



District selects firm to conduct state-mandated spillway study

In the aftermath of the spillway crisis at Oroville Dam, the Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) is now requiring assessments



Paradise Dam spillway in Feb. 2017

of many dam spillways throughout the state—including the spillways at Paradise and Magalia Reservoirs, operated by Paradise Irrigation District. The state mandate requires the district to submit a work plan for each spillway.

The assessment work plan and any needed work could cost hundreds of thousands of dollars and have a significant negative impact on PID's budget.

PID officials and the district's selected dam engineering firm (Genterra Consultants) met with Sacramento DSOD officials to discuss the state's requirements. Genterra already has a three-year contract for dam safety monitoring and surveillance at both of PID's dams.

The meeting resulted in DSOD extending PID's deadline for the work plan to Sept. 1, 2017 (it was previously June 15).

DSOD officials shared historic photos

of spillway construction for both Magalia and Paradise reservoirs, pointing out areas of concern using current photographs.

Board members voted to hire Genterra to begin the the evaluation process and draft a work plan in response to DSOD's mandate. Cost for the spillway work plan is \$50,120.

The evaluation process by Genterra will include a detailed condition assessment of the spillways' concrete linings, existing draining systems and any potential for slab undermining and hydraulic jacking at each dam.

Following the evaluation, creation

and submission of the work plan, PID directors will determine the district's next steps to correct the situation.

Cost for repairs is unknown but could be substantial; PID staff is investigating grant funding opportunities but the availability of such funds is uncertain.

Magalia Dam, built using hydraulic fill, is 100 years old. It encompasses 96 acres in area and has a 2,900 acre-feet capacity, but only 796 acre-feet is currently used.

Paradise Dam, built in 1957, is an earthen dam and has a capacity of 11,500 acre-feet, encompassing 244 acres.

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PID is committed to being open, accountable and communicating with the public—and customers can see the evidence of that on the district's new government "transparency" page: PIDWater.com/open

While the district has shared much of the information on this page in the past, it wasn't always easy to find it because it was scattered throughout the website, notes Mickey Rich, information systems manager. The new page brings all the information to one, easy-to-reach place.

The page includes meeting info (agendas, supporting documents, minutes), district policies, financial audits, compensation and benefits, Freedom of Information Act requests—and more.

Check it out!



Search process continues

PID board appoints district's CFO as interim manager

With the departure of PID's longtime manager, the district's board of directors is actively pursuing the search for a new manager. In the meantime, however, PID continues to operate efficiently and effectively with Kevin Phillips at the helm as interim district manager.

Phillips brings a decade of experience working with the district to the position.



Phillips began working at PID in 2007 as finance and accounting manager, becoming the district's chief financial officer in 2013.

The district's five-member board tapped Phillips as the interim district manager in April 2017.

The board continues to seek a permanent district manager, voting in July

to hire a professional search firm to assist in the process.

As interim district manager, Phillips oversees all of PID's operational functions and has a staff of 45 employees. The district serves 10,500 households and businesses, providing drinking water to more than 26,000 community members.

A certified public accountant, Phillips worked with Matson & Isom Accountancy Corporation (Chico) from 2000 to 2007. He attended Cal Poly, San

Luis Obispo, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration, with a concentration in accounting and finance.

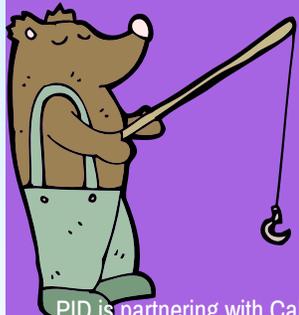
Phillips serves on the Finance Committee for the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), as well as on ACWA's Joint Powers Insurance Authority. He is also an elected director of the Durham Irrigation District.

Phillips lives in Durham (CA) with his wife and three children.

AQUAHAWK LEAK JUNE ALERTS



FREE PARKING
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PARADISE LAKE



ON
SATURDAY
SEPT. 2

PID is partnering with California Fish and Wildlife's annual "Free Fishing Day" so no fishing license is needed that day!

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We were on a Panama Canal cruise when we got an email alert from PID that we might have a big leak. I called my daughter using the ship-to-shore phone and she checked. A sprinkler head had broken and was hemorrhaging water and forming a mini-sinkhole! Thank goodness we got the alert; we avoided major damage to our yard as well as the cost of all that water. Thanks, PID!

Kevin F.