

WATER NEWS



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Paradise Irrigation District

PID to study revenue replacement project

For more than 100 years, Paradise property owners have invested in a water system worth millions of dollars today. Although portions of the piping system suffered major damage from the 2018 Camp Fire, the treatment plant and reservoirs were almost untouched and may be the key to sustaining the district's operations as well as providing a much-needed solution for water to its Butte County neighbors -- while Paradise rebuilds. The Paradise Irrigation District Board of Directors voted unanimously to participate with Butte County and Cal Water Chico in a feasibility study for building an intertie pipeline that could be used to sell Paradise's currently unused water to its neighbors in Butte County.



The devastation caused by the 2018 Camp Fire destroyed Paradise residents' homes and forced most families and businesses to go elsewhere. What this means for the district is that for now there is an excess of water and too few active customers to sustain the district's current operating expenses. The state is also looking closely at the district's financial situation. PID was granted one-year backfill revenue from the state for 7.3 million dollars and the opportunity for an additional year of funding dependent on its participation in a consolidation study. Consolidating PID with a private water company would mean the people of Paradise would lose their local representation and control over recreation, operations and water rates. The district believes the intertie project, which would also help the county satisfy state ground-water requirements, is a better solution to consolidation.

District Manager, Kevin Phillips stated, "It would be a travesty for the Paradise community to lose a water system they've invested in for more than 100 years as the result of a natural disaster." The intertie project would allow the people of Paradise to keep local control of its water and support operations of the district via treated water sales. Additional benefits to Paradise customers include strengthening the district's water rights and offsetting residential and business water-use rate increases for years to come. The project contains safeguards which would allow the district to reduce out-of-district water sales as its customer base returns. PID is also seeking grant funding for strengthening its dams to solve structural issues and provide space to store additional water supply in the future.

Thank you mutual aid partners!

We've lifted the water-advisory for almost 400 customers thanks in part to our partnerships with other California water districts. Since December of 2018, we've received help from over a dozen water agencies and over one hundred experienced water distribution employees from around the state. Thank you again for your continued support!



Austin Darley of Padre Municipal Water District is assisted by John Wilson of Helix Water District to construct a water service "hose-over" to provide customer's water during a 72 hour customer service lateral stagnation and testing period.

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Rd, Paradise



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Service lateral replacement project to begin soon

During July's regular board meeting, PID Directors voted to start the process of hiring a contractor to provide the labor to replace approximately 600 of the approximately 10,650 service laterals in the district. The service lateral is the small diameter pipe that leads from the large pipeline at the street to the customer meter. Based on our investigation so far, most (if not all) of these pipes suffered fire-related damage and will need to be replaced. The goal of this first project is to replace damaged lines for property owners who are in temporary housing or have applied for a building permit. The estimate for this project is 3.5 million dollars, most of which will be paid for by FEMA and Cal OES. The district must still pay for 6% of a FEMA funded project, in this case, roughly \$58,000.00. The timeline for the project completion is September 2020. In the meantime, district crews continue to replace service laterals for customers nearing home completion and final inspections.

Meters will be replaced at or near current location

The contractors will be working closely with PID staff and will only be replacing the service lateral. PID will come back at a later date to add a new meter. In most cases, the meter will be placed close to where it is now, but PID staff plan to use this opportunity to find the best place for the new meter and relocate meters from driveways or other non-desirable locations.

Now is the time to let PID know now if you have requests regarding your service size or location

Some customers have already reached out letting us know they need a larger service for fire sprinkler requirements or plan to move their driveway and want their water meter moved. While we are not able to accommodate every request, now is the time to have your request reviewed. The customer pays the cost of meter relocation or service size upgrade but we may be able to reduce your cost by combining your request with this planned project. Call the office at 530-877-4971 to make your request.

Drinking Water Fill Station 6332 Clark Road



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PID has drinking water fill stations at our Clark Road office. Visitors can fill any sized jug as well as large containers such as small trailer-sized tanks.

For PID to lift the water advisory at this site, we used the same stringent and thorough guidelines we use for every customer. All the piping from the treatment plant to tap meet drinking water regulations.

Come to 6332 Clark Road anytime for your drinking water! The stations are located in the back of the customer parking lot, free to use, and available anytime.

Water haulers may also fill their potable water trucks free of charge. Commercial trucks need to check in during business hours for load count and directions to the commercial fill site.

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