

October 5, 2024

Attention: El Dorado County Water Agency
RE: 2024 Water Resources Development and Management Plan (WRDMP).
[Agenda Item #6]

Dear Board of Directors,

Please consider my comments, as I cannot attend the October 9th meeting in person.

I am writing to express my support for the adoption of Resolution WA-8-2024, which amends the Water Resources Development and Management Plan Policy E-1001.

In 2018, the Agency recognized the necessity for changes to County Ordinance 4325, following new state legislative requirements. As a result, the County adopted Ordinance No. 5096, which provides for the development of the Countywide Water Management Plan. This ordinance ensures that the Board of Supervisors' land use decisions are based on adequate information regarding water supply availability for anticipated land development projects. Such careful consideration of water resources is fundamental to the responsible growth of our community.

As authorized by the 1959 El Dorado County Water Agency Act, the establishment of the El Dorado County Water Agency (EDCWA) enables the development of a Countywide Water Plan and allows the Agency to actively participate in statewide water planning initiatives. This role is critical as we address both local and statewide water challenges.

The WRDMP not only adheres to important regulatory frameworks but also provides durable and forward-thinking policies that promote countywide benefits, resilience, and environmental stewardship. By continued support for the WRDMP, the Agency can help implement the County's General Plan vision of balancing economic development with the preservation of El Dorado County's rural-agricultural way of life and rich natural resources.

The 2024 WRDMP update reflects changes since 2019, including the COVID-19 pandemic, extreme weather events, fires, and new laws on water rights and climate policies. It incorporates input from the Plan Advisory Group (PAG) and a Water Supply-Demand Subgroup, ensuring alignment among stakeholders to address future water management challenges for our County.

I encourage the Board to continue its steadfast support for the WRDMP24, as it is vital to guiding future water resource planning, the Water Agency’s actions and investments, and safeguarding our region’s environmental heritage.

Thank you for your attention to my comments, and for your continued commitment to responsible water resource management in El Dorado County.

Respectfully submitted,
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