.00 GENERAL GUIDELINES

Agency’s functions, projects, and activities, and thus the associated expenditures, shall be guided by three foundational documents, which include the Agency’s authorizing Act, the Strategic Plan, and the Water Resources Development and Management Plan (“WRDMP”). Agency expenditures should adhere to the following principles:

- (a) All Agency expenditures shall be consistent with the provisions of the Act. The Act sets forth the Agency’s powers and duties, as well as their limitations, for its organization, operation, and management, and authorizes the Agency to generate revenue and make expenditures independently or in collaboration with other entities for fulfilling its duties.
- (b) The Agency is authorized to receive ad valorem, property taxes, as a revenue source. Section 96-47 of the Act specifically restricts the use ad valorem property tax revenues for “the cost of constructing any works”. “Works” is defined in Section 96-3(e) of the Act as follows:

“‘Work’ or ‘works’ includes dams and dam sites, reservoirs and reservoir sites, and all conduits and other facilities useful in the control, conservation, diversion and transmission of water, power generation and transmission facilities, and all land, property, franchises, easements, rights of way and privileges necessary or useful to operate or maintain any of the foregoing.”

- (c) Section 96-103 of the Act sets forth legislative findings to support the enactment of the Act and the creation of the countywide Agency. It sets forth the unique purposes of the Agency in supporting countywide water conservation, flood control, and development of water resources which had otherwise been unable to economically develop prior to the creation of the countywide special Agency.
- (d) Agency expenditures shall support the identified goals and objectives adopted by the Board approved Agency Strategic Plan, as amended, from time to time. The Agency Strategic Plan is subject to periodic updates to reflect changes in conditions and organization needs to fulfill the Agency’s purposes in the Act.
- (e) Agency expenditures shall be consistent with the Water Resources Development and Management Plan Policy (E-1001) for implementing the Agency WRDMP, which is a countywide water plan with an integrated water management approach and defines the Agency’s roles and responsibilities for carrying out strategies and actions consistent with the Act and the Agency Strategic Plan, and in collaboration with other entities, for long-term economic, environmental and social sustainability in El Dorado County. The WRDMP is subject to updates every five years by June 30 in years ending 4 and 9 to address changed conditions, assess progress of implementation, and realign priorities of the Agency’s actions.

3.00 EXPENDITURE PRIORITIES

Agency annual expenditures on projects and activities should be consistent with the Resource Management Strategies and the Agency roles in implementation as identified in the WRDMP.

3.01 PRIORITIES BY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Agency expenditures on projects and activities should be consistent with the Resource Management Strategies of the WRDMP and shall consider the priority rankings set forth below, and additional conditions in Section 3.02 of this Policy.

Resource Management Strategies per Water Resources Development and Management Plan	Expenditure Priority			
	1	2	3	4
1. Secure Surface Water Supply Entitlements	X			
2. Develop and Implement Demand Management		X		
3. Implement Sustainable Groundwater Management	X			
4. Increase Water Reuse				X
5. Secure Water Infrastructure	X			
6. Manage Stormwater as a Resource		X		
7. Improve Drought Preparedness and Responses	X			

8. Ensure All Residents Have Water Accessibility and Affordable Water		X		
9. Improve Watershed Management for Water Resource-Related Benefits		X		
10. Prevent Contamination of Surface Water and Groundwater Resources			X	
11. Reduce the Risk of Flooding in Communities			X	

3.02 CONDITIONS

Agency prioritization of expenditures on projects and activities are further subject to the following conditions.

- (a) Agency shall exercise preferences over projects and activities within each Resource Management Strategy with the following characteristics.
 - (i) Addressing countywide issues
 - (ii) Promoting equitable investment and countywide benefits
 - (iii) Acting proactively to adapt to changing climate and the regulatory environment
 - (iv) Positioning strategically for capturing federal and state assistances when and where available
- (b) To better leverage limited funding of the Agency, Agency shall apply a Priority 4 to a project or activity of implementing a Resource Management Strategy, regardless of the priority of the associated Resource Management Strategy in Section 3.01 of this Policy, if the project or activity is part of the existing responsibilities of a single entity that should be supported by an established funding mechanism or revenue source (e.g., a service rate structure). The Agency may consider exceptions if hardship or special circumstances exists.

3.03 AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to Water Resources Development and Management Plan Policy (E-1001), the WRDMP is to be updated every 5 years by June 30 in years ending in 4 and 9 to address changed conditions, assess progress of implementation, and realign priorities of Agency actions. When necessary, the Agency shall update the description of the Resource Management Strategies in Section 3.01 of this Policy to maintain consistency with the latest adopted version of the WRDMP.

4.00 EFFECTIVE DATE AND SUPERSESSION

This Policy shall be effective upon its adoption and shall supersede all prior policies, amendments, letters of intent, or positions of Agency on this subject.



**EL DORADO COUNTY WATER AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS'**

Subject:	Policy No. B-1015	Page 1 of 4
Grants	Date Adopted: November 12, 2020 #4	Revised Date:

1.00 PURPOSE

The El Dorado County Water Agency (“Agency”) may provide grants to incentivize entities within El Dorado County in implementing actions that contribute to Agency purposes, goals, objectives, and policy implementation, and advance integrated water management to realize economic, environmental, and social benefits countywide in an efficient and equitable manner.

This Grants Policy (“Policy”) is to establish the purpose, scope and procedures for a grant program administrated by the Agency.

1.01 LIMITATIONS

On a regular basis, Agency may initiate or respond to requests for collaborative project development with other agencies or entities within or outside El Dorado County that are consistent with the Agency powers and authority provided by the El Dorado County Water Agency Act (“Act”). Consistent with Section 96-103 of the Act, the Agency was created to support countywide water conservation, flood control, and development of water resources which are not economically achieved without Agency support. Upon approval by the Board, the Agency shall proceed with these activities consistent with the Agency Water Resources Development and Management Plan (WRDMP), complying with Water Resources Development and Management Plan Policy (Policy E-1001), Budget Policy (B-1001), and Expenditure Priority Policy (B-1003). Agency grants under this Policy are not meant to provide for these collaborative project activities.

2.00 GRANT PROGRAM

Agency shall establish a grant program by adhering to the following conditions.

2.01 AVAILABILITY OF GRANTS

Agency grants are subject to funding availability. The allowance for grants, if approved by the Board, must be included in the annual budget approved by the Board and prepared pursuant to Budget Policy (B-1001) and consistent with the Act, including Section 96-47 of the Act related to ad valorem property tax revenue expenditures.

2.02 SOLICITATION PROCESS

- (a) Agency may issue a solicitation for proposals from interested parties at a frequency that is no more than once per fiscal year with the following necessary information.

- (i) Description of the grant purpose or focus, eligibility, formats, and cost-share requirements.
 - (ii) Description of the grant process, criteria, and schedule for application, evaluation, and award of the grant.
 - (iii) Other applicable requirements and instructions.
- (b) Agency shall administer a fair and transparent solicitation process.
- (c) The final grant awards require Board approval.

2.03 FOCUS OF GRANTS

Agency awarded grants should be consistent with the implementation of the WRDMP, the Water Resources Development and Management Plan Policy (Policy E-1001), and the Expenditure Priorities Policy (B-1003). Furthermore, Agency grants should be based on the following guidance:

- (a) Agency may vary the focus of grants from year to year, as needed, given that the focus is disclosed in the solicitation and adhered to in the evaluation process.
- (b) Agency may use grants to promote education and innovation that will contribute to the long-term implementation of the Resource Management Strategies but which are not specifically identified in the WRDMP.
- (c) Agency may use grants to support the implementation actions that are of lower priorities set forth in the Expenditure Priorities Policy (B-1003) for incentivizing collaboration within El Dorado County.
- (d) Agency may establish certain preferences in the grant solicitation for potential projects that are consistent with Expenditure Priority 1 as defined in Section 3 of the Expenditure Priority Policy (B-1003).

2.04 ELIGIBILITY

Eligible recipients of Agency grants and the associated Agency grant funding are limited to entities that have specific roles, responsibilities, or interests in advancing the Agency's purposes as authorized by the Act that are one of the following entities:

- (a) County of El Dorado and incorporated cities within El Dorado County
- (b) Local government entities within in El Dorado County working to advance integrated water management, including but not limited to irrigation districts, resource conservation districts and community service districts.
- (c) Local nonprofit organizations whose purpose is to advance integrated water management in El Dorado County and who are: 1) legal nonprofit entities registered and in good standing with the State of California 2) who have obtained official tax-exempt status, which remains in effect.
- (d) Public water purveyors in El Dorado County

2.05 FORMATS OF GRANTS

Agency may vary the purpose or scope of grants as needed to meet the strategic purposes and the needs of targeted incentivized actions, provided that such purpose or scope is properly disclosed in the solicitation and followed in the evaluation process. Grants must adhere to the following provisions:

- (a) Agency grants can be in the form of financial assistance or technical assistance.
- (b) Agency grants can be used for planning or implementation purposes.
- (c) Agency grants and associated expenditures shall not fund construction of Works consistent with Section 96-47 of the Act.
- (d) Agency grants cannot be used for administrative or operating costs of the recipient entity.

2.06 COST-SHARE REQUIREMENTS

Agency grants shall include a requirement for a minimum level of cost share from the grant recipient provided the cost share requirement is properly disclosed in the solicitation and followed in the evaluation process.

- (a) The minimum level of cost share is 50 percent of the attributable cost for the proposed project or action, except for grants that are targeted for education and innovation purposes or for non-profit organizations.
- (b) Recipient's cost share can be in a form of matching fund and/or in-kind contribution. Agency may specify a limit of allowable in-kind contribution.
- (c) Recipient's matching fund and in-kind contribution cannot be for any recipient's administrative and operating costs.

3.00 AGREEMENT EXECUTION

Agency shall enter into a project-specific grant agreement with each successful grant recipient with necessary terms and conditions, including but not limited to the following requirements for reimbursable costs and procedures.

- (a) All funds shall be made available by Agency to each of the recipients on a reimbursement of actual costs expended basis, as demonstrated by copies of each recipient's paid invoices and, when in-kind contribution credit is sought, copies of each participating person's job description, time spent and confirming payroll reports to be submitted to Agency by March 1 and the following July 15 of each year for projects during the applicable budgeted fiscal year. Agency shall process such reimbursement payment requests in a timely manner, not more than twice a fiscal year; however, this paragraph shall not limit Agency's participation in continuing or multi-year projects.

- (b) All approved funding not disbursed during the applicable fiscal year shall lapse and not be further provided to the recipient and shall become part of Agency's general funds.
- (c) Recipients may request extensions of current approved grants due to certain unforeseeable reasons. Agency will consider such a request on a case-by-case manner.
- (d) Due to the funding partnership between the Agency and recipients in furtherance of the Agency's purposes and responsibilities under the Act, the Agency shall have the ability to request and receive from the recipient and have access to any data, materials, reports, investigations, models, studies, information or related material, that is derived, developed, or identified due to the project or activity that receives funding by an Agency grant..

4.00 EFFECTIVE DATE AND SUPERSESSION

This Policy shall be effective upon its adoption and shall supersede all prior policies, amendments, letters of intent, or positions of Agency on this subject.



RESOLUTION NO. WA-6-2026

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget and Reserve Amounts

WHEREAS, the Water Agency follows the legal requirements and procedures of Division 3, Title 3 of the California Government Code commencing with Section 29000, et seq. of Chapter 1, applicable to counties and special districts, when adopting its annual budget; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (“Board”) by Resolution No. WA-5-2012 adopted the process and timeframe for the submission of the recommended budget, the publication of notices for the recommended budget public hearing, and the adoption of the recommended budget consistent with the provisions of Government Code Sections 29060 through 29093; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2026, the Board approved FY 2026-2027 recommended budget for publication and set a public hearing date for the FY 2026-2027 recommended budget for June 10, 2026. A notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation at least 10 days prior to the date of the public hearing noticing the date, time and place of the public hearing and that the recommended budget is available to the public; and

WHEREAS, public notices were placed at least 10 days prior to the public hearing in the Mountain Democrat and Tahoe Daily Tribune on May 22, 2026 notifying the public of: (1) the FY 2026-2027 recommended budget’s availability for review; (2) the time and location of the public hearing on June 10, 2026; and (3) that they may attend virtually or in person and comment at the public hearing and/or submit proposals for revisions; and

WHEREAS, the Board held the public hearing for the FY 2026-2027 recommended budget on June 10, 2026, heard public comments, and considered proposed revisions; and

WHEREAS, as directed by the Board, Water Agency staff has made all revisions, deductions or increases to the recommended budget that were approved and adopted by the Board during and following the public hearing, which are included in and made a part of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board is now authorized to adopt the budget as finally determined;

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Budget of the El Dorado County Water Agency for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 be and it is hereby adopted in accordance with the following, and as amended during and following the budget public hearing and summarized in Attachment A:

Expenditures

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURES</u>	
30	Salaries & Benefits	\$1,153,438
40	Services & Supplies	\$6,899,009
50	Other Charges	\$2,766,947
50	Other Charges - EDC Interfund	\$ 110,000
60	Fixed Assets	\$ 7,900
70	Other Financing Uses	\$ 80,000
78	Increase to Designated Reserve	<u>\$ -0-</u>
	Total Expenditures:	<u>\$ 11,017,294</u>

Funding Sources

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>MEANS OF FINANCING - FUND BALANCE</u>	
22	Carry-over from June 30, 2026 (FY 2025-2026)	<u>\$4,000,000</u>
<u>CLASS</u>	<u>MEANS OF FINANCING</u>	
01	Taxes - Property	\$4,002,766
01	Taxes - Other (Timber Yield Tax)	\$ 307
03	Penalty & Costs on Delinquent Taxes	\$ 1,814
04	Revenue-Use of Money & Property (Interest)	\$ 75,000
05	Intergovernmental Revenue - State	\$ -0-
05	St: Other	\$ -0-
10	Federal Other	\$2,820,742
12	Other Governmental Agencies	\$ 16,565
19	Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 100,100
20	Other Financing Sources	\$ -0-
22	Use of Reserves	<u>\$ -0-</u>
	Subtotal:	<u>\$7,017,294</u>
	Total – Financing Means with Carry-over:	<u>\$11,017,294</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board does hereby set, establish and orders maintained a committed general cash flow reserve balance in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 at \$1,750,000 [balance of reserves at end of Fiscal Year 2025-2026, plus Fiscal Year 2026-2027 contribution (-\$0-) less the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 appropriation to Use of Reserves (\$-0-)].

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board does hereby set, establish and orders maintained a committed Un-Quantified Legal Obligations Reserve in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 at \$576,072

[balance of reserves at end of Fiscal Year 2025-2026, plus Fiscal Year 2026-2027 contribution (-\$0-) less the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 appropriation to Use of Reserves (\$-0-)].

