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PARADISE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Imagine a day without water...

No tap water. No bottled water. Just a single day without water. What would be the hardest part of the day for you?

That's the point of the national "Imagine a Day without Water" campaign, held each October.

We asked four PID customers and here's what they said it would be like for them to have a day without water:

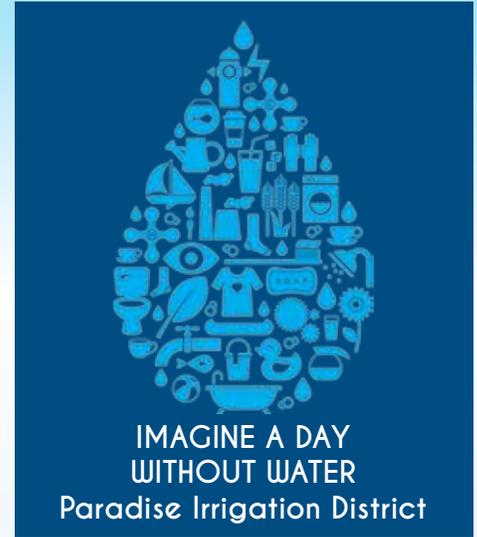
Ardith Martin

Not having anything to drink would be horrible. I use water carefully in my yard, but not having drinking water would be the worst. I think my dog would go crazy, too!

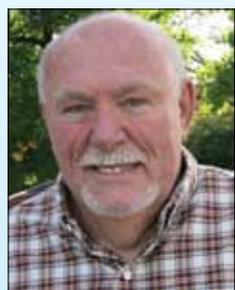
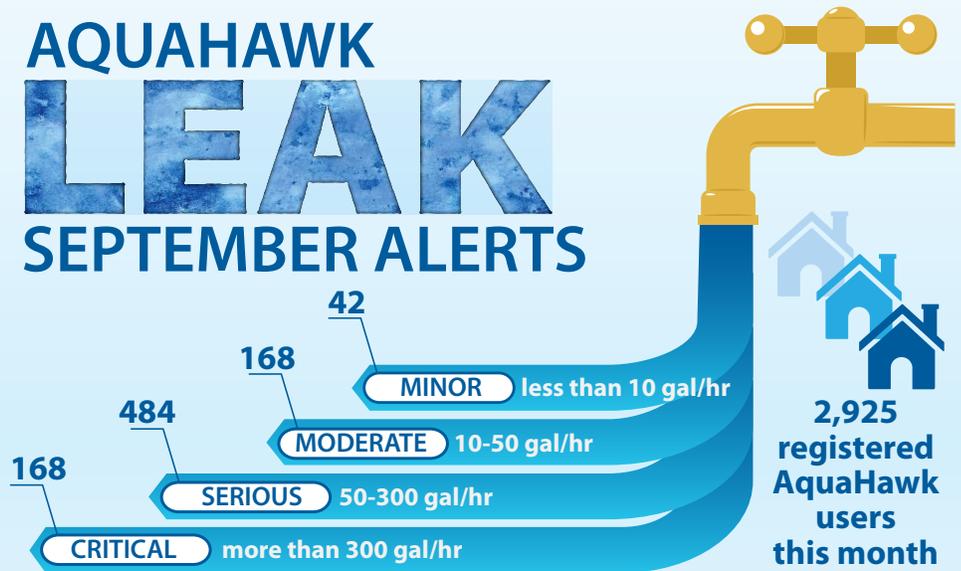


Katie Siegfried:

At first I think I'd miss the practical things like flushing the toilet, washing dishes and brushing my teeth. But it's bigger than that! Our bodies need water. My whole livelihood is dependent on water—I'd literally be down the drain without it. I definitely don't take water for granted; water is our life.



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Tom Boatright

It would be terrible not to have water. I think it would be impossible. I just don't think you could make it through a day without water for drinking, cleaning and everything else.

Gina Johnson (with Juliette and Carmella)

My husband and I each drink at least a gallon of water a day—and I need it especially because I'm breast feeding.

