

WATER NEWS



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Our future.

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Paradise Irrigation District

Construction of new equalization tanks means double “wash water” capacity

Paradise Irrigation District’s Treatment Plant is busy 24/7, disinfecting, filtering and treating water for the Paradise community. A result of all that work is the “wash water,” the water used during backwashing and flushing the filters.

The wash water is sent to the equalization tank to then be pumped into the settling ponds above the Treatment Plant. After settling out the water flows downhill into Magalia Reservoir.

With construction of a new “double tank,” PID can now process twice the amount of wash water to allow for higher capacity as well as backup redundancy when the equalization tank needs repair or refurbishing.

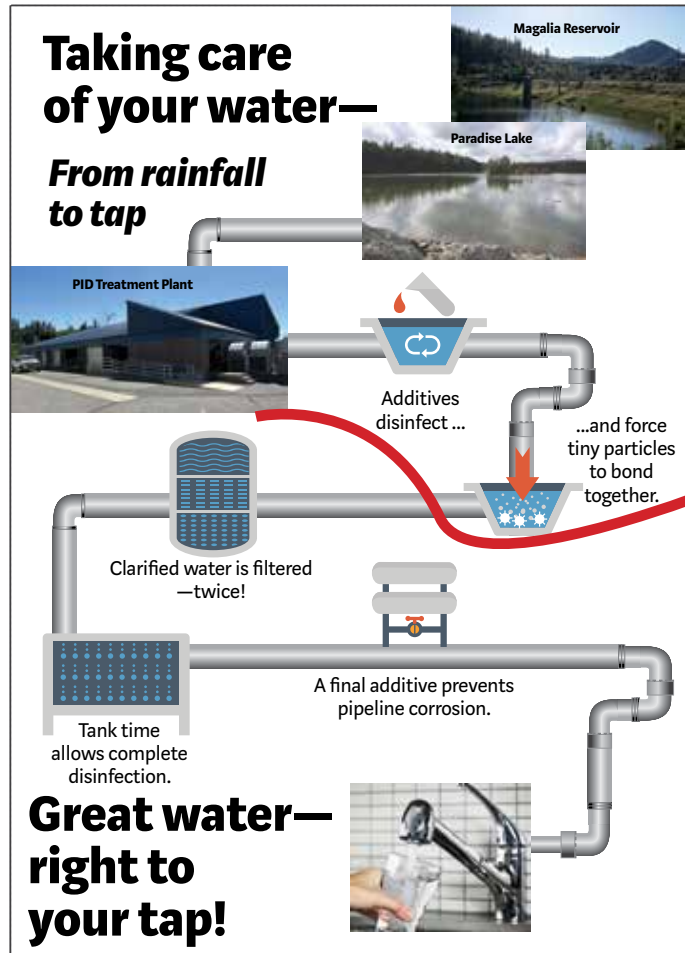
The replacement of PID’s aging single equalization tank is almost complete. Motorists driving across Magalia Dam can look toward the Treatment Plant and see the new structure.

“This new concrete tank replaces our

aging metal tank,” explains Rebekah Sorensen, Treatment Plant Superintendent. “Having a double tank means we have double the capacity and can send the water to the settling ponds slowly and evenly.

“This design is efficient in that we have twice the capacity in one footprint,” she adds.

The equalization tank replacement wasn’t related to recovery efforts from the 2018 Camp Fire.



Left: PID’s new equalization tank allows “wash water” from Treatment Plant filters to be held before being pumped to the district’s settling ponds. This is not treated water for our customers’ use, but water that is being prepared for the settling ponds.





The cold weather will be here soon—get ready now!

Although it hasn't arrived yet in force, you can count on cold weather coming our way soon. Prepare for it today by protecting your water pipes and making adjustments to your irrigation system's schedule to adjust for the cooler temperatures.

Cooler nights and days mean your plants won't likely need as much time or frequency in watering. Not only will you be saving water but you'll be saving money with that switch.

Covering exposed water pipes, such as hose bibs, will help protect against the freezing temperatures to come. While you're at it, make sure your home's backflow device "frost bag" is still in place.

- Disconnect and drain the garden hose connections.
- Close outside vents, crawl spaces and doors so cold air doesn't seep inside.
- Wrap water lines in insulation. Wrap pipes subject to cold or freezing, especially pipes that may be above ground and exposed to freezing temperatures.



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October 15
November 15

Town of Paradise
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Do you have an idea to improve our service?
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