

# 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

**DATE:** March 15, 2018

RE: District Manager's Report

### Water Rights

The District met with the Water Board staff on September 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the District's water right applications and permit extension. We 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 give a water rights 101 presentation.

# 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. Staff met with the County on March 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss the 3 acre parcel purchased for the boat launch. The County assured us that because PID is 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 to 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 8<sup>th</sup> with Water Works Engineering and Larry Walker Engineering. The Water Board adopted the 2 year extension of the Time Schedule Order on Dec 8<sup>th</sup> for the Districts NPDES permit. We had a meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup> with Larry Walker and Water Works to discuss the preliminary research for the mixing zone study and dilution credit.

# 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 6<sup>th</sup> meeting with the County we discussed the right away 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. We are also working with legal to prepare to condemn the easement associated with the pipeline alignment.

### Spillway Investigation

The District received a letter on May 17<sup>th</sup> ordering the District to conduct an extensive evaluation of both spillways. We requested an extension of the timeline from July 15<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup> to submit a work plan to the Department of Safety of Dams. We met with the Division of Safety of Dams on July 6<sup>th</sup>. The District submitted our work plan on both spillways on September 7<sup>th</sup>. The District hired Genterra Engineering to complete the Phase one work plan. They started field work on Nov 6<sup>th</sup> and expect the work to continue through February 2018. The District cleared trees and brush below the Magalia Dam before the Nov 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Genterra requested an extension of time to issue the Phase one condition assessment report. The District granted the extension to March 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup>, but the tour was postponed due to weather. We are in the process of rescheduling the tour.

### **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<sup>th</sup>. K&A completed initial pre-screening interviews and updated the Applicant Materials Binder on March 6<sup>th</sup>, which has been provided to the directors for review of the candidates to invite for on-site interviews.

## **Retirement Plan Selection**

The District selected ICMA to be the new retirement plan provider. ICMA was on site on February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> to set up each participants account. An ICMA financial advisor met with every District employee. The transition is complete.