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May 28, 2025

#### <<Notice of Data Breach>>

Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>:

El Dorado Irrigation District ("EID") is writing to notify you of an incident experienced by Nationwide Recovery Services ("NRS"), a third-party vendor utilized by EID, that may have involved some of your personal information as described below.

**What Happened:** On March 14, 2025, we received notification advising that NRS experienced an incident which may have impacted information related to individuals associated with EID. According to NRS, they discovered suspicious system activity in July 2024, and following investigation, determined there was unauthorized access to the NRS network between July 5, 2024 and July 11, 2024 which resulted in the acquisition of certain data maintained by NRS. Upon discovery of the NRS incident and potential impact to EID, we worked to obtain additional information regarding the incident and potential scope of impact, including the identification of individuals potentially affected so that we could provide you with this notice. Importantly, this incident was limited to NRS systems, and no EID systems were impacted in any way. On April 23, 2025, we received an update from NRS indicating your information may have been affected, and we worked to provide this notice as soon as possible.

<u>What Information Was Involved</u>: Based on the information provided by NRS, we understand that the types of information potentially impacted may include your first and last name in combination with address, Social Security number, and/or date of birth.

<u>What We Are Doing</u>: Upon learning of this incident, we took steps to obtain additional information from NRS regarding the incident and steps taken by NRS in response to this matter. NRS has advised that additional cybersecurity measures have been implemented to prevent a similar incident in the future and that they are reviewing their existing security policies.

As an additional safeguard, we have arranged for you to enroll, at no cost to you, in an online credit monitoring and identity protection services for a period of <<Service Length>> months.

<u>What You Can Do</u>: In addition to enrolling in the complimentary credit monitoring service detailed within, we recommend that you remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your credit reports, account statements and explanation of benefits forms for suspicious activity and to detect errors. If you discover any suspicious or unusual activity on your accounts, please promptly contact the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained. We have provided additional information in the attached Reference Guide, which contains more information about steps you can take to help protect yourself against fraud and identity theft.

<u>For More Information</u>: Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact our dedicated assistance line at 1-800-939-4170, between 8 am - 8 pm Central Time, Monday through Friday excluding U.S. holidays.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

El Dorado Irrigation District

#### **REFERENCE GUIDE**

# **Enroll in Credit Monitoring and Identity Protection Services**

**1. Website and Enrollment.** Scan the QR image, go to <u>https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect</u> and follow the instructions for enrollment using your Enrollment Code provided at the top of the letter. IDX representatives are available Monday through Friday from 8 am - 8 pm Central Time. Please note the deadline to enroll is August 28, 2025.

**2.** Activate the credit monitoring provided as part of your IDX identity protection membership. The monitoring included in the membership must be activated to be effective. Note: You must have established credit and access to a computer and the internet to use this service. If you need assistance, IDX will be able to assist you.

**3.** Telephone. Contact IDX at 1-800-939-4170 to gain additional information about this event and speak with knowledgeable representatives about the appropriate steps to take to protect your identity.

**4. Review your credit reports**. We recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing account statements and monitoring credit reports. Under federal law, you also are entitled every 12 months to one free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting companies. To obtain a free annual credit report, go to <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u> or call 1-877-322-8228. You may wish to stagger your requests so that you receive a free report by one of the three credit bureaus every four months.

If you discover any suspicious items and have enrolled in IDX identity protection, notify them immediately by calling or by logging into the IDX website and filing a request for help. If you file a request for help or report suspicious activity, you will be contacted by a member of our ID Care team who will help you determine the cause of the suspicious items. In the unlikely event that you fall victim to identity theft as a consequence of this incident, you will be assigned an ID Care Specialist who will work on your behalf to identify, stop and reverse the damage quickly.

#### **Monitor Your Accounts**

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your credit reports/account statements for suspicious activity and to detect errors. Report any questionable charges promptly to the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained.

# **Order Your Free Credit Report**

Under U.S. law, you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, TransUnion, Experian, and Equifax. To order your free credit report, visit <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u> or call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228. Once you receive your credit report, review it for discrepancies and identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. Look in the "personal information" section for any inaccuracies in information (such as home address and Social Security Number).

If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting bureau by calling the telephone number on the report. Errors may be a warning sign of possible identity theft. You should notify the credit bureaus of any inaccuracies in your report, whether due to error or fraud, as soon as possible so the information can be investigated and, if found to be in error, corrected.

# Place a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File

You have the right to place an initial or extended fraud alert on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a one-year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three credit reporting bureaus listed below.

TransUnion	Experian	Equifax
1-800-680-7289	1-888-397-3742	1-888-298-0045
www.transunion.com	www.experian.com	www.equifax.com
<b>TransUnion Fraud Alert</b>	<b>Experian Fraud Alert</b>	Equifax Fraud Alert
P.O. Box 2000	P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 105069
Chester, PA 19016-2000	Allen, TX 75013	Atlanta, GA 30348-5069

# **Security Freezes**

As an alternative to a fraud alert, you have the right to place a credit freeze on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without your express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a credit freeze may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on your credit report. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must contact the credit reporting agency by phone, mail, or secure electronic means and provide proper identification of your identity. To request a credit freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

- 1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. Address for the prior two to five years;
- 5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility or telephone bill;
- 6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (e.g., state driver's license or identification card); and
- 7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft, if you are a victim of identity theft.

Should you wish to place a credit freeze, please contact the three credit reporting bureaus listed below:

TransUnion	Experian	Equifax
1-800-680-7289	1-888-397-3742	1-888-298-0045
www.transunion.com	www.experian.com	www.equifax.com
<b>TransUnion Credit Freeze</b>	Experian Credit Freeze	Equifax Credit Freeze
P.O. Box 160	P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 105788
Woodlyn, PA 19094	Allen, TX 75013	Atlanta, GA 30348-5788

Once you have submitted your request, the credit reporting agency must place the security freeze no later than 1 business day after receiving a request by phone or secure electronic means, and no later than 3 business days after receiving a request by mail. No later than 5 business days after placing the security freeze, the credit reporting agency will send you confirmation and information on how you can remove the freeze in the future.

# Additional Information

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect your personal information by contacting the credit reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), or your state Attorney General. The FTC also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. The FTC may be reached at 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20580; <u>www.identitytheft.gov</u>; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261.

You have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof that you have been a victim.

Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement, your state Attorney General, and the FTC.

*For Maryland residents*, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at 200 St. Paul Place, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-888-743-0023; and <u>https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov</u>. El Dorado Irrigation District may be contacted by mail at 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, CA 95667.

For New Mexico residents, you have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act: (i) the consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; (ii) the consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; (iii) access to your file is limited; (iv) you must give consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; (v) you may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; (vi) and you may seek damages from violators. You may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active-duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage review pursuant the Fair Reporting visiting you to vour rights to Credit Act by https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\_cfpb\_summary\_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf, or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, FTC, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

*For New York residents*, the New York Attorney General may be contacted at Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; or <u>https://ag.ny.gov</u>.

*For North Carolina residents*, the North Carolina Attorney General may be contacted at 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000; and <u>www.ncdoj.gov</u>.

*For Rhode Island residents*, the Rhode Island Attorney General may be contacted at 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903; 1-401-274-4400; and <u>www.riag.ri.gov</u>. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. There are <<#>>> Rhode Island residents impacted by this incident.

*For Washington, D.C. residents*, the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at 400 6<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001; 202-442-9828, and <u>https://oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection</u>. El Dorado Irrigation District may be contacted by mail at 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, CA 95667.