



## PARADISE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

*"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**  
**Jim Passanisi, Treatment Superintendent**  
**DATE: March 21, 2018 (Board of Directors Regular Meeting)**  
**RE: Annual Purchase of Rainbow Trout for Stocking Paradise Lake - Bid Results**

The District purchases rainbow trout from a registered aquaculturist (hatchery) each year, and will stock the trout at Paradise Lake the week prior to Kid's Fishing Day on April 21, 2018. The trout are purchased in two categories, namely catchable and trophy. Depending on the hatchery, catchable trout range in size from ½ to 2 pounds, and trophy trout from 2 to 6 pounds.

This year, the Kid's Fishing Day Planning Committee recommended a trout purchase of \$10,500 based on available funds that include the following:

1. \$2,500 grant from the Butte County Fish and Game Commission, which is restricted to purchasing only catchable trout; and
2. \$8,000 in the District's Save-a-Can Buy-a-Fish Fund, which is dedicated for purchasing trout. Only trophy trout are recommended this year.

As in most years, the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) confirmed the District will receive a state stocking allocation of 6,000 pounds of catchable trout (<3/4 lb each), or about 8,000 to 10,000 fish. The fish will be planted in three, 2,000 pound deliveries on April 18<sup>th</sup> just prior to Kid's Fishing Day, and on May 9<sup>th</sup> & May 30<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, each delivery includes about 3,000 catchable sized trout. The value of fish at \$3.90 per pound is \$23,400.

The large quantity of smaller catchable trout will improve a kid's probability of catching a fish during the event. The trophy trout help enhance both the kid's event and the lake's fishing experience for all ages throughout the remainder of year.

### **Review of Hatcheries Selling Trout and Bid Solicitation:**

Each year the CDFW updates a list of Registered Aquaculturists (i.e., hatcheries) that rear rainbow trout for sale. Five hatcheries were contacted in the region, and one in Oregon. See Bid Solicitation attached. Three bids were received.

<b>Bid Summary:</b>	<u>Desert Springs</u>	<u>Calaveras</u>	<u>Mount Lassen</u>
Catchable Pricing:	\$3.90/lb	\$4.50/lb	\$3.96/lb
Total Catchable Fish (est.):	350 Fish	555 Fish	1,860 Fish
Total Catchable Pounds:	640 lbs	555 lbs	2,300 lbs
 Trophy Pricing:	 \$4.50/lb	 \$5.50/lb	 \$3.96/lb
Total Trophy Fish (est.):	540 Fish	400 Fish	120 Fish
Total Trophy Pounds:	1,775 lbs	1,454 lbs	350 lbs
 Catchable Cost:	 \$2,496	 \$2,500	 \$9,108
Trophy Cost:	<u>\$7,987</u>	<u>\$8,000</u>	<u>\$1,386</u>
Total Purchase:	\$10,483	\$10,500	\$10,494

The committee recommends purchasing from Desert Springs Trout Farm based on the following:

1. The breakdown of cost and size conforms to the committee's recommendation (i.e. 76% trophy and 24% catchable). Mount Lassen's policy per order is to provide about 10% trophy and 90% catchable;
2. The 3,000 (est.) CDFW catchable trout planted prior to the event, and the 6,000 (est.) planted after the event outweigh the need to buy more catchable trout;
3. Larger number of trophy trout - 540 fish vs. 120 fish from Mount Lassen;
4. More pounds of trophy trout - 1,775 lbs. vs. 350 lbs. from Mount Lassen; and
5. Lowest cost per pound for catchable trout compared to Mount Lassen.

Action requested:

***“Authorize the annual purchase of rainbow trout from Desert Springs Trout Farm in the amount of \$10,483.”***



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### **2018 Bid Solicitation**

The Paradise Irrigation District (PID) is requesting bids from private trout hatcheries to purchase catchable and trophy trout.

- 1. Qualification:** 2017 Registered Aquaculturalist - Rainbow Trout Hatchery
- 2. Questions and/or to Submit Bid via e-mail to:** [jpassanisi@paradiseirrigation.com](mailto:jpassanisi@paradiseirrigation.com)  
  
Jim Passanisi, Paradise Irrigation District; 6332 Clark Rd., Paradise, CA 95969  
Office: 530-876-2067    Cell: 805-814-5466    FAX: 530-877-4113
- 3. Bid Due Date:** March 2, 2018, or sooner.
- 4. Maximum Purchase:** Not to exceed \$10,500; Check on Delivery.
  - a. \$2,500 - Catchable size
  - b. \$8,000 - Trophy size
  - c. or, \$10,500 per your company policy
- 5. Invoice catchable and trophy trout separately in the approximate amounts indicated above,**
- 6. Catchable and trophy trout of various sizes per your company policy.**
- 7. Bid Information Required:**
  - a. **Provide Name of Hatchery, and Registration No. of Aquaculturalist:**
  - b. **Provide the following for each size: 1. cost per pound, 2. total pounds, 3. approximate number of fish, and 4. include shipping and tax.**
    - 1. Catchable:**
    - 2. Trophy:**
- 8. Arrangements for Delivery - Contact Person:** Greg Dobbs - Cell 530-228-6847
- 9. Delivery Location & Date:** Paradise Lake - Paradise Lake Boat Launch Ramp; south end of Northlake Road; Magalia CA 95954; date to be determined, but no later than April 19, 2018.