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect and be effective July 1, 2026 its Effective Date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any and all resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed as of the Effective Date of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE Board of Directors of the El Dorado County Water Agency at a regular meeting of said Board, held on June 10, 2026, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

ATTEST:

By _____
Clerk of the Agency

By _____
Chair, Board of Directors

I CERTIFY THAT:

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.

DATE _____

ATTEST:

By _____
Clerk of the Agency



RESOLUTION NO. WA-6-2026

**OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
EL DORADO COUNTY WATER AGENCY**

**Resolution Adopting the
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget and Reserve Amounts**

Attachment “A”

[This attachment will be updated based on the action taken by the Board of Directors during the public hearing on June 10, 2026.]

On June 10, 2026 the Board of Directors:

- Adopted the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Recommended Budget and reserve amounts as made available to the public during the public review period and presented to the Board of Directors during the public hearing.
- Adopted the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Recommended Budget and reserves with the following revisions, reductions and/or additions during the public hearing:

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Recommended Budget is adopted as follows:

Expenditures

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURES</u>	
30	Salaries & Benefits	\$
40	Services & Supplies	\$
50	Other Charges	\$
50	Other Charges - EDC Interfund	\$
60	Fixed Assets	\$
70	Other Financing Uses	\$
78	Increase to Designated Reserve	\$
	Total Expenditures:	\$ <u><u> </u></u>

Funding Sources

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>MEANS OF FINANCING - FUND BALANCE</u>	
22	Carry-over from June 30, 2026 (FY 2025-2026)	\$ <u> </u>
<u>CLASS</u>	<u>MEANS OF FINANCING</u>	
01	Taxes - Property	\$
01	Taxes - Other (Timber Yield Tax)	\$
03	Penalty & Costs on Delinquent Taxes	\$
04	Revenue-Use of Money & Property (Interest)	\$
05	Intergovernmental Revenue - State	\$
05	St: Other	\$
10	Federal Other	\$
12	Other Governmental Agencies	\$
19	Miscellaneous Revenues	\$
20	Other Financing Sources	\$
22	Use of Reserves	\$
	Subtotal:	\$ <u> </u>
	Total – Financing Means with Carry-over:	\$ <u><u> </u></u>

Reserves

General Cash Flow Reserves	\$
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RESOLUTION NO. WA-7-2026

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Resolution Adopting the Personnel Allocations and Salary Schedule for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

WHEREAS, the Water Agency follows the legal requirements and procedures of Division 3, Title 3 of the California Government Code, commencing with Section 29000, et seq. of Chapter 1, applicable to counties and special districts when adopting its annual budgets; and

WHEREAS, the Government Code Section 29007 requires that the salary rates or ranges for each position allocated in the budget be adopted annually; and

WHEREAS, the Government Code also requires that the total allocated positions be approved by the Board on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the Water Agency by this Resolution hereby specifies the number of all budgeted positions within the Water Agency and the salary rates or ranges of the positions;

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the authorized personnel allocations of the Water Agency for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027, and the number of all authorized positions in the Water Agency, are set forth as follows:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
• Water Agency General Manager	1
• Water Resources Principal	2
• Business Services Officer	1
• Water Agency Administrative Assistant	0.5
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Total Allocated Positions:	4.5

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the current Salary Schedule for all allocated positions be established as follows:

**El Dorado County Water Agency
 Salary Schedule
 Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

Position Title		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Business Services Officer	Hourly	\$47.52	\$49.90	\$52.39	\$55.00	\$57.75
	Monthly	\$8236.80	\$8649.33	\$9080.93	\$9533.33	\$10,010.00
Water Resources Principal	Hourly	\$63.29	\$66.45	\$69.77	\$73.26	\$77.65
	Monthly	\$10,970.27	\$11,518.00	\$12,093.47	\$12,698.40	\$13,459.33
Water Agency Administrative Assistant	Hourly	\$20.50	\$21.53	\$22.60	\$23.73	\$24.92
	Monthly	\$3,553.33	\$3,731.87	\$3,917.33	\$4,113.20	\$4,319.47
Water Agency General Manager	Annual salary set periodically by Board.					

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect and be effective July 1, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any and all resolutions in conflict with this Resolution, specifically including Resolutions WA-7-2012 are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed as of the Effective Date of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the El Dorado County Water Agency at a regular meeting of said Board, held on June 10, 2026, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

ATTEST:

By _____
 Clerk of the Agency

By _____
 Chair, Board of Directors

I CERTIFY THAT:

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.

DATE _____

ATTEST:

By _____
Clerk of the Agency

AGENDA REQUEST
Regular Meeting, June 10, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Rebecca Guo, P.E., General Manager *RG*

DATE: June 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Alder Creek Reservoir Appraisal Study Project Team Selection

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Water Agency posted a Request for Proposals (RFP) on March 11, 2026 for Development of the Alder Creek Reservoir and Conservation Project Appraisal Study, with an addendum to the RFP containing answers to questions received by prospective applicants posted on March 27, 2026. The RFP deadline was April 23, 2026 and the Water Agency received proposals from six firms. After reviewing the six proposals and consulting with Reclamation staff, the Water Agency invited the three top project teams to present on their proposal at an in-person interview. Following the interview process Stantec was unanimously selected as the top project team.

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(Attached: Request for Proposals for Development of the Alder Creek Reservoir and Conservation Project Appraisal Study)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board: 1) make a finding that contracting with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for the Development of the Alder Creek Reservoir and Conservation Project Appraisal Study (Project) supports the Water Agency in carrying out its mission; 2) authorize the General Manager to sign the Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for \$500,000 in a form acceptable to legal counsel.

ACTION OF AGENCY ON:

VOTE:

Unanimous _____ or

Ayes:

Date _____

Noes:

Attest:

Abstentions:

By _____
Clerk of the Agency

Absent:

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION (continued):

The Water Agency has been working with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), regarding water supply and management activities along the American River Basin. In 2022, the American River Basin Study was completed by Reclamation, the Water Agency, and several regional water purveyors. From this study, the Alder Creek Water Storage and Conservation Project (Project) was identified as one of the six climate change adaptation strategies to replace lost storage from reduced snowpack and earlier snowmelt to improve water supply reliability in the foothills and Central Valley Project water supply from Folsom Reservoir. Reclamation is interested in performing an Appraisal Study for the Project to evaluate Reclamation's interest in participation in the Project and define the essential scope elements required for a subsequent feasibility-level investigation.

The foothill areas were identified as vulnerable in the American River Basin Study to shifting weather patterns due to the limited alternative sources of water since local fractured rock groundwater is not a meaningful and reliable supplemental water supply source. The study also found that small water systems and rural communities are especially vulnerable. Out of the study's six regional adaptation portfolios, only this Project was identified to significantly address this vulnerability. The Project has potential to improve local water supply reliability and drought protection by increasing surface water storage for use in the West Slope. With recent years of drought and fluctuating snowpacks, having additional storage for use within the county helps offset this vulnerability. In addition, there are multiple downstream benefits including enhancing regional and Central Valley Project water supply reliability, supporting Bay Delta water quality, improving temperature management for anadromous fish in the Lower American River, providing upstream flood attenuation for Folsom Reservoir, creating new recreation opportunities in a high-elevation Sierra Nevada setting, and generating clean hydropower.

The Project is a proposed high-elevation, off-stream storage facility located in the headwaters of Alder Creek, a tributary to the South Fork American River, approximately 25 miles east of Placerville in El Dorado County, California. At about 5,500 feet elevation in the Eldorado National Forest and above a natural fish barrier, the site is ideally situated to capture low-turbidity snowmelt runoff. The project has a long history, first noted in a 1916 Reclamation report and later included in PG&E's 1922 FERC license for Project 184. In the 1970s, it was envisioned as a principal storage feature of the South Fork American River Project, but following financing challenges, smaller alternatives were explored. More recently, it has been identified in the Sacramento–San Joaquin River Basin Study and the American River Basin Study as an important climate adaptation measure for addressing projected long-term reductions in Sierra Nevada snowpack.

The Appraisal Study will be conducted in alignment with Reclamation Manual Directive and Standard for Water and Related Resources Appraisal and Special Studies (CMP 09-01), authorized under Public Law 108-361, Title II, Section 202 (October 2004). The study will, to the extent possible, leverage existing information and data from prior studies and investigations, including the American River Basin Study and pertinent local studies. Selective critical updates will be identified and implemented if necessary to determine if there are sufficient federal interests to proceed in the Federal Feasibility Study. This appraisal study is intended to be a brief, preliminary investigation consistent with relevant Reclamation Directives and Standards. Through negotiations with Reclamation, it was added in the MOU that the Water Agency is

responsible for soliciting and retaining consultants and executing the work, thereby improving efficiency and empowering local control over Project development.

Completion of the Appraisal Study is not an authority to move forward with preparing environmental and engineering documents to the construction of a reservoir – it is intended to identify federal and local interests and provide guidance in the preparation of a Project Feasibility Studies for the reservoir. While not a decision document, the Appraisal Report will provide Reclamation and the Water Agency with the critical technical and economic foundation needed to determine:

- 1) whether a viable project alternative warrants further investigation, and
- 2) which scope elements, risks, and analytical refinements would be required at the feasibility level.

Consultant Selection Process Details

The Water Agency transmitted a Request for Proposals (RFP) to the vendor pool, other firms with relevant dam experience, and posted publicly on March 11, 2026 for Development of the Alder Creek Reservoir and Conservation Project Appraisal Study with a deadline of April 23, 2026. After receiving clarifying questions from several applicants, the Water Agency posted an addendum to the RFP including questions and answers and modifications to the original RFP. This addendum was posted on March 27, 2026.

The Agency received proposals from the following six firms:

- Precision Consulting Firm, LLC (Precision)
- AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM)
- CDM Smith, Inc. (CDM Smith)
- DR Reed and Associates, Inc. (REED)
- GEI Consultants, Inc. (GEI)
- Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (Stantec)

Based on the following selection criteria provided in Section IX of the RFP, each proposal was reviewed:

1. Completeness of Response (Pass/Fail) – ensuring responses are complete
2. Understanding of and Capability to Perform Scope in the RFP (50%) – demonstrating a thorough understanding of the Project, sound technical approach, and understanding of the region
3. Relevant Work Experience and Expertise (15%) – demonstrating ability to perform similar activities through relevant experience
4. Project Team Quality and Capabilities (15%) – demonstrating deep project team experience
5. Financial Responsibility (20%) – demonstrating financial responsibility

Based on these five criteria, the six proposers received the following scores (out of a possible 5 points) after the initial proposal review by Water Agency and Reclamation staff:

- Stantec – 4.83
- AECOM – 4.78
- REED – 4.65
- CDM Smith – 4.53
- GEI – 4.45
- Precision – 1.85

As shown by these scores, the Water Agency received multiple qualified firms who demonstrated ability to deliver the Project. Based on these scores, the teams from Stantec, AECOM, and REED were invited to come to the Water Agency office to provide a 20-minute presentation on their proposal followed by a question and answer session of five interview questions. Interviews were held on May 26, 2026 (REED) and May 27, 2026 (Stantec and AECOM), with the following interview panelists from the Agency and Reclamation:

- Brian Veerkamp, Water Agency Board of Directors and El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
- Rebecca Guo, General Manager, Water Agency
- Jake Sahl, Water Resources Principal, Water Agency
- Mark Curney, Project Integration Chief and Acting Deputy Folsom Area Manager, Reclamation
- Todd Dooley, Engineer, Reclamation

Following the interviews, the interview team held a debrief. While this was an extremely competitive process with strong proposals from multiple qualified firms, the interview team unanimously ranked the Stantec team the highest, with the following notes:

- The project team has a high familiarity with both the American River basin and Reclamation requirements / federal interests, including expertise on large reservoir projects and previous studies evaluating the Alder Creek reservoir.
- The project team provided a detailed approach touching on all major considerations for the appraisal study and demonstrated a familiarity with the requirements of successfully completing the project.
- The project team provided a strong framework for using the Appraisal Study to address challenges that might arise at later stages of the Project, should the project progress to the feasibility analysis phase (and beyond).
- The project team has proven experience with Reclamation, reservoir-related studies, and operations modeling using CalSim and ARIOps.
- The cost proposal was competitive to the other firms and identifies potential cost efficiencies from building off of past studies performed by Stantec related to the Project.

Stantec was informed that they had been selected for Development of the Alder Creek Reservoir and Conservation Project Appraisal Study on May 28, 2026. The REED, AECOM, CDM Smith, GEI, and Precision project teams were notified that they were not selected on May 28, 2026, and were offered the opportunity to debrief with Water Agency staff and discuss the Agency's reasoning.

Selection of Stantec is consistent with the Water Agency's Purchasing Policy B-1005 as the selection of a Consultant to provide professional services was on the basis of demonstrated competence and on the professional qualifications necessary for the satisfactory performance of the services required to develop the Project.

Stantec Proposal Overview

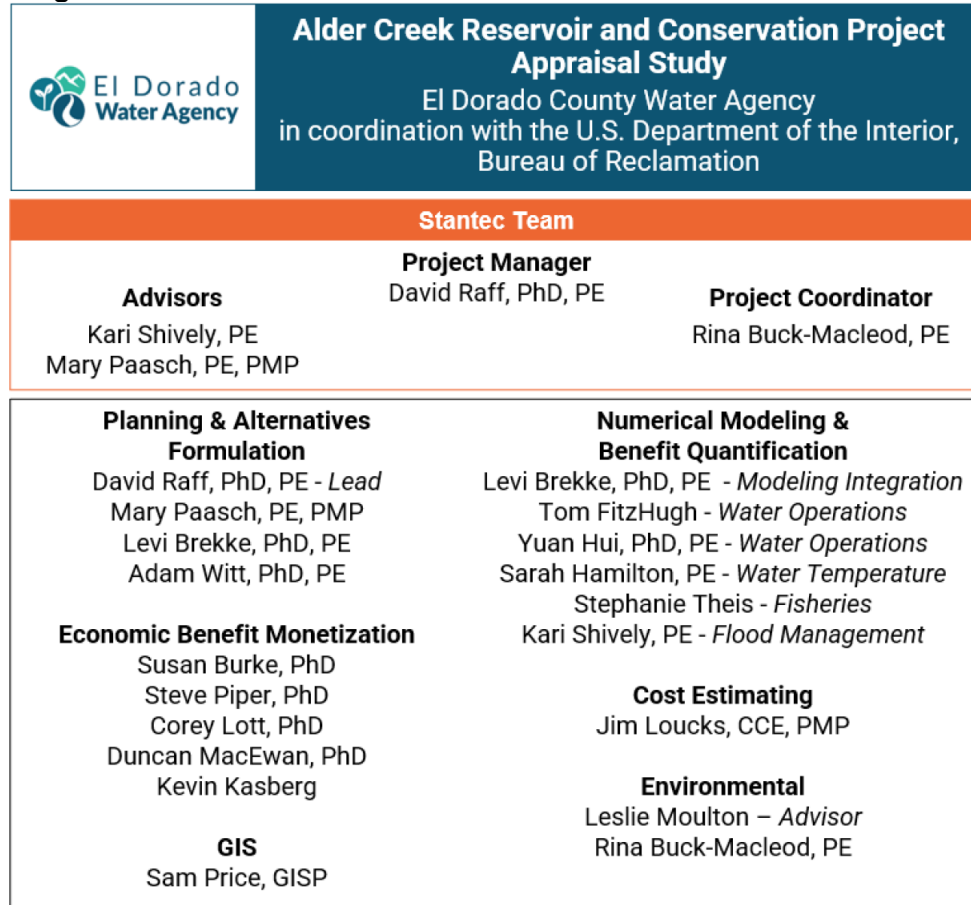
The Stantec team's proposal highlighted that the Appraisal Study will build on existing engineering, hydrologic, operational, and engineering design/cost information to efficiently examine whether a viable project alternative exists that demonstrates sufficient federal interest to proceed to a feasibility study.

