PARTNERING FOR SUCCESS

EDWA and its stakeholders are committed to keeping our investments on track. Our success depends on active state and federal partnerships. Implementation priorities are as follows:

- Complete the agreement negotiation and execute with Reclamation and partners for the American River Basin Water Marketing Strategy and Upper American River Basin Regional Drought Contingency Program
- Support Cosumnes, American, Bear, Yuba (CABY)
 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) and ensure realized benefits and outcomes
- Develop the use of the Central Valley Project (Fazio)
 water service contract with El Dorado Irrigation District,
 Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, and
 Lower American River partners
- Support Resource Conservation Districts in headwaters and forest management and restoration efforts

- Support petition for Area-of-Origin water rights application
- Support local implementation of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy
- Partner to integrate Regional Water Authority's Regional Water Reliability Plan and Sacramento Regional Groundwater Bank with El Dorado County's upstream surface water assets as identified per the climate adaptation portfolio in the American River Basin Study
- Collaborate with County and cities to implement Human Rights to Water legislation (AB 685) and drought protection for small water systems and rural communities

El Dorado Water Agency •

60 Years of Ensuring Reliable Water Supply for Our Communities and Our Future









HONORING OUR HISTORY – PRESERVING OUR CULTURE



AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY
VALUED AT \$75M ANNUALLY



WORLD-CLASS
RECREATION DESTINATION



RICH HERITAGE FROM THE GOLD RUSH ERA

EL DORADO WATER AGENCY CELEBRATES AND HONORS 60 YEARS OF OUR HERITAGE, AND CONTINUES TO PLAN FOR OUR COUNTY'S FUTURE



EDWA's mission is to ensure El Dorado County has adequate water for today, and in the future. Our responsibility to communities dates as far back as the early settlers, during the great California Gold Rush. Aptly named after the "Hills of Gold," El Dorado County continues to celebrate its great pioneering spirit today.

Uniquely situated, EDWA serves the entire County, which straddles the majestic Sierra Nevada, home to Lake Tahoe, the largest alpine lake in North America. El Dorado County has a diverse landscape, and includes much of our state's headwaters that store our water supply as snowpack, as well as the El Dorado National Forest. The County serves nearly 200,000 residents, and spans rural agriculture communities that memorialize our early settlers, such as John Sutter and Kit Carson.

Our communities are supported by vibrant agri-business, including the County's popular destination, Apple Hill. Founded nearly 60 years ago by just 16 ranchers, Apple Hill is now represented by more than 50 local family-owned farms that are dedicated to supporting agriculture in our community with produce, vineyards, and breweries. Today, our agri-business and urban centers continue to thrive and attract local, national and international enthusiasts who come to taste our award-winning wines, harvest Christmas trees, pan for gold, ski, whitewater river raft, and fish in our rivers and lakes.

OUR CITIES

South Lake Tahoe

County's largest city (est. population 23,594)

Placerville

County's seat (est. population 10,171)





OUR TOWNS

The majority of our residents live in unincorporated areas:

Auburn Lake Trails
Cameron Park
Camino
Cold Springs

Diamond Springs
El Dorado Hills

Grizzly Flats
Pollock Pines

Shingle Springs Rancheria Shingle Springs

Other County Areas

Tahoma

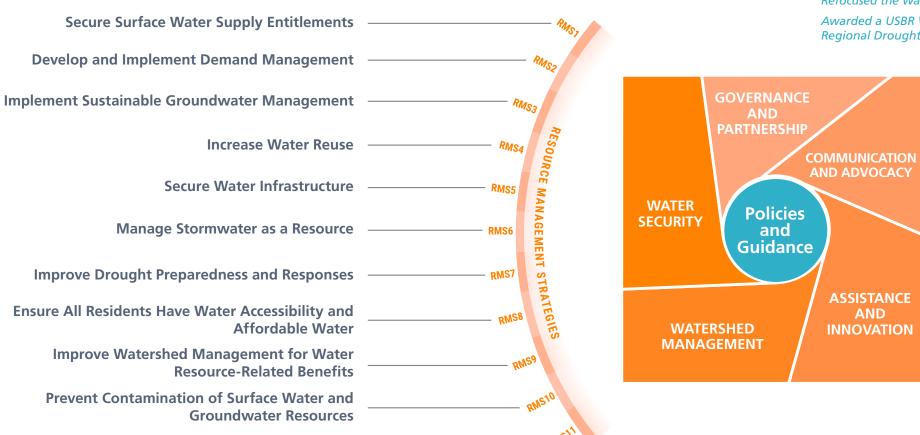
Georgetown

SUPPORTING OUR THRIVING URBAN AND RURAL-AG COMMUNITIES

Reduce the Risk of Flooding in Communities

As El Dorado County has grown, we have continued to plan for our future. Based on the County's 2004 General Plan, and EDWA's recently adopted policies as outlined in the updated Water Resources Development and Management Plan (WRDMP, October 2019), we know that we must plan for growth well beyond the 21st century. This will require a modernized water supply system that takes the County's economic development, environmental protection, and quality of life for all residents into account, while also protecting our valued rural-agricultural way of life.

In response, EDWA developed resource strategies to improve our water security, reliability, and resilience. This helps us mitigate ongoing vulnerabilities that could otherwise come from increased threats from fire, drought, flooding, and other stressors on our water supplies. Our Resource Management Strategies (RMS) are aligned with our Implementation Programs, and work together to meet the County's vision for the future.



PARTNERSHIPS FOR WATER RESILIENCE

EDWA's partnerships are successfully executing the following five Implementation Programs:

GOVERNANCE AND PARTNERSHIP

Focuses on our collaborative efforts with partners to advance the Resource Management Strategies.

Formed Groundwater Sustainability Agency with South Tahoe Public Utility District (STPUD) with an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Partnered in cost sharing with USBR WaterSMART program and local partners: Placer County Water Agency (PCWA), Cities of Roseville, Folsom, Sacramento and the Regional Water Authority (RWA) on the American River Basin Study; and El Dorado Irrigation District on Alder Creek Water Conservation and Storage Project Feasibility Study.

WATER SECURITY

Includes ongoing water supply and demand gap analysis, water supply development, drought protection and response, developing stormwater as a resource, flood risk reduction, and water quality.

Refocused the Water Reliability Project for acquisition of water rights for additional 40TAF and Environmental Impact Report.

Awarded a USBR WaterSMART grant in partnership with El Dorado Irrigation District for the Upper American River Basin Regional Drought Contingency Plan.

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

Contributes to long-term water supply reliability and water quality protection in the areas of managing headwaters, water quality, and habitat and ecosystem enhancement.

Collaborated with the Association of California Water Agencies Headwaters Work Group to recommend policy and implementation for improving forest health, water retention and yield, biodiversity, and environmental services.

Completed the West Slope Stormwater Resources Plan in collaboration with the City of Placerville and El Dorado County.

ASSISTANCE AND INNOVATION

Relying on innovation to continue to improve our understanding and management of water resource-related challenges, and providing technical and educational assistance with our partners to execute our regional management strategies.

Provided financial and technical assistance to water purveyors, El Dorado County and its cities, as well as water users.

Promoted public water education through the Water Education Foundation and El Dorado County's Ag in the Classroom program.

COMMUNICATION AND ADVOCACY

Coordinate information sharing with stakeholders and the public, County-wide communication efforts, and federal and state advocacy for implementation investments and actions.

Participated in developing priorities and actions for policy and project development, implementation and coordination efforts, many with a federal nexus.

