



## El Dorado County Water Agency

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### **El Dorado County Water Agency Releases New Water Resources Development and Management Plan**

*Plan outlines long term, county-wide water planning and management strategies*

**PLACERVILLE, Calif.** – The El Dorado County Water Agency (EDCWA) announced the release of its 2019 Water Resources Development and Management Plan (WRDMP). The updated plan outlines the expanded vision that aligns with the El Dorado County General Plan, and recommended strategies for securing water supplies and responsibly managing water resources for the future of El Dorado County.

The 2019 WRDMP is the result of nearly a year of efforts that incorporates the latest information and data from ongoing studies and development, and that reflects collaboration with advisory groups consisting of water purveyors and stakeholders throughout El Dorado County, and key county staff from multiple departments with resource management responsibilities.

“The WRDMP lays the groundwork for key issues and considerations that will need to be addressed as we continue to plan for El Dorado County’s future water supply and drought resilience,” said EDCWA Board Chair Brian Veerkamp. “It offers a new perspective and comprehensive strategies for achieving long-term water security in El Dorado County based on the principles of integrated water management.”

The Agency’s board adopted new policies and guidance as the cornerstones for continued planning for El Dorado County’s water future and implementation of the WRDMP. These policies and guidance recognize the diverse landscape of El Dorado County, County residents’ desire to maintain its rural-agriculture way of life, and the collaborative implementation with respect to individual roles and responsibilities.

As part of its overarching mission of ensuring an adequate water supply for El Dorado County, EDCWA will continue to provide a county-wide vision for the planning and implementation of the strategies outlined in the plan, working in partnership with county leaders, water purveyors and other stakeholders.



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“The primary focus for the Agency during implementation is to ensure that the County is able to secure sufficient long-term water supplies and adequate drought preparedness. These needs are more acute for the West Slope, which is essential to sustaining the needs of our rural-agricultural culture that is consistent with the adopted General Plan,” said EDCWA General Manager Ken Payne. “This plan serves as a comprehensive guide for establishing and continuing those efforts for years to come.”

The policies and guidance as part of the 2019 WRDMP were adopted by the EDCWA Board of Directors at its meeting on October 9. A copy of the WRDMP is available for viewing on the Agency’s website, at [www.edcgov.us/Water](http://www.edcgov.us/Water), or by calling the office at (530) 621-5392.

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### **About the El Dorado County Water Agency**

*The El Dorado County Water Agency (EDCWA) is a long-term water planning organization dedicated to ensuring that El Dorado County has adequate water supplies through protecting existing water supplies, securing new water rights and promoting water conservation. EDCWA was established in 1959 and its offices are located in Placerville.*