Furthermore the team identified that the Appraisal Study will evaluate a reasonable range of alternatives, including a No Action Alternative, non-structural or reduced infrastructure options, and up to three potential structural configurations. Particular emphasis will be placed on identifying, quantifying, and comparing appraisal-level economic benefits, including—but not limited to—water supply reliability (agricultural and municipal and industrial [M&I]) for El Dorado County and CVP water users, flood risk reduction, operational flexibility for Folsom Reservoir, environmental and temperature management benefits, hydropower potential, and recreation. These benefits will be evaluated in a manner consistent with the Principles, Requirements, and Guidelines (PR&G) and Reclamation economic analysis guidance, recognizing the level of detail appropriate for an appraisal study.

Stantec has assembled a team of experienced experts, as shown in Figure 1, that bring the Water Agency and Reclamation the following benefits:

- Deep understanding of the Upper American River watershed and its management
- Strong proficiency with economic tools and experience estimating economic benefits for appraisal and feasibility studies
- Deep understanding of Reclamation requirements

Figure 1. Organization Chart for Stantec Team



Subconsultants:
 Dynamic Geospatial Solutions Environmental Science Associates ERA Economics SLP Economics

Key:
 CCE = Certified Cost Estimator GISP = Geographic Information Systems Professional
 PE = Professional Engineer PMP = Project Management Professional

Table 1 provides a summarized budget estimate to complete the Project.

Table 1. Budget and Hour Estimate for Stantec Team

Task #	Task	Hours	Cost Estimate
1	Project Management and Reclamation Agreement Management	156	\$ 36,096
2	PMT Coordination and Outreach	156	\$ 45,154
3	Problems and Needs, Goals, Objectives, Principles and Constraints	58	\$ 13,208
4	Identify and Screen Initial Options	114	\$ 30,810
5	Preliminary Alternative Formulation	218	\$ 54,746
6	Benefits Evaluation	658	\$ 136,330
7	Appraisal Cost Estimates	54	\$ 11,944
8	Benefit-Cost Analysis	48	\$ 11,852
9	Environmental Screening	174	\$ 41,520
10	Institutional Considerations	66	\$ 16,014
11	Draft and Final Appraisal Study Report	372	\$ 81,988
12	Feasibility Plan of Study (as needed)	104	\$ 20,212
Totals		2,178	\$ 499,874

Policy

The recommended action is consistent with the Water Agency’s relevant plans and policy as follows:

2026-2030 Strategic Plan

- *IP2b Water Security*: This goal focuses on the Water Agency’s efforts to prepare El Dorado County for both projected needs and uncertainty of climate and regulatory conditions through preparation of an implementation roadmap which includes exploring development of regional surface water storage, among others.

2024 Water Resources Development and Management Plan

- *Board Policy E-1001 – Policy WRDMP-04*: The implementation of the WRDMP shall be based on collaborative principles for developing partnership with regional, state, and federal agencies who share resource management responsibilities and cooperate in creating mutual benefits.
- *Resource Management Strategy 5b*: Develop new high-elevation off-stream storage to replace lost snowpack and increase water supply reliability as a climate adaptation strategy.

The RFP was issued pursuant to the Water Agency’s Purchasing Policy B-1005, which provides guidelines for contracting for goods and services.

Fiscal

The cost of preparing the Appraisal Study will be shared 50 percent Reclamation and 50 percent Water Agency for a total \$500,000. The Water Agency will use its property tax revenue. Initiation of the study was anticipated and budgeted for this fiscal year as part of the annual budget process. There are sufficient funds in sub-object 4300 to cover this expense.



**Request for Proposals (RFP)
#2026-101**

for
Development of the Alder Creek Reservoir and
Conservation Project Appraisal Study

Submittal Deadline:
Thursday April 23, 2026, not later than 5:00 PM (Pacific)

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I. INTRODUCTION

El Dorado County Water Agency (Agency) is a California public agency formed pursuant to the El Dorado County Water Agency Act, California Water Code Appendices Chapter 96 (Act), whose mission is, “ensuring that El Dorado County has adequate and affordable water, through collaboration, to support economic prosperity, watershed health, and the rural-agricultural way of life for today and in the future.” The Agency is responsible for managing water resources throughout El Dorado County which are part of California’s headwaters. The majority of the county lies in the Upper American River Watershed, which drains directly into the Folsom Dam and Reservoir, a part of the Central Valley Project. Under its Water Security program, the Agency is performing an appraisal study, in partnership with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), for the proposed Alder Creek Reservoir and Conservation Project.

The Agency hereby gives notice that it is now accepting proposals for the development of the Alder Creek Reservoir and Conservation Project Appraisal Study (Study), to be performed over the course of 18 months from July 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027.

It is the responsibility of the consultant to be familiar with all the specifications, terms and conditions of the RFP—including those contained in addenda, if any. By the submission of a proposal, the consultant certifies, that if awarded a contract, it will make no claim against the Agency based on ignorance of conditions or misunderstanding of the requirements.

The proposal, in whole or in part, are not to be marked confidential or proprietary, and will become the property of the Agency. The Agency may refuse to consider any proposal or part thereof so marked. Proposals submitted in response to this RFP may be subject to public disclosure. The Agency will not be liable in any way for disclosure of any such records. All costs associated with development of the proposal shall be the sole responsibility of the proposing firm and shall not be charged in any manner to the Agency.

The Agency reserves the right to amend this RFP or the criteria for consultant selection in any manner, to cancel this RFP, or to reject any one or all proposals at its discretion, thus not awarding a contract to any firm.

II. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Proposals will be received by the Agency electronically via email, until 5:00 p.m. on April 23, 2026. The email submission shall include a .pdf attachment of the proposal. Submitter should label its email: “Proposal for Alder Appraisal Study RFP #2026-101.”

The proposal shall be emailed to: EDCWA@edcgov.us

III. AGENCY BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Agency collaborates with water entities to develop local water supplies and resource management strategies to proactively address long-term water supply reliability, climate

resiliency, and regulatory requirements. Its role and responsibilities in countywide water resource development and management are designed to help fulfill the County of El Dorado's adopted General Plan. The Agency does not own any water facilities nor provide water supply directly to any water users.

The Agency's actions and direction are based on the 2024 Water Resources Development and Management Plan (WRDMP), a long-term policy document outlining resource management strategies to proactively address changing water resources needs, regulatory requirements, and climate variability. This document and additional information about the Agency are available at <https://edwateragency.org/>.

IV. APPRAISAL STUDY BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Alder Creek Reservoir and Conservation Project is a proposed high-elevation, off-stream storage facility located in the headwaters of Alder Creek, a tributary to the South Fork American River, approximately 25 miles east of Placerville in El Dorado County, California. At about 5,500 feet elevation in the Eldorado National Forest and above a natural fish barrier, the site is ideally situated to capture low-turbidity snowmelt runoff. The project has a long history, first noted in a 1916 Reclamation report and later included in PG&E's 1922 FERC license for Project 184. In the 1970s, it was envisioned as a principal storage feature of the South Fork American River Project, but following financing challenges, smaller alternatives were explored. More recently, it has been identified in the Sacramento–San Joaquin River Basin Study and the American River Basin Study as an important climate adaptation measure for addressing projected long-term reductions in Sierra Nevada snowpack.

Over time, Alder Creek Reservoir has been analyzed in multiple sizes, allowing scalability to match funding, environmental considerations, and operational priorities. Table 1 and Figure 1 show the major components of the Project that were designed and evaluated. Note that the size of these components reflects the large-scale option for the project.

The large-scale option presently calls for a rockfill dam with a crest elevation of about 5,485.5 feet, a crest length of roughly 3,700 feet, and a maximum height of 352 feet above the streambed. It would store approximately 175,000 AF of water, about 168,000 AF active storage, fed by Alder Creek flows and diversions from the South Fork American River and potentially Silver Fork via a network of tunnels and pipelines. This configuration could also produce up to 470,000 megawatt-hours annually from three downstream hydroelectric powerhouses with a combined capacity of about 110 megawatts. Its deep, narrow profile would minimize evaporation, and the granite canyon setting would limit land disturbance.

The mid-range option provides about 60,000 AF of storage with seasonal pumped-storage capability and a 14 MW powerhouse generating up to 81,000 MWh per year. It would deliver greater flexibility for meeting local and regional water demands, offer expanded hydropower output, and support grid stability, while maintaining a more moderate footprint.

The smallest configuration envisions a 32,000 AF reservoir with a single 10 MW

powerhouse producing about 56,000 MWh annually, focusing on improving local supply reliability and producing renewable energy at a smaller scale, with fewer permitting and construction challenges but limited regional system benefits.

Across all sizes, Alder Creek Reservoir could deliver multiple benefits, enhancing regional and CVP water supply reliability, supporting Delta water quality, improving temperature management for anadromous fish in the Lower American River, providing upstream flood attenuation for Folsom Reservoir, creating new recreation opportunities in a high-elevation Sierra Nevada setting, and generating clean hydropower. The project can be developed as a phased, multi-benefit investment: initial construction could deliver a core dam and reservoir sized for near-term priorities, with later expansions, such as additional diversion systems, pumped-storage facilities, or extra powerhouse units, added as needs evolve and resources allow. This approach would enable early realization of benefits while preserving the option to achieve the full-scale vision that has been the focus of past large-option studies.

Table 1. Alder Creek Project Components for the Large-Scale Option

Project Component	Description Assuming Large-Scale Option	Potential Purpose
1. Alder Dam	175,000 AF reservoir, 352-ft high rockfill dam	Water Supply, Flood
2. Forni Diversion Dam	Structure on South Fork American River	Water Supply, Flood
3. Forni Tunnel	27,900 ft. long horseshoe-shaped rock tunnel	Water Supply, Flood
4. Silver Fork Siphon (connects Forni and Silver Fork Tunnels)	6,450 ft. reinforced concrete pipeline	Water Supply, Flood
5. Sherman Diversion Dam	Structure on Silver Fork (Sherman Canyon)	Water Supply (optional)
6. Silver Fork Pipeline	13,750 ft. reinforced concrete pipeline	Water Supply (optional)
7. Silver Fork Tunnel	18,000 ft. rock tunnel	Water Supply
8. Plum Creek Conduit	7,000 ft. tunnel, 7,300 ft. pipeline, 6,000 ft. penstock	Hydropower (optional)
9. Plum Creek Powerhouse	42.7 MW generating unit	Hydropower (optional)
10. Upper Park Creek Conduit	Pipeline No.1 (500 ft), Tunnel No.1 (18,350 ft)	Hydropower (optional)
11. Park Creek Powerhouse	6.9 MW generating unit	Hydropower (optional)
12. Lower Park Creek Conduit	Pipelines (~30,000 ft), Tunnels (~7,575 ft total)	Hydropower (optional)
13. Jenkinson Lake Diversion	Diversion infrastructure to Jenkinson Lake	Hydropower (optional)
14. El Dorado Forebay (Existing)	Modifications for joint Alder/EID operation	Hydropower (optional)
15. El Dorado Powerhouse No. 2	60.8 MW generating unit	Hydropower (optional)

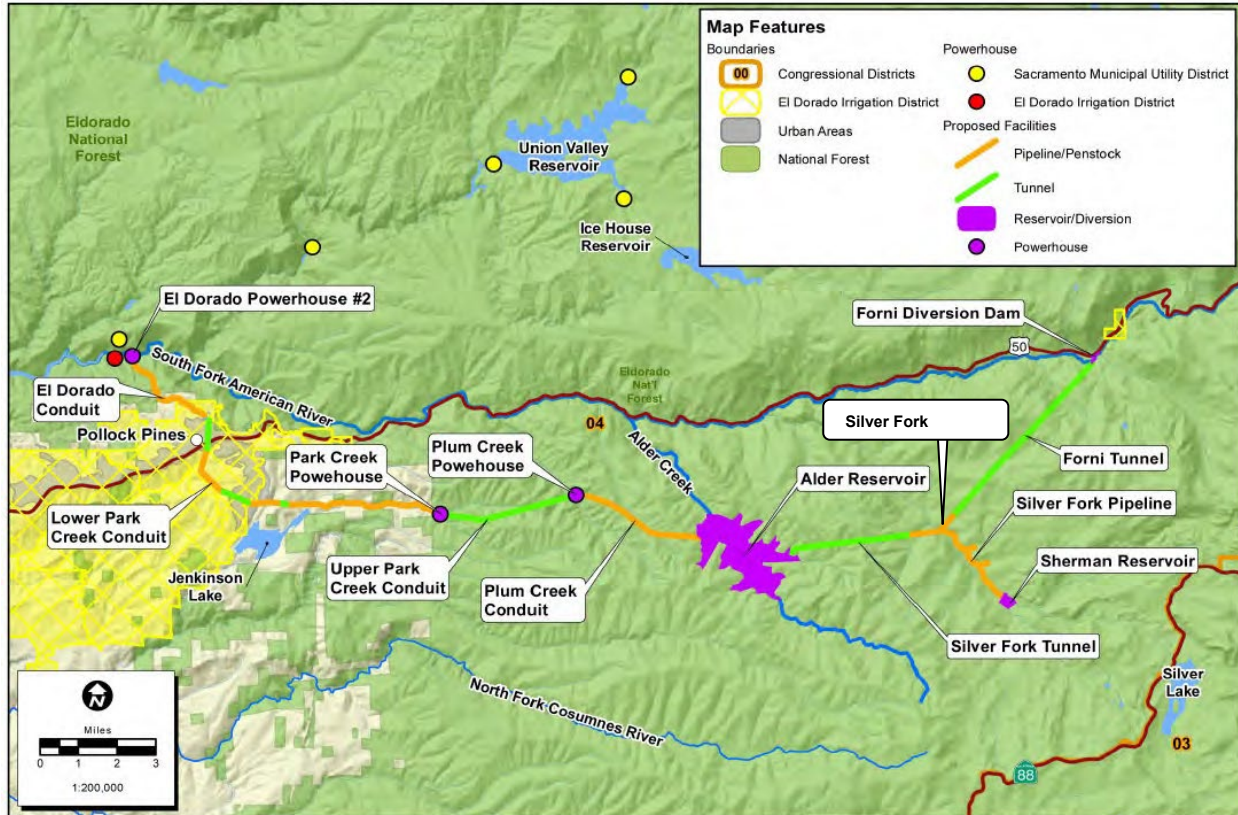


Figure 1. Location of Alder Creek Project Components for the Large-Scale Option

A. APPRAISAL STUDY PURPOSE AND APPROACH

The appraisal study purpose is to:

- Evaluate Reclamation’s interest in participation in the Alder Creek Water Storage and Conservation Project.
- Define the essential scope elements required for a subsequent feasibility-level investigation.

