

El Dorado County Water Agency

Significant actions:

Adoption of the El Dorado Water Agency Strategic Plan, SP25, for 2020-2025

The SP25+ establishes the Agency's mission statement, envisioning statement, values, goals and objectives; and seeks to set a course for the Agency for the next five years that will guide our investments of resources.

Water Agency Support for Ag-in-the-Classroom The Agency, in one of its public education roles for water resources, has established a productive relationship with the Ag-in-the-Classroom. Ag-in-the-Classroom delivers rural agricultural education programs for children in elementary through high school, and has been an effective venue for the Agency to for public outreach and education in water resources. During the 2020-2021 school year, the Agency staff is seeking to work with Ag-in-the-Classroom and local teachers to develop simple and usable tools that can be incorporated into virtual learning, staff is recommending the Agency continue its annual support of Ag in the Classroom through the development of a series of three educational videos.

Approved the Agency's support of El Dorado County Ag in the Classroom for the 2020-2021 school year, in the form of three educational videos; and 2) authorized the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Trespasser Productions in a form acceptable to legal counsel for a not-to exceed amount of \$35,000.

Presentation on the El Dorado Water Reliability Project

In its role as the El Dorado Designated Representative, the Agency is continuing to prepare to seek a re-assignment for up to forty thousand acre-feet per year (40 tafa) of new consumptive water supplies on behalf of portions of the county's West Slope area. Under the 2005 El Dorado-SMUD Agreement, the Agency has been conducting water demand analyses, long-term planning and is ready to initiate the environmental impact analysis for diverting 40 tafa from the American River known as the El Dorado Water Reliability Project (EDWRP).

Authorization the General Manager to (a) Execute Amendment No. 3 to the Task Order with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., to further provide project management support for the El Dorado County Water Reliability Project for a not-to-exceed amount of \$80,000; and (b) Execute a New Task Order with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., for Water Resources Development and Management Plan Maintenance for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$90,000.

Staff is requesting authorization to execute an amendment and a new task order with Stantec Consulting, Inc. for continuation of project management support to the El Dorado Water Reliability Project and the maintenance of the 2019 Water Resources Development and Management Plan. With their past efforts, Stantec can provide the most efficient services and provide continuity necessary to support the Agency's initiatives.

Amendment to Task Order No. 1 with Environmental Sciences Associates for \$190,000

As a conclusion to improve its financial framework for financial planning and management, staff and Stantec Consulting, Inc will present a summary of the efforts and recommendations to update the Agency's long-term financial framework and associated policies.

Approved Task Order No. 1: Amendment 11122020 with Environmental Science Associates which increases the budget \$190,000 and sets a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$975,208; and 2) Authorized the General Manager to execute a Counsel approved Task Order Amendment.

Authorization for the Agency to Serve as the Lead Agency for the Leek Springs Meadow Planning Project

The Agency, during these past several years, has worked to establish its functions to be consistent with the 1959 El Dorado County Water Agency Act, and has developed a countywide water plan that includes participating in statewide water planning. Staff, to support the Agency's role to protect and preserve the quality of the county's water resources, is seeking authorization to work with the American River Conservancy (ARC) and other parties to be the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency for the Leek Springs Meadow Planning Project.

Authorized the General Manager to work with the American River Conservancy and other Parties as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency for the Leek Springs Meadow Planning Project.

DWR/Water Conservation Workgroups

Residential Landscape Area Measurement project met and went over the tools, methodology, and analysis for obtaining data for guidelines in determining outdoor residential water requirements based on the model for water efficient landscape ordinance. Once these tools arrive in the District, we can work to make sure they are working appropriately for our area and any variances or allowances we may require are determined.

Urban Water Management Plan group provided guidelines - had public hearing, comments, and the changes and revisions will be finalized. The draft UWMP guidebook is available.

El Dorado LAFCO

One of the considerations during the Sphere of Influence discussion for El Dorado Irrigation District dealt with the potential use of areas for Agriculture and water usage requirements for predicting future water needs. These needs are within the EDCWA's strategic plan for our region and obtaining water rights to meet the County's potential future growth. We must be aware of our possible future needs when our municipal service review study is done next year.

Board of Supervisors 12/2/2020

I attended this meeting to speak on agenda item 16 on behalf of the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District.

16. 20-1410 Chief Administrative Office recommending the Board:

- 1) Direct staff to utilize the recommended budgeting plan for the El Dorado Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) Cooperative Agreement Special Revenue Fund;
- 2) Approve a budget transfer increasing the payment to the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District by \$1,433 to reach the 9/59ths of the SMUD payment outlined in the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District Transition Agreement approved by the Board on March 3, 2009 (4/5 vote required); and
- 3) Direct the Parks Manager and Parks Commission to present recommendations to the Chief Administrative Office on how to utilize SMUD funding provided for parks purposes during the annual budget process.

FUNDING: El Dorado - SMUD Cooperation Agreement Special Revenue Fund.

Public Comment: K. Payne, M. Saunders

A motion was made by Supervisor Veerkamp, seconded by Supervisor Novasel to Approve this matter and direct the Chief Administrative Officer and an Ad Hoc Committee to meet with SMUD and Forest Services to revisit revenue sharing and revenue generation on high impact tourists areas and return to the Board within two years to be reevaluated.

Yes: 5 - Veerkamp, Frentzen, Novasel, Hidahl and Parlin

Upper American River Project

1.1 Allocation of Use of Facilities and Water Storage. Among the El Dorado Parties the right to use SMUD's UARP facilities for the storage and delivery of water will be allocated as provided herein. 1.1.1 GDPUD. GDPUD will have the right to use the UARP facilities for the purpose of receiving Annual Deliveries of up to 10,000 acre-feet per year, as well as the right to any associated Seasonal Storage as "GDPUD Reserved Capacity." However, to the extent GDPUD is not making use of any portion of the GDPUD Reserved Capacity, then EID may make use of the UARP facilities reserved to GDPUD in addition to its rights provided under Sections 1.1.2 and 1.1.3 below without providing compensation to GDPUD. In the event that EID has actually used some portion of the GDPUD Reserved Capacity, EID will terminate its use of the GDPUD Reserved Capacity upon GDPUD's compliance with the following preconditions: (i) GDPUD will provide a preliminary notice to the Parties five (5) years prior to the date at which GDPUD intends to use the GDPUD Reserved Capacity, and (ii) GDPUD, upon the certification of an environmental review document required by CEQA or a successor statute for a project that will allow its use of its Reserved Capacity under this section, will provide a further notice of its intent to use the GDPUD Reserved Capacity at least eighteen (18) months before GDPUD intends to begin using the GDPUD Reserved Capacity.

Additional recommendations for our SMUD fund to make sure it remains earmarked for Watershed management, maintaining infrastructure for water conveyance, and that we keep involved along with EDCWA if the BOS renegotiate the contract agreement with SMUD as we are partners in this project,

I would like to thank our State legislators, Assemblyman Frank Bigelow, and Senator Brian Dahlefor acknowledging the work of our District and their response in providing certificates for our two past board members.

I would like to welcome our two new Board members and look forward to working together to continue to improve the District and maintain our mission statement.

Michael Saunders,
Vice-President, GDPUD Board of Directors