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## **EID petitions state agency to move water from Caples Lake reservoir to Jenkinson Lake**

**Placerville, CA.....** El Dorado Irrigation District (District) has petitioned the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to transfer water from Caples Lake reservoir to Jenkinson Lake in Sly Park Recreation Area near Pollock Pines.

If the state agency grants the District's petition, about 4,000 acre-feet\* of the water now being drawn down from Caples—under emergency conditions—would be diverted through the Hazel Creek tunnel to Jenkinson Lake, which is the District's largest drinking water storage facility. The 4,000 acre-feet is the maximum that can be transported through the tunnel before the drawdown is complete.

Both reservoirs and their water rights are owned by the District.

"We hope that the State Board grants the petition and soon," said George Osborne, president of the District's Board of Directors. "This would be a good use of at least some of the Caples water, especially if 2009 turns out to be another dry year, and every day we wait means less water can be diverted to storage."

Under authority granted by state law, the District's Board declared an emergency on July 1 of this year, shortly after an investigative dive team discovered that the slide gates and other features of the outlet works at the Caples main dam are seriously deteriorated.

The District must operate the dam safely, and to do that, the gates must be replaced and other repairs made. To protect the crews who will be doing the work, the water level in the reservoir must be lowered. The District began the drawdown in mid-July.

Caples Lake reservoir is part of Project 184, the hydroelectric power generation system that the District acquired from Pacific Gas and Electric Company in 1999.

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\* An acre-foot is equal to one foot of water covering one acre of land.

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