The appraisal study will be conducted in alignment with Reclamation Manual Directive and Standard for Water and Related Resources Appraisal and Special Studies (CMP 09-01), authorized under Public Law 108-361, Title II, Section 202 (October 2004). The study will, to the extent possible, leverage existing information and data from prior studies and investigations, including Reclamation’s American River Basin Study and pertinent local studies. Selective critical updates will be identified and implemented if necessary to determine if there are sufficient federal interests to proceed in the Federal Feasibility Study. This **appraisal study is intended to be a brief, preliminary investigation** consistent with CMP 05-02 and CMP 05-06.

The appraisal study will review the project benefits and potential opportunities to integrate the project with the existing CVP facility and operations and will assess how the project may support federal interests such as those listed above.

V. ANTICIPATED SCOPE OF WORK

The anticipated scope of work is found in Attachment “A” attached to this RFP. The successful qualification(s) will demonstrate sufficient staff resources, expertise, relevant experience, and lack of disabling professional conflicts to perform the anticipated scope of work, along with demonstrated commitments to cost-control and client service that meet the Agency’s needs.

VI. QUESTIONS/ADDENDA

Any questions regarding this RFP shall be submitted in writing via email to EDCWA@edcgov.us. To be considered, questions must be received by the Agency no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 26, 2026.

The Agency may, if deemed necessary, respond to such questions by issuance of formal written addenda, interpreting or clarifying the requirements of this RFP. The Agency may also issue addenda to modify the RFP as deemed advisable by the Agency. All such addenda shall be part of this RFP and binding upon each proposer.

The Agency may, upon inquiry, orally direct a firm’s attention to specific provisions of the RFP which cover the subject of the inquiry. However, all supplemental information provided by the Agency during the RFP process shall not be binding unless communicated by formal written addenda.

The most current supporting information and addenda for this RFP can be found on the Agency business webpage: <https://www.edwateragency.org/Newsroom>. Each proposer is solely responsible for obtaining all addenda posted on the Agency’s website.

After review of the proposals, the Agency may elect to not conduct formal interviews, but instead may contact proposers to clarify information in their proposals.

VII. INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED IN PROPOSAL

A. FORMAT

Each proposal shall be emailed to the contact person and by the date listed in Section II. The proposal must be provided in a **searchable and bookmarked PDF file format**. Text must be in at least 10-point font.

B. CONTENT

To assist the selection committee in making a determination, the Agency requires that all proposers adhere to the response format outlined below. Responses should be concise, well-organized, focused on the information requested, and adhere to the page limits for each section where identified.

Responses to this RFP shall include the following in this order:

- **Cover Letter** (not to exceed one (1) page)

The letter should summarize the key points contained in the proposal and be signed by the authorized signatory who can negotiate on behalf of, and contractually bind, the proposer during the selection process. The letter must include the authorized signatory's name, title, and contact information.

- **Table of Contents**

Include a table of contents listing the individual sections of the proposal and their corresponding page numbers. The PDF form should have a bookmark link for the start of each section.

- **Section 1 – Proposed Project Approach** (not to exceed fifteen (15) pages)

1. Approach: Describe your preliminary approach to each task in Attachment A. Identify additional tasks, if any, that you believe are essential or advisable to constitute a more complete scope of work.
2. Schedule: Provide your approach to complete the various tasks within 18-months from Notice of Completion.
3. Risk Management: Describe your approach to avoid delays and cost overruns, along with your approach to quality assurance and control for your firm's work product.

- **Section 2 – Qualifications** (not to exceed seven (7) pages, excluding resumes)

Provide the following information:

1. Team members and project team organization.
2. Consultant's capabilities and experience completing similar studies efficiently and cost-effectively.
3. Demonstration of successful cooperation with local, State, and Federal agencies and other stakeholders in completing similar studies.
4. Reference names, affiliations, emails, and contact information for three (3) professionals familiar with the Firm's qualifications for similar studies.
5. Project summaries for three (3) similar projects completed in the last five years. These may be different projects than those used for references.
6. Resumes of key personnel

- **Section 3 – Cost Proposal**

Provide a cost estimate on a fully burdened hourly labor rates by classification with a firm not-to-exceed amount. All proposals must include a complete and current table of hourly rates and charges in the proposal for all timekeepers (including any subconsultants) that are reasonably anticipated to perform work under the proposed contract. The hourly rates are to remain constant over the entire 18-month contract period. Refer to Section V for additional information on the cost proposal.

- **Section 4 – Contract and Insurance Requirements** (not to exceed two (2) pages)

All successful proposers will be required to execute a contract in the form shown in Attachment “B” attached hereto and to meet the insurance requirements of Paragraph 9 of Attachment “B”. Professional liability insurance is required. Please indicate your firm’s willingness and ability to comply with these requirements or set forth any requested exceptions. Identify all current and reasonably foreseeable actual or potential professional conflicts that could hinder the provision of the requested services, and propose means of managing any such conflicts.

C. NON-DISCLOSURE AND DISCLOSURE OF PROPOSALS

Proposals will be held in confidence during the evaluation process until Agency staff issues a Notice of Intent to selected consultant. Thereafter, all proposals will be treated as documents subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.

VIII. COST PROPOSAL

In the cost proposal, hourly rates shall be used. The hourly rates provided shall include all overhead rates to cover costs and other compensation of consultant’s officers, executives, principals (of partnership and sole proprietorships), general managers, engineers, architects, specialists, estimators, lawyers, auditors, accountants, purchasing and contracting agents, expeditors, timekeepers, clerks and other personnel employed by consultant whether at the site or in his principal or a branch office for general administration of the work and not specifically included in the list of personnel, consultant’s principal and branch offices other than consultant’s office at the site. Hourly rates shall also include any part of consultant’s capital expenses, including necessary transportation, travel and subsistence expenses of consultant’s employees incurred in discharge of duties connected with the professional services. The hourly rate shall also include minor expenses connected with the professional services such as copies, computers, software, on-line legal research, office supplies, postage, faxes, long-distance telephone calls, telephone, and any other expense incurred to accomplish the services. Note that no separate charges for these items will be allowed. Note also that no administrative charges or markups will be allowed.

Project-specific expenses outside of the normal expenses routinely incurred to perform the anticipated scope of work may be authorized by the Agency on a case-by-case basis at the time it requests proposals for an individual project depending upon the circumstances of the individual project. Any such additional costs will not, however, be paid unless expressly listed in the project’s scope of work executed by Consultant and Agency.

IX. SELECTION CRITERIA

A. GENERAL

The proposals received shall be subject to an evaluation by the Agency and its federal cost-share partner, Reclamation, whether provided by its own staff or subconsultants.

The evaluation will be made according to the following criteria:

Criteria Category	Description	Weight
1. Completeness of Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to this RFP must be complete. Responses that do not include the content required by this RFP and any subsequent addenda and do not address each of the items listed below will be considered incomplete, be rated a “Fail” in the Evaluation Criteria and will receive no further consideration. 	Pass/Fail
2. Understanding of and Capability to Perform Scope in the RFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You demonstrated a thorough understanding of the purpose and scope of the Study. • You identified pertinent issues and potential problems related to the Study. • You demonstrate an understanding of the deliverables required for the Study. • You demonstrated a soundness of technical approach. • You demonstrated a high level of understanding of the Agency and region. 	50%
3. Relevant Work Experience and Expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You demonstrated your familiarity with local, state and federal procedures and regulations applicable to the Study • You effectively demonstrate technical ability to perform activities consistent with the anticipated scope of work • You demonstrated experience with similar professional services for public agencies. 	15%
4. Project Team Quality and Capabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The individuals assigned to the project have experience on similar projects. • The personnel designated to work on the projects have extensive applicable education and if applicable, certifications. • You demonstrated having personnel, time and other resources to deliver proposed services in a timely and effective manner. • You demonstrated ability to ensure data accuracy and defensibility through quality assurance and quality control procedures. 	15%
5. Financial Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your proposal includes the required statement certifying your financial management system meets the standards set forth in the RFP. • You demonstrated how your rates are financially responsible and competitive. • You demonstrated your ability to manage expenses and keep costs within budget. 	20%

Unless otherwise noted above, the criteria will be graded on a one to five-point scale as follows:

- **1 – Poor:** Below average, falls short of expectations; is substandard to the average or expected norm, has a low probability of success in achieving objectives per RFP.
- **2 – Fair:** Has a reasonable probability of success, however, some objectives may not be met.
- **3 – Average:** Acceptable, achieves all objectives in a reasonable fashion per RFP specification.
- **4 – Good:** Good probability of success, better than the average or expected as the norm. Achieves all objectives per RFP requirements and expectations
- **5 – Excellent:** Exceeds expectations, very innovative, clearly superior to that which is average or expected as the norm. Excellent probability of success in achieving all objectives and meeting RFP specification.

B. FINAL SELECTION

Proposals will be rated based on the merit of the entire proposal. Each responsive proposal will be scored by the Agency and Reclamation using above scoring criteria. The highest scoring proposals will be considered for contract award. Agency staff presently anticipate making contract award recommendations to the Agency's Board of Directors at its regularly scheduled meeting of June 10, 2026. Proposers will be notified at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the Board meeting.

In the event the Agency receives less than three proposals or staff finds that less than three proposals received rate high enough to be considered for award of a contract, the Agency may, in its discretion, reject all proposals received.

The Agency reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to re-issue this RFP. The Agency may waive any minor informalities or irregularities in any proposal that are immaterial and inconsequential in nature. The Agency reserves the right to request additional written or oral information from proposers to obtain clarification of their proposals.

All proposals become the property of the Agency. All costs associated with development of the proposal shall be the sole responsibility of the proposing firm and shall not be charged in any manner to the Agency.

C. PROTESTS

Any protests are subject to the Agency's protest procedures. A copy of the protest procedures can be obtained by contacting the Agency.

D. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS

The contract resulting from this proposal is subject to the terms and conditions of an MOU between Reclamation and Agency. The successful proposer will be required to comply with, in addition to other provisions of this RFP, the conditions required by all applicable Federal regulations, including the following:

1. Equal Employment Opportunity - Successful Proposer will be required to comply with all applicable Equal Employment Opportunity Laws and Regulations.
2. Title VI Assurances - Successful Proposer will be required to comply with all requirements imposed by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (49 U.S.C. Section 2000d) and the Regulations of DOT issued thereunder (49 C.F.R. part 21).

E. ATTACHMENTS

“A” – Anticipated Scope of Work

“B” – Standard Professional Services Agreement

ATTACHMENT A: Anticipated Scope of Work

The services to be performed shall include the following tasks for the Study and shall fulfill the requirements of Reclamation's Manual Directives and Standards CMP 09-01 *Water and Related Resources Appraisal and Special Studies*.

Multiple past studies have been performed related to this project including geological and engineering studies, with civil design criteria, materials and volumes, and past cost estimates. This Study will primarily rely on existing data and information. Past studies will be provided by the Agency to the consultant and any source data in the Study must be cited. The Study will also use other publicly available data to the extent possible such as state-published data.

Task 1. Project Management & Reclamation Agreement Management

Project Management activities will consist of managing project controls such as scheduling, budgeting, progress reporting, and invoicing. This task will also ensure that all project activities are in compliance with the Reclamation funding agreement. This includes preparation of reimbursement reports and requests, and Study deliverables.

Task 2. PMT Coordination and Outreach

This task includes Project Management Team (PMT) coordination and outreach. The PMT will consist of the Agency and Reclamation staff assigned to this study. To streamline the review process, Reclamation technical input is proposed to be provided via a series of 6 PMT meetings at key study milestones to be performed as in-person meetings with a hybrid option. This task includes limited outreach to key stakeholders and other interested parties identified by the PMT to receive early, select feedback on the Study. This task includes coordination and facilitation of meetings, and preparation of meeting agendas, materials, and minutes.

Task 3. Problems & Needs, Goals, Objectives, Principles & Constraints

This task will prepare a description of the water-related resources problem or deficiency, including the potential impacts resulting from not addressing or resolving the problem. The description will address the significance of the problem and its impact on all relevant water resources. Define study purpose, goals, guiding principles, and study constraints, in coordination with Reclamation and key stakeholders. Refine problem and needs, goals, objectives, and constraints based on input from PMT #1. Priorities that relate to the authorized CVP purposes in the Folsom Unit include the following:

- Flood Control: Protect communities via reservoir
- Municipal & Industrial Water Supply: Deliver water to urban centers
- Agricultural Irrigation: Contribute to regional farming needs
- Hydroelectric Power Generation: Generate clean energy
- Recreation Management: Provide park- and water-based recreation
- Fish, Wildlife & Water Quality: Support ecological health and water standards

Task 4. Identify and Screen Initial Options

Identify a range of initial options for the identified problems and perform a high-level,

qualitative screening of those potential options. Options may consist of developing new water sources or managing existing ones differently, existing system upgrades, conservation measures, or combinations of the above.

Task 5. Preliminary Alternative Formulation

Formulate a range of preliminary alternatives for further evaluation, including a no action alternative, no infrastructure alternative, and up to three other alternatives. Refine the initial set of alternatives based on input from PMT #2.

Task 6. Benefits Evaluation

Conduct a combination of preliminary hydrological and operational analyses and qualitative analyses to estimate the project's potential contributions to enhanced water supply reliability, improved environmental flows and temperature management (such as potential cold water pool benefits), increased flood management capacity, new recreation opportunities, resilience to extreme weather events, and other identified benefits consistent with the authorized CVP purposes in the Folsom Unit. Alternatives will be analyzed to ensure that they can potentially fully or incrementally resolve the water resources problem. Alternatives will be presented and analyzed in a comparable level of detail, and will be formulated to address acceptability, efficiency, effectiveness, and completeness as described in the *Principles, Requirements and Guidelines for Water and Land Related Resources Implementation Studies*. No site-specific data collection is anticipated and will instead rely on past studies. Evaluation will be reviewed and refined based on input from PMT #3. Please refer to "Additional Relevant Information" below for important considerations on modeling.

