

# **Paradise Irrigation District**

## **Paradise Lake and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes**

### **October 9, 2018**

**Directors Present:** Bill Kellogg, Marc Sulik

**Staff Present:** Ed Fortner, Jim Passanisi, Greg Dobbs

**Committee Members Present:** Kieran O'Leary - SPI, Darrell Wilson - BCFSC

**Public Present:** Dam Efseaff, PRPD Manager

1. **Water Supply Update:** Jim stated that the Paradise Lake level is lower at this date (Oct. 1) than in the previous two years at this date, approximately 15 feet below spill level. Ed asked if there could be a rainfall graph superimposed on the lake level graph page. Jim stated that a side graph showing rainfall could probably be included on the lake level page and that he would look into including this information.
2. **Potential Opportunities between Paradise Recreation & Park District and Paradise Irrigation District (Dan Efseaff, PRPD Manager):** Dan stated that he would like to foster a good relationship between PRPD and PID and possible partnering on projects with PID. He proposed a possible celebration and event centered on Paradise Lake filling up in the spring. It could be an event partnered with the Aquatic Center at the Oroville Lake Forebay. A question was asked of Dan regarding the status of the proposed Botanical Garden Park in Magalia. Dan stated that PRPD is waiting to see how the recent State Proposition money for park development is distributed. PRPD would seek grant opportunities to fund the development of the Botanical Garden. A question was asked of Dan if they have a grant writer on staff. Dan stated PRPD does not, but he has written grant proposals in the past and may do so again.
3. **A Zone Leak Detection (Manager Fortner):** Ed stated the new PID leak detection equipment is working well and the crews have recently concentrated on looking for leaks in the A Zone. Seven leaks were found and repaired in the A Zone. Ed stated crews will start to look for leaks throughout the entire distribution system in 2019. Ed also stated he thinks there may be a misperception of how the PID water distribution system works. He went on to explain how the water flows from the Water Treatment Plant down into the distribution system. He further explained how the Reservoir B Rehabilitation Project would work and enhance the District's operations when completed.
4. **Proposed Trail from Magalia Reservoir to Paradise Lake (Manager Fortner):** Update from September 19, 2018 Board of Directors meeting in reference to continuing research efforts regarding a proposed trail. Ed stated that the core mission of PID is delivering potable water to its customers and that recreation is a secondary consideration. That being said, Ed stated he wants to put the proposed trail on hold until the PID Strategic Plan is updated. The last update to the Plan was in 2012. The Strategic Business Plan includes the District's mission and goals and would provide direction for recreation opportunities. Ed indicated he would support a partnership with PRPD for recreation development or activities. Director Kellogg stated that PID has an MOU in place with PRPD for the development of the Botanical Garden. The Botanical Garden would be developed on PID property in Magalia. Director

Kellogg further added maintenance of the existing PID recreational facilities at Paradise Lake has greatly improved in recent years and is in good condition.

5. Goats for grazing services to perform Shaded Fuel removal work (Manager Fortner): Ed reported there is potential to partner with SPI on using the goats for shaded fuel removal on PID property. SPI will be doing a small area demonstration project with the goats for fuel removal and depending on how effective they are, will determine if they will be used for a larger fuel removal project. Ed stated there may be grant money available for using the goats for fuel removal. Jim reported he is looking into grant money that might be available for use on future Shaded Fuel projects. Ed added that PID would need to do some public outreach and information sharing prior to any use of goats for a fuel removal project.
6. Paradise Lake Boat Launch Ramp No. 1 - Improvement to Existing Parking Area. Update and discussion regarding proposed improvement to existing parking area (Jim Passanisi): Jim stated the project is being scaled back and alternatives are being considered, including no project. Marc noted a Butte County Grading Permit could possibly be obtained and some minimal improvements to Boat Launch 1 made under such a permit.
7. Project Updates - Informational items (Greg Dobbs): Wildlife images were distributed to the Committee to view and are ready for placement on the Lake bulletin board.  
The ADA picnic table pad site is being worked on by District crews. Greg noted that approximately 4 trees need to be removed from the site.  
No work is currently being performed on Shaded Fuel projects as Cal Fire has reduced the number of available personnel to do the work.  
Lake Permit sales are up from previous years. A question was asked if credit card payments might be able to be implemented for Lake Permits. Ed stated he will ask staff to look into the technology that could provide that; i.e., email/cell phone receipts, etc.  
Greg discussed an incident at Magalia Reservoir where an ATV was abandoned in the Lake. Butte County Sheriff, CHP, and State Fish and Wildlife were contacted regarding the incident. Greg noted District crews responded with absorbent pads for possible fuel spill removal, but fortunately, no pollution of the Reservoir was observed from the incident.

The next meeting of the Paradise Lake and Recreation Committee was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.