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Kuei-Nuan Lin* (ku120@psu.edu), **Tai Ha**, **Susan Morey**, **Enrique Reyes** and **Rafael Villarreal**. *Edge ideals of oriented graphs*.

We start with the definitions of the weighted oriented graph, D , and the edge ideal, $I(D)$, associated to the D . We will then talk about why we are interested in this type of ideals. We provide several equivalent conditions for the Cohen-Macaulayness of $I(D)$. As an application, we give a complete characterization for the Cohen-Macaulayness of $I(D)$ when the underlying (undirected) graph of D is obtained from an arbitrary graph by adding a whisker at every vertex. (Received December 29, 2018)