Task 7. Appraisal Cost Estimates

Develop appraisal-level cost estimates (e.g., Level 5), using available, existing geotechnical analyses and associated cost information on materials and quantities from past studies. All cost estimates for structural alternatives will be prepared at the appraisal-level in accordance with RM Policy, Cost Estimating (FAC P09), and D&Ss Cost Estimating (FAC 09-01), Construction Cost Estimates and Project Cost Estimates (FAC 09-02), and Representation and Referencing of Cost Estimates in Bureau of Reclamation Documents Used for Planning, Design and Construction (FAC 09-03). Appraisal cost estimates are used in an appraisal study as an aid in comparing relative costs of alternatives, and for determining whether more detailed investigations of potential project alternatives are economically justified.

Task 8. Benefit–Cost Analysis

Develop appraisal level estimates of economic benefits and conduct relative benefit–cost analysis to inform Reclamation's determination of Federal interest and to prioritize potential alternatives for further analysis. Review and refine cost and economic evaluations based on input from PMT #4.

Task 9. Environmental Screening

Perform an initial desktop screening related to environmental resources. Use screening

results to define the scope of detailed environmental studies required for NEPA/CEQA compliance and feasibility study scoping. Review and refine environmental screening based on input from PMT #5.

Task 10. Institutional Considerations

Conduct preliminary targeted coordination with select relevant federal, state, and local agencies, as well as other stakeholders, to identify and document key institutional considerations that are necessary for successful project implementation and must be addressed in the feasibility study (e.g., water rights, right of way, public support/obstacles, financing, facility ownership, operation and maintenance responsibilities, federal-led or local/state-led project, potential distribution of project benefits). Review and refine institutional consideration based on input from PMT #5.

Task 11. Draft and Final Appraisal Study Report

This task will include preparation of a draft, revised draft, and final report. The report will summarize results, document findings, identify risk and uncertainty, and document recommendations. The Study will identify if there is a Reclamation interest and a viable alternative, and recommend whether the appraisal study should progress to a feasibility study. Under this task, the consultant will also facilitate Agency, Reclamation regional and Reclamation Policy reviews. The final report will incorporate all review comments.

Task 12. Feasibility Plan of Study

If a feasibility study is recommended, the appraisal report will include a draft Plan of Study (POS) for a potential feasibility study, as defined in RM D&S, Water and Related Resources Feasibility Studies (CMP 09-02). The draft POS will include specific study tasks and how each task will be carried out, including who is responsible, the approach, and schedule. POS will be confirmed based on input from PMT #6.

Additional Relevant Information

Operational modeling of the Alder Creek Reservoir and Upper American River Basin (upstream of Folsom) will be conducted using the American River Integrated Operations (ARIOps) model, a daily time-step system model developed and maintained by Western Hydrologics. ARIOps simulates integrated hydropower and water supply operations in the Upper American River Basin, including compliance with FERC license conditions, minimum instream flow requirements, and operational constraints for major operators such as SMUD (Upper American River Project), PCWA's Middle Fork Project, EID Project 184, and other upstream hydropower facilities.

Because ARIOps is a proprietary model, Western Hydrologics will perform the modeling under a direct contract with EDWA, separate from this RFP. The budget allocated for this modeling effort is \$100,000. The selected Firm will work directly with Western Hydrologics to coordinate modeling assumptions, review results, and integrate outputs into the Study. Western Hydrologics will provide input such as inflow to Folsom Lake for the selected Firm to integrate into any models to simulate conditions from Folsom Lake to downstream.

The initial modeling approach for evaluation of Alder Creek Reservoir operations presently envisions four operational scenarios, which will be confirmed after discussions with the selected Firm, Reclamation, and Agency:

- Scenario 1: No Project Conditions – Represents future West Slope demand conditions, while maintaining existing infrastructure and operational rules without Alder Creek Reservoir facilities.
- Scenario 2: Water Supply / Flood Control Operations – Evaluates reservoir refill opportunities and constraints under different filling rules, including filling only when Folsom Reservoir is spilling and a relaxed refill strategy during high winter–spring runoff periods.
- Scenario 3: Drought Carryover Operations – Evaluates alternative reservoir release patterns to determine how Alder Reservoir storage could support downstream operations in Folsom (drought resilience, cold-water pool management, CVP water supplies, etc.).
- Scenario 4: Hydropower Generation Operations – Evaluates integration of potential hydropower generation with Alder operations.

It is currently assumed that operations would be similar between the no project and no infrastructure alternatives and hence an additional ARIOps scenario would not be run. As mentioned, at the outset of the study, the selected Firm will work with Western Hydrologics, Reclamation, and Agency to review and finalize this initial modeling approach and associated assumptions. As such, Firms may elect to identify scenarios in their proposals different than as presented above based on the Firm’s understanding and interpretation of the scope of work and Study objectives.

ATTACHMENT B: Standard Professional Services Agreement



**AGENDA REQUEST
Regular Meeting, June 10, 2026**

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Rebecca Guo, P.E., General Manager
DATE: June 5, 2026
SUBJECT: Annual Maintenance for Groundwater Sustainability Agency Management

DISCUSSION:

The South Tahoe Public Utility District (STPUD) and the Water Agency are the two overlying Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) for the Tahoe Valley-Tahoe South (TVS) Subbasin. STPUD historically has performed the required maintenance tasks while the Water Agency provided a 50 percent financial cost-share. Last year, STPUD requested considering switching roles due to limited STPUD staff availability. Staff recommends executing a Task Order with Santiago Water Strategies, Inc. (Santiago), who is also performing the 5-year periodic evaluation, to perform the annual GSP reporting requirements of the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). Staff also recommends entering into an agreement with STPUD related to sharing the cost of this task order.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board: 1) Approve the Task Order with Santiago Water Strategies, Inc. with a budget of \$100,000 and a period of performance from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027; 2) authorize the General Manager to execute the Task Order in a form acceptable to legal counsel; and 3) authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with South Tahoe Public Utility District related to sharing the cost of this annual GSA maintenance.

ACTION OF AGENCY ON:

VOTE:

Unanimous _____ or

Ayes:

Date _____

Noes:

Attest:

Abstentions:

By _____

Clerk of the Agency

Absent:

BACKGROUND:

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) recognizes that long-term groundwater management requires routine review of groundwater conditions and GSP performance. For this reason, SGMA requires GSAs to complete Annual Reports documenting groundwater conditions each water year (October 1st through September 30th). In addition, there are data collection and management requirements, coordination with regulators and evaluating the conditions of the Subbasin over time.

The STPUD and the Water Agency are the two overlying Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) for the Subbasin, with jurisdiction within and outside of STPUD's service area, respectively. Since the application of SGMA, STPUD has maintained the regular requirements, maintained data and reporting to DWR for example, while the Water Agency has maintained financial support for staff time and contractors via a Memorandum of Agreements (MOA) to pay 50 percent of the costs. More recently, STPUD and Water Agency have jointly evaluated governance and resourcing options to address compliance with SGMA while streamlining regulatory obligations. After several working discussions, the approach agreed to by the parties is to utilize the two existing water agencies as approving bodies, with the Water Agency as the contracting body for an as-needed GSP Administrator. This approach keeps the parties engaged, and applies limited use of their resources, while using a subject matter expert to limit time spent.

The task order with Santiago is for ongoing support for groundwater management within the TVS Subbasin to act as the GSP Administrator. The primary purpose of the scope of work is to address GSA reporting to fulfill the requirements of the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and the GSP regulations with a GSP Administrator. The GSP Administrator will serve as the Program Manager responsible for overseeing implementation of the GSP for the TVS Subbasin. This role will act as the primary point of contact for all GSP-related matters and ensure that all requirements are addressed. Functioning as an extension of staff, the position will be dedicated exclusively to GSP implementation. The scope of work, schedule, and budget with this task order assume that the approach and content of the first GSP Annual Report is deemed adequate by DWR and that no substantial changes to the analyses conducted and reporting are required.

To complete this work, staff selected Santiago. Santiago is currently preparing the required 5-year periodic evaluation for the TVS Subbasin. Santiago's team for this project includes staff who have been assisting in the preparation of groundwater management plans and with groundwater management. The project manager, Tom McCarthy PG, PE, has over 30 years of groundwater management experience. He has worked on Alternative Plans, GSPs, served on the Board of Directors for three GSAs, and served as the Watermaster for the Mojave Area Adjudication. The team he will oversee includes decades of experience in groundwater management including development of GSPs, implementation of their projects, addressing water quality and impacts on water supply, and ensuring compliance with SGMA. Given their range in experience and the local desire to ultimately downgrade the TVS Subbasin to low-priority, Santiago provides unique experience to not only comply with SGMA requirements but also provide strategic support to advance this basin priority downgrade.

Consistent with discussions with STPUD, a 50-50 cost share with the Water Agency, up to \$100,000 cost is within their budget and reasonable. The Water Agency is working with STPUD and Santiago to finalize the scope of work which is anticipated to include the following tasks:

- 1 – Project Administration and Coordination
- 2 – Annual Data Compilation, Review, and Data Manage, Update
- 3 – Preparation of WY 2026 Annual Report
- 4 – Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement

Policy

The Water Agency's role as a GSA for a portion of the TVS Subbasin and collaboration with STPUD is consistent with the Water Agency's plans:

Water Resources Development & Management Plan

- Resource Management Strategy No. 3 – Implement Sustainable Groundwater Management
- Resource Management Strategy No. 10 – Prevent Contamination of Surface Water and Groundwater Contamination

Fiscal

The total not-to-exceed amount for this task order will be \$100,000, of which half of the funding will be provided by STPUD. Sufficient funding is available in Fund 4300 to cover the Water Agency's portion of the cost using its property tax revenue.



AGENDA REQUEST
Regular Meeting, June 10, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Rebecca Guo, General Manager RG
 Tami Scowcroft, Business Services Officer TS

DATE: June 4, 2026

SUBJECT: **Approve Fiscal Year 2026/27 Agreements and Task Orders**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

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 31 amendments to, and 7 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.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board approve 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 authorize the General Manager to execute in a form acceptable to legal counsel:

Consultant/Organization	Task Order	Task Order Description	Task Order Type	FY 25/26 Approved NTE (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026)	FY 25/26 Remaining Based on Invoices Received as of May 1, 2026	FY 26/27 NTE Amount (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027)	Notes	Agency Program Element	Project	Funding Source
Batker Consulting LLC	2	Funding Mechanisms for Working Landscapes	Multi-Year Project	\$70,000.00	\$29,902.50	\$30,000.00	Extending period of performance with remaining budget.	Watershed Management	Watershed Program Activities	Property Taxes
Brown and Caldwell	2	On Call Grant Services	As Needed Support	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	Extending period of performance for potential as needed grant writing support	Assistance and Innovation	Assistance Activities	Property Taxes
Brown and Caldwell	3	El Dorado County Drought and Water Shortage Resilience Plan Annual Updates	Annually Ongoing	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	Renew annual budget for drought plan implementation support	Water Security	Regional Drought Planning	Property Taxes
Downey Brand	-	Legal: Water Rights	Multi-Year Project	\$250,000.00	\$159,971.17	200,000.00	Estimated 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	Annually Ongoing	70,000.00	\$39,989.76	56,000.00	Estimated budget for potential as needed support and GIS portal maintenance and 508 compliance updates.	Assistance and Innovation	GIS Portal	Property Taxes
Dynamic Geospatial Solutions LLC	3	Support the American River Watershed Instrumentation Network (ARWIN)	Multi-Year Project	\$11,000.00	\$9,054.00	\$39,200.00	Estimated budget for development of a web map/application for ARWIN and associated mapping support.	Assistance and Innovation	American River Water Instrumentation Network (ARWIN)	Federal Funds
Dynamic Geospatial Solutions LLC	NEW	Headwaters Connect GIS Support	Annually Ongoing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	New task order for preparing GIS portal for watershed work, drone footage, and map preparation related to Headwaters Connect.	Watershed Management	Headwaters Connect Watershed Group	Property Taxes
El Dorado County Ag in the Classroom	NEW	EDC Water Education	Annually Ongoing	\$45,000.00	\$21,423.86	\$45,000.00	Annual requested amount to promote water education in schools	Assistance and Innovation	Countywide Water Education/Outreach	Property Taxes
EN2 Resources, Inc./Stratus Engineering Associates LLC	NEW	Raw Water Draft Points Plan Development	One-Year	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$78,000.00	New task order to prepare plan which will identify raw water sources to improve fire response throughout county.	Assistance and Innovation	Draft Points for Fire Suppression	Property Taxes
Environmental Science Associates	1	El Dorado Water Reliability Project Phase 2	Multi-Year Project	\$655,000.00	\$88,175.69	\$200,000.00	Estimated budget to complete final EIR and associated public outreach and CEQA notices	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project	Property Taxes
Environmental Science Associates	2	On-Call Professional Services and Technical Assistance	As Needed Support	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	Renew annual budget for technical assistance	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project	Property Taxes

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ERA Economics LLC	5	On-Call Economic Consulting Services	As Needed Support	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	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	\$85,000.00	\$72,093.20	\$85,000.00	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	\$200,000.00	\$84,000.00	\$200,000.00	Estimated budget to continue preparation of Final EIR and preliminary water right support	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project	Property Taxes
Khadam Consulting	5	American River Water Instrumentation Network (ARWIN)	Multi-Year Project	\$73,000.00	\$73,000.00	\$50,000.00	Estimated budget to support long-term plan for grant funding administration and develop of a Dashboard.	Assistance and Innovation	American River Water Instrumentation Network (ARWIN)	Federal Funds
KP Public Affairs	4	Public Relations Support and Advocacy Services	Annually Ongoing	\$120,000.00	\$55,992.34	\$120,000.00	Renew annual budget for public relations support	Communication and Advocacy	Public Affairs Support and Outreach	Property Taxes
Orit Kalman	1	Headwaters Connect Facilitation Support	Annually Ongoing	25,000.00	\$16,731.25	\$30,000.00	Estimated annual budget for Headwaters Connect facilitation support	Watershed Management	Headwaters Connect Watershed Group	Property Taxes
Radbridge Incorporated	1	Ecosystem Service Valuation and Related Services	Multi-Year Project	\$50,000.00	\$37,972.50	\$40,000.00	Extend period of performance to complete remaining work.	Watershed Management	Watershed Program Activities	Property Taxes
Sloan Sakai Yeung & Wong LLP	2936/002	Legal: General Counsel/HR/Litigation/Confidential	Annually Ongoing	\$460,000.00	\$418,818.28	\$460,000.00	Renew annual budget for legal support	Administration/Operations	N/A	Property Taxes
Smith Policy Group	1	State and Regional Affairs	Annually Ongoing	\$100,000.00	\$48,812.50	\$100,000.00	Renew annual budget for state and regional advocacy support	Communication and Advocacy	Local, State, and Federal Advocacy; Regional Coordination	Property Taxes
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	15	Water Supply Support and Integration	Multi-Year Project	\$75,000.00	\$66,913.00	\$75,000.00	Estimated annual budget to provide CVP/SWP modeling support for EIR.	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project	Property Taxes
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	41	Countywide Plenary for Water Support	Annually Ongoing	\$65,000.00	\$27,213.46	\$65,000.00	Renew annual budget for Plenary facilitation with option for 2 meetings if needed	Communication and Advocacy	Countywide Plenary for Water	Property Taxes