I could give up baths and showers, but I couldn't give up my drinking water.



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- Protect your pipes

Educational demonstration garden planned at PID

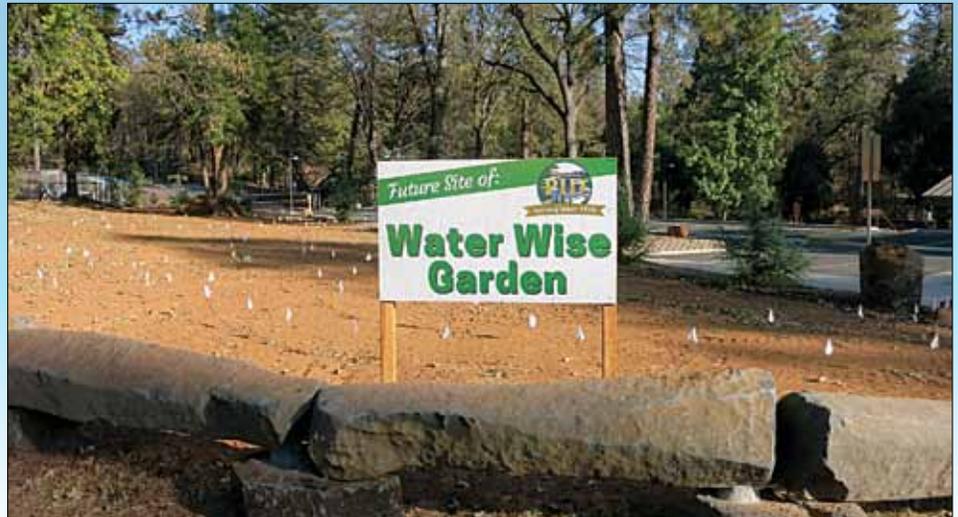
Have you noticed something new at the PID office? The district is creating a demonstration garden just north of the office—and it promises to be educational for ridge residents thinking about gardening and landscaping options for their Paradise homes.

The garden is located on a patch of previously unused ground beside the district's parking lot and its corporation yard (6344 Clark Road).

A metal archway, fabricated by students in Butte College's welding program, will greet visitors. Paths of decomposed granite will meander through planting areas and a plaque in memory of former PID Director Doug Fleisher (see story below) will be featured.

Once completed, kids and adults will be able to wander through the garden and learn more about the best plants for ridge landscaping, water-wise gardening concepts and different ways to efficiently irrigate a ridge garden and yard.

Planting areas will include a focus on erosion control; fire-resistant plants; plants to encourage butterflies,



pollinators and birds; and drought- and shade-tolerant native plants.

Additionally, water-wise gardening will be demonstrated, including examples of low-use irrigation and controller systems as well as Paradise climate zones and information about AquaHawk. PID will also display a service meter, pressure regulator and back flow prevention/anti-siphon device.

A brochure will allow visitors to take a self-guided tour through the garden.

The garden is a community project of the PID Conservation Committee, including volunteers Chuck Bell, Ward Habriel and Michael Spiess. Mendon's Nursery and volunteer Kendel Gray have helped with the planning; Mendon's will also supply, at discount, gravel, bark and plants.

Ridge residents, businesses and organizations are invited to donate time and materials to the project. Call PID at 877-4971 for information.

Want to help? Here's how!

You can help make our community's demonstration garden a reality with your tax-deductible gift to the project. Funds will be used for construction and maintenance.

The garden was a favorite project of former PID Director Doug Fleisher, who passed away in 2016. Prior to his death, Doug was a hearty proponent of the garden, enthusing often about all that could be learned at the site.

A plaque, honoring Fleisher for his community involvement as well as service to PID, will be placed at the garden.

Community members can make a gift to the project in memory of Fleisher—or any friend, or family member.

Checks can be made out to Paradise Irrigation District with a memo for "Buy a Bloom." Mail or drop off checks at 6332 Clark Road, Paradise, CA 95969. For more information, call PID at 877-4971.

