

PARADISE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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Our water. Our future.

"Paradise Irrigation District (PID) is dedicated to the business of producing and delivering a safe, dependable supply of quality water in an efficient, cost effective manner with service that meets or exceeds the expectation of our customers."

Please consider how this agenda item relates to our mission.

- TO: **Board of Directors**
- FROM: Kevin Phillips, Interim District Manager
- April 13, 2018 DATE:
- RE: **District Manager's Report**

Water Rights

The District met with the Water Board staff on September 7th to discuss the District's water right applications and permit extension. Staff will be working with our water rights engineer and environmental engineer to restart this process.

The District is working with the Water Board staff to have our alternative compliance method approved to meet the State standards.

Paula Whealen from Wagner and Bonsignore, attended the February Board meeting to introduce herself and provide a water rights 101 presentation.

The District selected De Novo Group on April 26th, 2011 to prepare the EIR for the water rights extension. The contract also included the performance of the environmental studies. The total contract was for \$306,430.00, and the District has paid \$211,218.74 on this contract. The majority of the environmental studies have been completed, but due to the amount of time that has passed, the District may have to do additional studies. The District has also changed the project, because we have decided to go to license on permit 271 instead of asking for an extension.

North Lake Boat Launch Land Acquisition

The District purchased 3 acres of land next to boat launch one for \$58,055.26. We are working with the Department of Boating and Waterways to come to a letter agreement to allow the District to operate the lake without some of the restrictions listed in the contract. We are in discussion with Sierra Pacific Industries about acquiring property adjacent to our current boat launch property. We met with the County on March 6th to discuss the 3 acre parcel purchased for the boat launch. The county assured us that because we are a public agency, we are exempt from the Map Act. Therefore, there is no need for the District to purchase additional land to make the parcel conform with the Map Act.

Process Water Recycle Project

The District hired Water Works Engineering to work with the Regional Board to get the District's NPDES permit renewed. The District had a kickoff meeting on Nov 8th with Water Works Engineering and Larry Walker Engineering. The Water Board adopted the 2 year extension of the Time Schedule Order on Dec 8th for the District's NPDES permit. We had a meeting on February 13th & March 29th with Larry Walker and Water Works to discuss the preliminary research for the mixing zone study and dilution credit. The District has a meeting scheduled with the Regional Board on April 26th to kick off the renewal of the NPDES permit.

B Reservoir Design Project

The District has been approved for an \$800,000 SRF loan to design the B Reservoir. The District awarded the contract to Water Works Engineering during the May Board Meeting and approved the change order at the September Board meeting. The District had a workshop to approve the preliminary design report. The preliminary design was estimated to be \$11,000,000. We are working with SRF to increase our loan approval amount to cover this estimated cost. During our March 6th meeting with the County, we discussed the right-of-way issues associated with our A zone pipeline project. The county is looking into the issue to see if they can help us find the rightful owner of the Skyway. The District is going to pursue condemnation of the right-of-way and easement of the Skyway alignment for the pipeline. The District will need to hire a title consultant to research the ownership issues associated with the properties in question.

Spillway Investigation

The District received a letter on May 17th ordering the District to conduct an extensive evaluation of both spillways. We requested an extension of the timeline from July 15th to September 1st to submit a work plan to the Department of Safety of Dams. We met with the Division of Safety of Dams on July 6th. The District submitted our work plan on both spillways on September 7th. The District hired Genterra Engineering to complete the Phase one work plan. Genterra started field work on Nov 6th and expect the work to continue through February 2018. The District cleared trees and brush below the Magalia Dam before the Nov 1st deadline. The District met with Genterra Engineering to discuss the draft Phase one reports for Paradise Spillway and Magalia Spillway. We are planning to hold a webcast with Genterra's specialist to ask specific questions associated with the draft report.

PG&E Miocene Canal

The District has issued a letter of interest to PG&E. The District continues to receive interest from private parties to become partners in the project. The District met with a group that is interested in partnering with the District. We signed a confidentiality letter with PG&E and are receiving more information on the project. The District had a site visit of the Miocene Assets scheduled for March 1st, but the tour was postponed due to weather.

District Manager Recruitment

The District is working with Koff and Associates (K&A) to recruit for the District Manager position. The Board met with Richard O'Donnell to come up with an updated job description, salary range and job brochure. The brochure was issued at the end of November. The deadline for applicants to apply was Jan 16. K&A completed initial pre-screening interviews and presented an updated Applicant Materials Binder in March for the Board to review and select candidates to invite for interviews. Initial interviews were conducted with seven candidates on April 12, and direction was given to K&A with regard to candidates to be invited for a second interview. Interviews are planned in May.