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Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	57	American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Administration Support	Multi-Year Project	\$12,500.00	\$8,331.00	\$10,000.00	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	\$82,000.00	\$31,598.47	\$50,000.00	Estimated budget to complete environmental documentation.	Watershed Management	Grazing for Fuels Reduction to Protect Water Supply and Quality	Property Taxes
Sunzi Consulting	6	Regulatory and Capacity Support	As Needed Support	\$ 60,000.00	\$32,314.00	\$ 60,000.00	Renew annual budget for potential as needed support	Water Security	Water Demand/Supply Planning and Development	Property Taxes
Sunzi Consulting	9	Watershed Program Support	As Needed Support	55,000.00	\$15,893.60	\$ 45,020.00	Estimated annual budget for watershed program support	Watershed Management	Watershed Program Activities	Property Taxes
Sunzi Consulting	NEW	Headwaters Connect Support	Annually Ongoing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$59,910.00	New task order to support Headwaters Connect and Programmatic Watershed Plan Implementation	Watershed Management	Headwaters Connect Watershed Group	Property Taxes
Sunzi Consulting	NEW	West Slope Water Blueprint	Multi-Year Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$349,903.00	New task order to prepare the West Slope Water Blueprint	Water Security	Water Blueprints for West Slope and Tahoe Basin	Property Taxes
The Ferguson Group	2	Water Supply Reliability Ag Needs	Annually Ongoing	\$48,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$48,000.00	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	\$48,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$48,000.00	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	\$2,000.00	\$1,874.34	\$2,000.00	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	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	Renew annual budget for federal advocacy	Communication and Advocacy	Local, State, and Federal Advocacy; Regional Coordination	Property Taxes

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UC San Diego	-	CW3E Support for ARWIN/ARHO Network Transition and Integration	Multi-Year Project	\$43,000.00	\$17,083.22	\$379,032.00	Fund 5240. Estimated budget to continue support on ARWIN program.	Assistance and Innovation	American River Water Instrumentation Network (ARWIN)	Federal Funds
Western Hydrologics, LLP	14	EDWRP CEQA Support	Multi-Year Project	\$162,500.00	\$32,380.00	\$75,000.00	Estimated budget to support modeling for final EIR and associated outreach materials.	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project	Property Taxes
Western Hydrologics, LLP	20	Water Security Program Technical Support and Related Services	As Needed Support	\$165,300.00	\$139,246.25	\$140,000.00	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	\$28,000.00	\$25,815.00	\$26,000.00	Extend period of performance with remaining budget	Assistance and Innovation	American River Water Instrumentation Network (ARWIN)	Federal Funds
Western Hydrologics, LLP	NEW	Alder Appraisal Study Upstream Modeling	Multi-Year Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	New task order to perform Upper American River modeling to support Alder Appraisal Study	Water Security	Upstream Storage Investigations, Alder Reservoir	Federal Funds & Property Taxes
Western Hydrologics, LLP	NEW	EDWRP Water Rights Support	Multi-Year Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	New task order to initiate water rights support	Water Security	El Dorado Water Reliability Project	Property Taxes

ACTION OF AGENCY ON:

VOTE:

Unanimous _____ or

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered into the minutes of the Board of Directors, El Dorado County Water Agency.

Ayes:

Date _____

Noes:

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Abstentions:

By _____
Clerk of the Agency

Absent:

BACKGROUND (Contd.):

Pursuant to the Water Agency's Board 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. Of the existing Agreements, Task Orders, Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) or Scope of Services that expire on June 30, 2026, 31 Task Orders/Agreements will continue into the next fiscal year and require Board approval for extensions of time. These amendments are to continue the term of the task orders for the new fiscal year. Additionally, there are 7 new Task Orders/Agreements that exceed the General Manager's signature authority and require Board approval.

The cumulative not-to-exceed amount for the amendments and new task orders that fall within professional services (sub-object 4300) is \$3,508,065. This is within the Fiscal Year 2026/27 recommended budget for professional services (sub-object 4300) of \$6,416,464. The Agreements are a part of sub-object 5240 and total \$379,032 which is within the Fiscal Year 2026/27 recommended budget for sub-object 5420.

CONSULTANT SELECTION JUSTIFICATION

Selection of consultants for professional services are made consistent with Purchasing Policy B-1005 which was most recently approved by the Board on December 13, 2023. Purchasing Policy B-1005 establishes rules and procedures related to the purchase of goods and services and the award and administration of purchases and contracts.

To inform most consultant selection decisions, Water Agency staff refer to its vendor pool. On August 9, 2023, the Board approved the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for vendor pool for professional water resources technical services. On August 14, 2023, the Water Agency issued the RFQ. A large array of existing and new potential vendors were contacted in addition to the RFQ being posted on Planet Bids, the Water Agency's website, Mountain Counties Water Resources Association website, and the Water Agency's social media. The RFQ listed these four categories of professional services that vendors could submit on in their Statement of Qualifications: Water Resources Planning and Management; Environmental Compliance and Permitting; Engineering Services; and Supporting Services. On October 11, 2023, the Board approved twenty-two (22) consultant firms to be placed on the Water Agency vendor pool list. Being selected as a qualified vendor provides them with the opportunity to provide services, through direct negotiation of scopes of work, without performing a new competitive request. Any task orders would be entered into consistent with Purchasing Policy B-1005, which includes Board approval of contracts over \$30,000.

When Water Agency staff determine the need for a new project, and if no one from the vendor pool list is qualified to perform the work, or another consultant is made known who is not on the vendor pool but has specialized knowledge and expertise in the project topic, staff must decide to either go out for competitive bid or follow the exceptions as set forth in Policy B-1005 which are consistent with state law related to competitive bidding requirements. Purchasing Policy B-1005, Section 7.06 Sole Source, identifies when a sole source vendor may be exempt from the competitive process. Specifically, "a contract may be awarded without compliance with the competitive process when the General Manager determines in writing, after conducting a good faith review of available sources, that due to the unique nature of the good or the unique knowledge of the service required to meet the Agency's criteria, there is only one source for the

required supply, service, or construction item. All justifications for sole source purchases shall be documented by the approval authority upon award.” Furthermore, Purchasing Policy B-1005, Section 7.10 Government Code Exemption, provides, “Notwithstanding any other provision in this policy, the Board may contract for services as authorized and provided in the Government Code without advertising for bids or seeking proposals thereon.”

Most of the recommended amendments and new contracts identified this fiscal year leverage consultants from the vendor pool for professional water resources technical services. For those not on the vendor pool, the justification for selection for task orders for this coming fiscal year is provided below.

Technical/Project-Specific Task Orders

- **Batker Consulting** – Requesting amendment to the previously Board-approved project-specific task order. Batker Consulting provides professional environmental economics analyses and completed our initial ecosystem valuation in the upper American River watershed. They are well-known and highly regarded throughout the nation for providing ecosystem valuation expertise. Their unparalleled familiarity through developing our ecosystem valuation makes them uniquely qualified to continue supporting the Water Agency in this field. This amendment will enable them to complete their previously Board-approved scope of work beyond the fiscal year end. In addition, Purchasing Policy B-1005, Section 7.09 allows for an extension of existing contracts for an additional year to complete an existing scope of work.
- **Radbridge Incorporated** – Requesting amendment to the previously Board-approved project-specific task order. Radbridge Incorporated leverages technology to accelerate investments in community resilience and health. They completed our 2024 economic valuation of outdoor recreation in the upper American River watershed using mobile data and AI to understand the economic impacts and benefits of outdoor recreation use. Their unparalleled familiarity through performing our outdoor recreation valuation makes them uniquely qualified to continue supporting the Water Agency in this area. This amendment will enable them to support their previously Board-approved scope of work beyond the fiscal year end. In addition, Purchasing Policy B-1005, Section 7.09 allows for an extension of existing contracts for an additional year to complete an existing scope of work.
- **Dynamic Geospatial Solutions (DGS) LLC** – This company was formed after the vendor pool selections were made and is hence not on the vendor pool list. The DGS founder, under their previous and current employments, has supported the Water Agency for over six years in GIS-related services, including leading the development of EDWA’s GIS portal and creating the maps used in the Water Agency’s various reports and plans. Accordingly, DGS has a unique understanding of the Water Agency’s GIS Portal, GIS data throughout El Dorado County, and the various projects that the Water Agency is working on. The DGS founder, who will perform the proposed task order, is a GIS professional with over 14 years of extensive management and project implementation experience working in the water and environmental fields on surface and groundwater, pipelines, transportation, and natural resources projects. These task orders will enable them to provide as-needed GIS-related services in addition to project-

specific GIS support services related to American River Watershed Instrumentation Network (ARWIN) and Headwaters Connect.

- **Downey Brand** – Requesting amendment to the previously Board-approved ongoing task order for legal water rights support. Downey Brand provides legal counsel to the Water Agency as reasonably required to represent and advise the Water Agency in connection with water rights matters including the El Dorado Water Reliability Project (EDWRP), State Water Board, and other local- and state-related matters. They have been instrumental in coordinating discussions with regional agencies related to these matters. With the EDWRP environmental impact report in progress, it is imperative to have continuation of legal counsel by Downey Brand given their past and ongoing support and unique and long-standing knowledge of the EDWRP and pending water rights. This amendment will enable them to continue their legal counsel. Purchasing Policy B-1005, Section 7.05 provides that legal services may be awarded without an RFP/RFQ process.

Advocacy Task Orders

- **Smith Policy Group** – Requesting amendment to the previously Board-approved ongoing task order for State advocacy support. Smith Policy Group provides innovative policy and regulatory solutions to address critical priorities at the state and federal level. They are a full-service government relations firm that specializes in providing constant and individualized attention to its clients. The firm is comprised of veteran lobbyists with established relationships with State elected officials and leaders of various State agencies. They support the Water Agency in State advocacy activities such as reviewing, monitoring, and advising on State legislative and regulatory items; engaging and monitoring regional organizations on key water resources-related policy issues; and facilitating communications and meetings with state, federal and partner water agencies and consultant staff to further the Water Agency's water policy agenda. Some of the partners and coalitions that Smith Policy Group is well established in and assists the Water Agency in engaging with and monitoring to ensure robust engagement on key policy issues are: County partners, regional legislators and other elected officials, Regional Water Authority's advocacy group, Water Forum, Association of California Water Agencies Headwaters working group and Bond working group, California Forest Watershed Alliance, Northern California Water Association, Green California coalition, Committee for Clean Water, Natural Resources and Parks, and Public Policy Institute of California.

Since 2020, the relationship between the Water Agency and Smith Policy Group has been very successful as it relates to representing the legislative agenda of the Water Agency to state legislators in California. A highlight from this year was the successful execution of a Headwaters 101 briefing for legislative staff at the Capitol. Smith Policy Group was instrumental in taking our high-level concept and making it into a reality. This successful partnership, which has developed over 6 years, would be hard to recreate with a new firm without a major loss of efficiency and effectiveness. Having a long-term history allows Smith Policy Group to know what the Water Agency has accomplished over the years and where they want to go in the future. As a result of this relationship, the views and interests of the Water Agency have been well represented to legislators in California. The outstanding reputation of Smith Policy Group is of particular importance

in our efforts to establish working relationship with our local legislators. It is recommended to the Board to approve this sole source request to ensures the continuity of our valuable working relationship that has proven to represent and further the mission and vision of the Water Agency over the years. Purchasing Policy B-1005, Section 7.04, requires Board approval for all legislative advocates agreements.

- **The Ferguson Group (TFG)** – Requesting amendment to the previously Board-approved ongoing task order for federal advocacy support. TFG has supported the Water Agency in various federal advocacy-related issues since 2017. TFG helps the Water Agency improve water reliability through securing federal funding, monitoring and advocating for regulatory and legislative policy changes, and creating connections with federal elected officials to garner awareness and political support for Water Agency priorities. TFG submits and coordinates with federal staff the Water Agency's appropriation requests annually. They were instrumental in successfully securing \$875,000 in congressionally directed spending for the Water Agency's American River Water Information Network project. Additionally, the Water Agency's congressionally directed spending request for FY27 was moved forward by our congressional representatives and TFG is playing a key role in ongoing communication with the members and their staff to assist them with this process.

TFG also continues focusing on efforts to secure favorable legislative and regulatory consideration related to a new storage facility previously authorized at a site on Alder Creek in California, including assisting the Water Agency in successfully securing a \$300,000 cost-sharing agreement last December with Bureau of Reclamation. TFG provides expert legislative and regulatory recommendations to advance this project through the authorization, regulatory, and funding process. TFG's long-standing professional relationships with key officials and staff at the Bureau of Reclamation's headquarters and regional offices ensures EDWA has ongoing access and productive communications resulting in moving Alder Creek forward. Primary and necessary components of this project include securing federal participation in federal studies. EDWA seeks strategic advice and advocacy services from TFG focused on these crucial components.

TFG continues coordinating with EDWA, providing strategic advice, and representing EDWA before key legislators and agencies with the goal of securing approvals and significant funding to proceed with the Alder Creek appraisal and feasibility studies. In addition to achieving these primary goals, these efforts also lay the foundation for future favorable consideration as the project moves from feasibility to planning and construction. TFG also arranges meetings with federal agencies and representatives for the Water Agency during their DC trips in support of other key Water Agency goals and projects, including but not limited to water supply, drought resiliency, wildfire mitigation and recovery, and economic development. TGF has specific expertise and knowledge on California water issues and the political climate, experience with complex legislative processes, deep understanding of regulatory frameworks, and established relationships with key decision-makers. Due to their immediate familiarity with the Water Agency and federal landscape, continuing with TFG will lead to more efficient and effective advocacy outcomes compared to engaging multiple or new lobbyists or relying on internal resources alone. Water Agency staff recommend the Board amends TFG's task order to continue to provide federal advocacy support as TFG remains uniquely quality to support

the Water Agency. Purchasing Policy B-1005, Section 7.04, requires Board approval for all legislative advocates agreements.

