

WATER NEWS

November 2019



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Paradise Irrigation District

On target to restore clean drinking water to all surviving structures by March

Paradise Irrigation District hit an important recovery milestone on the one-year anniversary of the devastating Camp Fire. On Friday, November 8, 2019, engineers reported they had reached the half-way mark in testing the water delivered to standing structures in Paradise. The team has perfected the stagnation and testing process and is confident all standing structures will have their water-advisory lifted by next March.

There is also good news for those rebuilding in Paradise. PID has hired additional contracted labor to ensure those rebuilding will also have clean drinking water by the time they finish their build and are ready to request a certificate of occupancy. Contractors will begin replacing service laterals this month and will continue through the winter months and into next year.

The District continues its recovery efforts and works diligently to protect the Paradise community's investment in its water district. The District has received two-years backfill funding from the state and is committed to finding solutions to sustain and improve the water infrastructure in Paradise during the rebuild process.

Paradise says 'Thank You!'

PID staff had the honor of visiting with hundreds of Paradise residents during Paradise's Annual Johnny Appleseed Festival held October 5th and 6th. Together, we said "Thank You" to the field workers and mutual aid partners who have worked over one hundred thousand hours during the past year to help restore our water system. Below are just a few of the more than 100 hand-written thank you messages from Paradise families who visited our booth.



Never realized how much we needed you! Bless you for all you do & have done! R. Poshard

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PID Demonstration Garden: Fire & Drought-Resistant

When PID's Board of Directors unveiled its demonstration garden in June of 2018, no one could have known that its drought and fire-resistant plants would be put to the test just months later. Like most gardens in Paradise, the demonstration garden suffered fire damage to both plants and the plastic irrigation system from the fast-moving Camp Fire in November of 2018. Volunteers have lovingly tended to the garden over the last year; removing ash, debris, fallen branches and leaves from the beds and hand watering when possible. The plants are recovering and the garden remains open to the public daily and serves as a demonstration of garden resilience and recovery after a fire.

**November 10, 2018: Two days
after the Camp Fire**



The garden is a community project of the PID Board of Directors, including volunteers Chuck Bell, Ward Habriel and Director Marc Sulik. Mendon's Nursery and volunteer Kendal Gray helped with the planning. The Paradise Garden Club has also lent its expertise and support for the garden.

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

A metal archway, fabricated by students in the Butte College's welding program, greets visitors. Paths of decomposed granite meander through planting areas and a plaque in memory of former PID Director Doug Flesher is featured.

Planting areas include a focus on erosion control; fire-resistant plants; plants to encourage butterflies, pollinators and birds; and drought-and shade-tolerant native plants.

Help is needed to keep the garden growing.

There is still work to do in the garden. As PID staff continues to work recovering the water distribution system for the town, the garden recovery is dependent on volunteer labor and donations. Garden volunteers hope to expand the garden's demonstration area to include more fire-wise landscaping and models that will show visitors ways to create defensible space and examples of how to harden your home and yard against a future fire.

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 877-4971.



One Year Later: November 2019

The fire and drought resistant demonstration bed is one of six demonstration garden beds on display at the garden.

For a virtual tour of the garden visit pidwater.com/garden-tour

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