

Man falls to his death at EDC water treatment plant

El Dorado County sheriff's officials believe a man died after falling into an untreated raw water conduit between Jenkinson Lake and EID's water treatment plant in Pollock Pines.

Deputies responded to the area on Jan. 22 at 6pm and were unable to locate the missing person.

El Dorado Irrigation District personnel began to reduce the flows to the plant while emergency responders continued their search for Tory Robert Mayes of Pollock Pines. His body was recovered Tuesday afternoon.

After an extensive search of the EID conduit line by the sheriff's patrol and dive teams, EID, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Department and El Dorado County Fire Department, medical personnel determined that because of the length of exposure, water temperature, and circumstances surrounding the incident, rescue operations have transitioned into a recovery mission. Next of kin has been notified.

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