Public Relations Task Orders

- **KP Public Affairs** – Requesting amendment to the previously Board-approved ongoing task order for public relations support. KP Public Affairs began supporting the Water Agency in November 2021. They have been instrumental in advancing the Water Agency’s mission and reputation at the regional, state, and national levels through developing relevant and effective factsheets, developing new navigation, content, and graphics to streamline the Water Agency’s website, enhancing media outreach, supporting coalition building and partnership development, and elevating the Water Agency’s social media presence. These public relations services are vital in garnering public, stakeholder, state, and federal support and understanding of the issues and projects the Agency is pursuing. KP Public Affairs helps elevate the Water Agency’s public presence by securing news and newspaper interviews on the Water Agency’s key initiatives; distributing press releases to various media outlets and partner organizations such as Mountain County Democrat, Gold Country Media, Tahoe Daily Tribune, ACWA, MCWRA, NCWA, as well as placing opinion editorials; providing updates to our website; and managing our social media. Thanks to their support, the Water Agency has received numerous compliments from various federal and state representatives and regional partners on their collateral materials and ability to concisely and graphically distill highly technical information. They are quick to respond to any staff requests, are cost conscious, develop high-quality products, and provide valuable insights and recommendations to continue to enhance public outreach. They have a deep understanding of the social, political, and regulatory landscape and the nuances of communicating complex water resources issues to diverse stakeholders. Their expertise, strategic approach, network of relationships, and proven results make them an ideal partner for supporting our public affairs initiatives. In addition, continuing leveraging their dedicated staff, who have a unique and deep understanding of the Water Agency’s mission and roles, makes them not only highly effective but both fiscally and time efficient. This amendment will enable them to continue to amplify the Water Agency’s communication and outreach.

General Counsel Task Orders

- **Sloan Sakai Yeung & Wong LLP (SSYW)** – Requesting amendment to the previously Board-approved ongoing task order for legal counsel. SSYW has provided legal counsel to the Water Agency since 2012. They provide legal counsel as General Counsel to the Water Agency and advise staff and the Board on operational and administrative matters. SSYW also provides counsel on a variety of human resources matters to ensure compliance with all legal requirements. SSYW supports review and update of organizational policies and procedures and business practices to meet legal requirements and business needs of the Water Agency. They support development of and review of Board meeting materials, resolutions, and professional services contracts, memorandums of agreement/understanding, and other legal documents. SSYW also provides litigation services. SSYW has a team of legal attorneys who have deep experience in serving as general counsel for public agencies throughout California. SSYW’s longstanding presence and knowledge of the Water Agency provide continuity

in legal representation, reducing the risks and costs associated with transitioning to a new legal counsel.

Additionally, with the transition to a new SSYW-assigned General Counsel during the past fiscal year, staff used this opportunity to conduct a thorough evaluation of other qualified legal firms. Staff began by reviewing the 27 firms listed on the CSDA's professional services portal. Using publicly available information on each firm's website, staff assessed (1) whether the firm employed attorneys with General Counsel experience in the greater Sacramento region; (2) whether the firm had any potential conflicts of interest related to the Water Agency's ongoing water rights matters or other projects; and (3) the firm's depth of experience serving as General Counsel to special districts. From this initial screening, six firms were identified for follow-up discussions based on their qualifications and relevance to the Agency's needs. Following these evaluations, staff did not identify any firms that demonstrated an ability to serve the Water Agency more effectively than the current firm. Staff's experience with the current General Counsel has been consistently positive, characterized by responsiveness, high-quality legal support, professionalism, and a strong familiarity with El Dorado County and the Agency's operations. Based on both the comparative review process and the continued satisfactory performance of our current General Counsel, staff recommends retaining SSYW as the Water Agency's General Counsel. Purchasing Policy B-1005, Section 7.05 provides that legal services may be awarded without an RFP/RFQ process.

SUMMARY OF NEW TASK ORDERS AND AGREEMENTS/SCOPE OF WORK UPDATES

The following describes the new task orders/agreements along with amendments to existing task orders/agreements that have revisions to their scopes of work. A description of the scopes of work along with policy alignment justification, budget, revenue source, and Water Agency Program category are included.

California State University San Diego's, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes Center (CW3E)

Support for ARWIN/ARHO Network Transition and Integration (AGREEMENT AMENDMENT)

As part of the Water Agency's American River Hydrologic Observatory (ARHO) project funded by a grant received from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the University of California Merced (UCM) constructed snowpack monitoring stations in the American River watershed. Two of the stations that were originally constructed for research purposes are now undergoing a transition to long-term operational sites.

To ensure the long-term operation and use of these snowpack stations, the Water Agency has been working with the University of California San Diego's, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes (CW3E) as part of the American River Water Information Network (ARWIN) Initiative. In FY 25/26, using congressionally directed funding the Water Agency received for the ARWIN Initiative, CW3E evaluated the two snowpack monitoring stations for operations considerations, developed a data integration plan, and prepared an approach for implementing site upgrades to align with standard operating procedures.

In FY 26/27, continuing to use the Water Agency's congressionally directed funding, the Water Agency and CW3E will begin implementing the planned snowpack monitoring station upgrades to ensure long-term operational reliability. The on-site upgrades include foundation improvements for greater stability, lightning protection and grounding for sensor and electronic safety, ventilation to prevent moisture damage, power system monitoring to oversee continual operation, and wiring standardization to streamline maintenance. This work includes permit coordination with the U.S. Forest Service, data integration into CW3E's workflow, and developing operational funding strategies. This work is scheduled to be completed from July 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027 by the deadline specified in the congressionally directed funding agreement. Due to uncertainties of the specific timing of the expenditures, the full estimated amount needed for this work is included in the FY 26/27 budget.

This project supports the SP30+ Priority Objective IP3c to develop data, tools, and information on El Dorado County's headwaters. These monitoring stations provide timely and high-quality data to support federal, state, and local water management decisions to improve water security. The data also tracks the movement of rain and snowmelt to support flood management. These improvements advance the WRDMP Watershed Management Program by participating in actions that meaningfully contribute to long-term water supply reliability and headwaters management for El Dorado County.

FY 26-27 budget: \$379,032
Funding Source: Congressionally directed funding for the ARWIN Initiative
Agency Program Element Category: Assistance and Innovation

El Dorado County Aq in the Classroom (AITC)

TO10 – Water Education (NEW)

The Water Agency has worked cooperatively with AITC since 2012. Through our partnership with AITC, a local 501c3 organization, educational programs are developed with a focus on water education elements including the water cycle, watershed aspects, and conservation. They are well known throughout the county for providing high quality education programs. This partnership supports the Water Agency's strategic goal of engaging in community outreach and education and its objectives of presenting to local community organizations, educating the public on current events and key issues, promoting local career development, and most notably developing educational programs for schools.

This project is aligned with SP30+ Priority Objective IP4a by fostering public water education about the importance of sustainable water management in El Dorado County.

FY 26-27 budget: \$45,000
Funding Source: Water Agency's property tax revenue
Agency Program Element Category: Assistance and Innovation

Dynamic Geospatial Solutions LLC (DGS)

Task Order No. 3: ARWIN (TASK ORDER AMENDMENT)

DGS began supporting the ARWIN Initiative in 2025 by combining multiple data sources into a single GIS dataset for the entire watershed network, then performing targeted analyses as part of the ARWIN Monitoring Needs and Gap Assessment. In FY 26/27, DGS will continue managing the database and perform spatial analysis as needed. Additionally, DGS will produce maps documenting sites in detail and support the development of a web-based portal to publicly disseminate monitoring data. This work will support the completion of deliverables outlined in the congressionally directed funding agreement for the ARWIN Initiative.

This project aligns with the SP30+ Priority Objective IP3c to develop data, tools, and information on El Dorado County's headwaters.

FY 26-27 budget: \$39,200
Funding Source: Congressionally directed funding for the ARWIN Initiative
Agency Program Element Category: Assistance and Innovation

Task Order No. 6: Headwaters Connect GIS Support (NEW)

As the convenor of Headwaters Connect (formerly known as the Upper American River Watershed Group), the Water Agency facilitates the development of landscape-scale watershed management projects and tactical implementation through a network of partners. The Water Agency also plays a lead role in advocacy and outreach to garner support for investing in the headwaters region and increasing community resilience.

To continue advancing these efforts, the Water Agency plans to lead the collaborative development of a program tracking portal and dashboard to collect and display project information with relevant data layers for watershed-scale insights. DGS will develop GIS tools to gather and visualize this information and will also assist with quality control for the project data. This tool will allow for increased project coordination among Headwaters Connect partners and will aid in the development of multi-benefit projects. DGS will also provide as-needed GIS services such as map development and drone footage, which will be used as content for the Water Agency's advocacy and outreach efforts.

This project aligns with SP30+ Priority Objectives IP3 a, c, d, and e under the Watershed Management Program by supporting the implementation of the Programmatic Watershed Plan (PWP), developing data, tools, and information to support advocacy for state and federal investments, providing foundational data for benefit sharing, and creating opportunities to support working landscapes in El Dorado County as part of watershed projects.

FY 26-27 budget: \$35,000
Funding Source: Water Agency's property tax revenue
Agency Program Element Category: Watershed Management

Stratus Engineering, previously EN2 Resources, Inc. (vendor pool)

Task Order No. A65: El Dorado County Raw Water Draft Points Plan Development (NEW)

Over the last year, the Water Agency coordinated with the Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience (OWPR) Coordination Group to scope a Raw Water Draft Points Plan (RWDPP) for El Dorado County. The Water Agency worked with OWPR, CalFire and local Fire Agencies to identify and map potable water systems and tanks that can be used as water supply for fire suppression. However, for rural and remote areas of the county without these potable systems, water supplies are limited. To increase access to raw water supplies for rural fire suppression, potential locations with access to raw water (e.g., ponds, stream crossings, lakes) need to be identified. Once potential raw water source locations have been confirmed, improvements to facilitate use of the sites can be planned in cooperation with fire suppression agencies, which are responsible for pre-fire planning and ultimately combating large-scale fire events such as the Caldor and Mosquito Fires.

The Water Agency and Stratus Engineering Associates completed the initial consultation and work plan development phase for the RWDPP in early 2026, and the work plan was endorsed by CalFire and local Fire Agencies. Beginning in April 2026, the Water Agency and Stratus held virtual meetings with staff from each of the 11 El Dorado County fire districts to review current raw water drafting locations and discuss potential locations and areas for developing additional draft points. Under this Task Order, Stratus will compile perform field verification of around 60 potential raw water draft points identified during meetings with fire district staff. Stratus will then coordinate a second round of site visits with relevant fire district staff to recommend site improvements and identify the highest priority draft points to be included in the RWDPP Plan. Finally, Stratus will prepare a draft and final RWDPP to identify strategic raw water access points and recommended site improvements to support wildland firefighting.

FY 26-27 budget: \$78,000
Funding Source: Water Agency's property tax revenue
Agency Program Element Category: Watershed Management

Khadam Consulting (vendor pool)

Task Order No. 5: ARWIN (AMENDMENT)

Khadam Consulting has extensive experience in water supply program management within the American River watershed and throughout the State of California. Khadam Consulting is also on the Water Agency's current approved Vendor Pool list for Water Resources Planning and Management. Khadam Consulting has provided valuable support for the ARWIN Initiative since 2024 by conducting a Monitoring Needs and Gap Assessment, planning for implementation actions, supporting coordination with the ARWIN Collaborative and individual partners, and supporting the transition of the ARHO sites to long-term operations. In FY 26/27, Khadam Consulting will continue supporting project implementation including overseeing the design of a publicly facing data

dashboard and providing project management support for implementation actions performed by ARWIN partners.

This project supports the SP30+ Priority Objective IP3c to develop data, tools, and information on El Dorado County's headwaters.

FY 26-27 budget: \$50,000
Funding Source: Congressionally directed funding for the ARWIN Initiative
Agency Program Element Category: Assistance and Innovation

Sunzi Consulting (vendor pool)

Task Order No. 9: Watershed Program Support (AMENDMENT)

Sunzi Consulting is on the Water Agency's 2023 approved Vendor Pool List for Water Resources Planning and Management in addition to Supporting Services under a Master Services Agreement. Sunzi Consulting leverages institutional knowledge from working with the Water Agency on many strategic and foundational projects and initiatives since 2017, including supporting the development of the Water Agency's Watershed Program and leading the completion of the 2023 PWP and the 2019 and 2024 WRDMP updates.

With the new brand and progress of advancing the Headwaters Connect Watershed Group, this task order amendment focuses on the services to support the Water Agency-specific watershed program, excluding support to the Water Agency's activities for Headwaters Connect as the convenor. Activities under this task order include strategic planning for Water Agency's implementation of the PWP per Board Policy E-1002 (Upper American River Watershed Plan Policy), refining and applying ecosystem goods and services valuations and associated economic impact assessments, exploring long-term funding mechanisms, supporting the acquisition of state and federal financial assistance, communication and engagement for Water Agency-specific initiatives related to watershed management, and coordination with regional initiatives including the American River Watershed Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operation Initiative.

This task order aligns with SP30+ Priority Objectives IP3 a, c, d, and e under the Watershed Management Program by supporting the implementation of the Programmatic Watershed Plan (PWP), supporting advocacy for state and federal investments, expanding partnerships through regional programs, and leveraging the economic value of working landscapes.

FY 26-27 budget: \$45,020
Funding Source: Water Agency's property tax revenue
Agency Program Element Category: Watershed Management

Task Order No. 16: Headwaters Connect Watershed Group Support (NEW)

In supporting the Water Agency, Sunzi Consulting assisted the Upper American River Watershed Group in its rebranding as the Headwaters Connect Watershed Group (Headwaters Connect) in early 2026. Under this new task order, Sunzi Consulting will assist the Water Agency in activities as the convenor of the watershed group, in addition

to coordinating with the Water Agency's other consultants who support this program. Sunzi Consulting will provide strategic planning for Headwaters Connect to advance the organization in its governance, functions, social recognition, and level of collaboration and cohesiveness. This task order also includes assisting the Water Agency and Headwaters Connect in new or ongoing efforts such as improving public information dissemination and community awareness, refining pathways and protocols for collective actions and initiatives, supporting workshops and other watershed group activities, and coordinating with other watershed groups and partners for streamlined policy development and action implementation.

This project aligns with SP30+ Priority Objectives IP3 a, c, d, and e under the Watershed Management Program by supporting the implementation of the Programmatic Watershed Plan (PWP), developing data, tools, and information to support advocacy for state and federal investments, cultivating and expanding partnerships, and supporting the county and interested parties in leveraging working landscapes.

FY 26-27 budget: \$59,910
Funding Source: Water Agency's property tax revenue
Agency Program Element Category: Watershed Management

Task Order No. 17: Development of West Slope Water Blueprint and Implementation Roadmap (NEW)

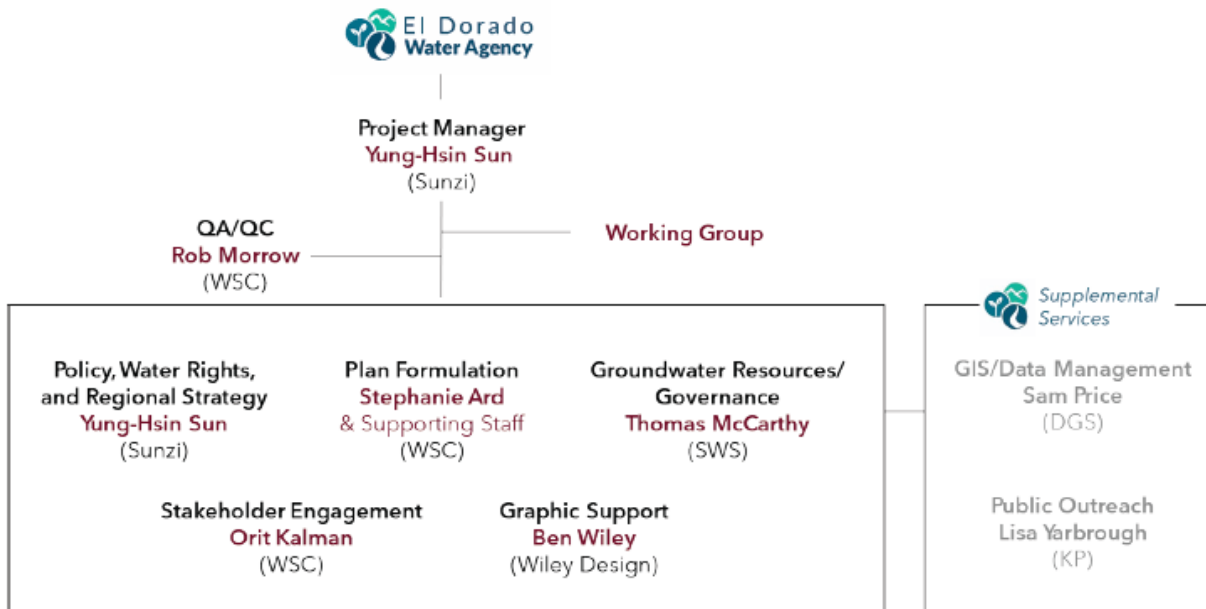
Over the past decade the Water Agency and local agencies have developed plans and initiatives to advance long-term water resources planning and development in El Dorado County. The Water Agency's WRDMP focuses on resource management strategies and major actions to address projected long-term threats and vulnerabilities, based on the vision created by County General Plan at the capacity level, modernized water resources planning principles, and climate projections toward the end of the 21st century. However, many local planning efforts have a much shorter period ranging from 5 years which is typical for capital capacity planning to 20 years for Urban Water Management Plans. These planning horizons are too short to meaningfully consider the effects of climate change, although pertinent information is generally incorporated. The purpose of this project is to develop a regional West Slope Water Blueprint (Blueprint West Slope) to coordinate and integrate these existing plans.

To further bridge any gaps and facilitate coherent strategies and coordinated implementation, the Water Agency will collaborate with local agencies, cities, counties, stakeholders, and other interested parties to form a regional water blueprint with additional detail to improve the clarity and effectiveness of implementation. This blueprint development effort includes project management and coordination, development of the Blueprint West Slope through a structured plan formulation process, facilitation of five stakeholder workshops, and preparation of initiative sheets, summary, and implementation roadmap. In the West Slope, protection of existing senior water rights and access to new rights to ensure plentiful water for future use, water shortage vulnerabilities of small water system and domestic wells, regional water infrastructure needs to support Other County Area economic development, localized flooding, and optimizing the beneficial use of water supplies are some of the areas to be included.

The strategic intent, goals and approach developed for Blueprint Tahoe development are applicable to developing Blueprint West Slope and will be efficiently used by the same consulting team. However, the conditions in the West Slope area are very different than those of the Tahoe Basin, if not categorically distinct, suggesting much greater planning uncertainty. This higher level of planning uncertainty for Blueprint West Slope development will result in more planning scenarios with triggers and pathways. It also requires an increased level of engagement with West Slope parties and other ongoing planning efforts. The proposed project includes a robust approach with provisions for this additional level of effort. To complete the following tasks, Sunzi has assembled the team shown in the below Figure 1:

- Project Management – ensuring team coordination and adherence to scope, schedule, and budget
- Plan Formulation – confirming goals, identifying and screening measures, forming solutions, and establishing a roadmap for sequencing and prioritization
- Stakeholder Engagement – conducting five in-person workshops with the stakeholder group to develop and review the various components of the Blueprint
- Documentation – developing the Blueprint summary and roadmap

Figure 1. West Slope Blueprint Team Organization



This work is scheduled to be completed from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028. Due to uncertainties of the specific timing of the expenditures, the full estimated amount needed for this work is included in the FY 26/27 budget.

This project aligns with SP30+ Priority Objective IP2b under the Water Security Program to develop a long-term water blueprint and implementation roadmap for the West Slope region. It similarly supports the WRDMP RMS1c to develop regional water plans to identify management and built infrastructure investments needed for long-term water security.

FY 26-27 budget: \$349,903
Funding Source: Water Agency's property tax revenue
Agency Program Element Category: Water Security

Western Hydrologics LLP (vendor pool)

Task Order No. 23: Alder Appraisal Study Upstream Modeling (NEW)

To simulate the proposed Alder Reservoir's operations in the upper American River, a daily time-step system model that simulates integrated hydropower and water supply operations in the Upper American River Basin, including compliance with FERC license conditions, minimum instream flow requirements, and operational constraints for major operators such as SMUD (Upper American River Project), PCWA's Middle Fork Project, EID Project 184, and other upstream hydropower facilities, is needed. American River Integrated Operations (ARIOps) is the model exclusively used by the Water Agency and PCWA for modeling these operations. Because ARIOps is a proprietary model, Western Hydrologics will perform the modeling under a direct contract with the Water Agency, separate from the larger Alder Appraisal Study. Under this task order, Western Hydrologics will perform four studies of the upper American River operations above Folsom Lake. The focus of these studies is the integration of Alder Creek Reservoir and associated facilities with Folsom Lake operations and deliveries to demands on the West Slope of El Dorado County. The studies will be performed using a hydrology dataset spanning water years 1922 – 2021 which reflects Calsim 3 adjusted historical hydrology. ARIOps. The development of these studies and output will be closely coordinated with the consultant selected to perform the appraisal study. Currently Stantec is the firm being considered by the Board in a separate agenda item this month. Western Hydrologics and Stantec have demonstrated a successful and ongoing ability to coordinate on similar activities related to other Water Agency projects.

This project is aligned with SP30+ Priority Objective IP2b which focuses on the Water Agency's efforts to prepare El Dorado County for both projected needs and uncertainty of climate and regulatory conditions through preparation of an implementation roadmap which includes exploring development of regional surface water storage, among others. It similarly supports WRDMP RMS5b to develop new high-elevation off-stream storage to replace lost snowpack and increase water supply reliability as a climate adaptation strategy.

FY 26-27 budget: \$100,000
Funding Source: 50% Water Agency's property tax revenue and 50% federal funds
Agency Program Element Category: Water Security

Task Order No. 24: El Dorado Water Reliability Project Water Rights Support (NEW)

The El Dorado Water Reliability Project (EDWRP) is an important initiative that will help ensure residents, businesses, farmers, and ranchers in El Dorado County have adequate water supplies into the future. The County's adopted General Plan, which serves as a blueprint for development throughout the county, describes the land use and economic development that is expected to occur on the West Slope. In order to support

this planned growth, the additional water supplies are necessary. As such, the Water Agency is working to secure surface water rights to use up to 40,000 acre-feet per year (AFY) from the upper tributaries of the American River using existing diversion and storage facilities. These efforts involve member purveyors and other water operators and managers within the upper and lower American River Watershed. These efforts must consider decisions by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and the operations of the California State Water Project and the United States Central Valley Project.

This task order will provide as-requested support services to advance the process for securing surface water rights. Western Hydrologics will provide water rights support services and technical assistance to the Water Agency in support of planning activities including but not limited to support for the protection or acquisition of water rights and Water Availability Analyses using multiple priority dates. Technical assistance required to support these activities may include hydrology verification and development, operations simulation modeling, planning, document review, technical memorandum development and associated services. The purpose of this task is to confirm that the SWRCB Delta Watershed Water Availability Analysis Tool (Delta WAA Tool) produces acceptable results supporting the Water Agency's water right applications.

This project is aligned with SP30+ Priority Objective IP2a and WRDMP RMS1 to secure and protect water rights and contracts for countywide water security needs and rural source-watershed interests.

FY 26-27 budget: \$100,000

Funding Source: Water Agency's property tax revenue

Agency Program Element Category: Water Security

AGENDA REQUEST
Regular Meeting, June 10, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Rebecca Guo, P.E., General Manager *RG*

DATE: June 5, 2026

SUBJECT: **American River Conservancy Memorandum of Understanding for Watershed Program Collaboration**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

American River Conservancy is a nonprofit organization that serves its communities by ensuring healthy ecosystems within the upper American and upper Cosumnes River watersheds through land conservation, stewardship and education. ARC and the Water Agency are requesting approval to enter into a memorandum of understanding to strengthen and formalize their existing collaboration. The purpose of this agreement is to document the intent of the parties to accelerate landscape-scale restoration and promote watershed health within the upper American and Cosumnes Rivers watersheds. The agreement will not commit any funding by either party.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the American River Conservancy in a form acceptable to legal counsel.

ACTION OF AGENCY ON:

VOTE:

Unanimous _____ or

Ayes:

Date _____

Noes:

Attest:

Abstentions:

By _____

Clerk of the Agency

Absent:

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION (continued):

The Water Agency recognizes that watershed management is essential to ensuring reliable water supplies and improving climate resilience, which is the Water Agency's primary responsibility to the residents in El Dorado County. The Water Agency's role in watershed management-related activities is mainly to facilitate and support the implementation of resource management actions. The Water Agency is the convener of the Headwaters Connect Watershed Group (Headwaters Connect), a collaborative network of 17 organizations focused on the sustainable stewardship of the upper American and Cosumnes River watersheds. This collaborative group developed the Programmatic Watershed Plan (PWP) in 2023, which establishes a cohesive and shared vision for sustainably managing the upper American and Cosumnes River watersheds for long-term resiliency and community prosperity.

The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding is to strengthen and memorialize the Water Agency and ARC's existing collaboration in furtherance of the goals of the PWP by accelerating landscape-scale restoration and promoting watershed health within the upper American and Cosumnes River watersheds. It is anticipated that through this agreement the Water Agency and ARC will:

- Communicate and cooperate regularly on upcoming meetings and efforts as part of Headwaters Connect group collaboration and one-on-one coordination.
- Work together to promote ecologically-based, landscape-scale management of the Upper American and Cosumnes River watershed, including retaining and restoring ecosystem condition, function, and services, including the promotion of resiliency to climate change, forest insects and disease, and wildland fire. The parties will seek to expedite and advance restoration activities, including fuels reduction, road decommissioning, and watershed restoration through identifying, co-developing, and supporting implementation of joint watershed management strategies, projects, and stewardship activities that would benefit the mutual interests of EDWA and ARC.
- Collaborate on technical, scientific, and financial matters necessary to support watershed management that meets the interests of all parties to the MOU. This may include coordinating and sharing information regarding science, economics, policy, and related issues consistent with governing laws, regulations, and policies.
- Identify opportunities for coordinated advocacy, education, and public outreach regarding the importance of healthy forests and watersheds for water supply, wildlife habitat, public recreation and other benefits and the environmental, economic, and other benefits of a proactive approach to restoring forest and watershed health.

Policy

The Water Agency's Watershed Management Program involves participating in actions that meaningfully contribute to long-term water supply reliability and water quality protection for El Dorado County, in the areas of headwater management, water quality management for rural and agricultural communities, and habitat and other ecosystem function enhancement.

This agreement is supported by Policy WRDMP-02 to include RMS that improve water resources management in El Dorado County, with anticipated economic and public benefits accrued in all communities throughout El Dorado County. Specifically, this effort will support:

- *RMS9–Improve Watershed Management for Water Resource-Related Benefits* to address the risks to water supply and water quality. Specifically, under RMS9C, the Agency seeks to collaborate with resource management agencies, power utilities, water purveyors, and stakeholders to promote sustainable forest management for long-term benefits of water supply infrastructure protection, biodiversity and ecosystem functions.
- *RMS11d-Develop strategies and collaborate to combine nature-based solutions to reduce expenditure, facilitate additional flexibility of pooled funding use, and prolong the effectiveness of hard infrastructure investment and operational changes for regional flood risk reduction.* The MOU will facilitate the Water Agency’s collaboration with SAFCA in the Watershed FIRO Program enabling the Water Agency to ensure inclusion of nature-based solutions and other related elements for countywide benefits.

2026-2030 Strategic Plan

Implementation Program Goal 1: *Governance and Partnership Goal.* The MOU will continue to establish the Water Agency as a leader in water management in the upper American River watershed, including El Dorado County, and enhance the partnership with regional entities to advance collective benefits.

Fiscal

There is no anticipated fiscal impact. Water Agency staff will continue to devote some staff time to coordination with ARC. The MOU would not commit either party to funding any proposed project.



**AGENDA REQUEST
Regular Meeting, June 10, 2026**

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Lori Parlin, Board Chair, and Osman Mufti, General Counsel
DATE: June 4, 2026
SUBJECT: Potential Amendment to Employment Agreement with General Manager

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

On September 13, 2023, the Agency Board approved the Employment Agreement for the General Manager position between the Water Agency and Rebecca Guo. Ms. Guo was appointed Interim General Manager in June 2023.

The Agency Board will meet in closed session on June 10, 2026, to conduct the annual performance review for the General Manager. Based on the outcome of that review, the Board may wish to consider amendments to the existing Employment Agreement with the General Manager. This staff report provides the opportunity for the Board to discuss and make any such amendments.

RECOMMENDATION:

Following Discussion of this item, the Board may make a recommendation to further amend the Employment Agreement with the General Manager in a form acceptable to the parties to the agreement and approved by Water Agency Legal Counsel and authorize the Board Chair to execute an amendment to the Employment Agreement.

ACTION OF AGENCY ON:

VOTE:

Unanimous _____ or

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstentions:

Absent:

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered into the minutes of the Board of Directors, El Dorado County Water Agency.

Date _____

Attest:

By _____
Clerk of the Agency