



# How does PID make decisions for budget and project priorities?

Paradise Irrigation District works in the present—but plans for the future—as it determines its priorities and which projects are needed to provide our community with safe, reliable water.

Those priorities and projects, funded within the district's budget, help PID carry out the planning, building, maintenance and operations of the infrastructure needed to provide water in our community.

PID invests in projects to ensure a cost-effective water delivery system, improve drought resilience and boost local water supply. The PID board, with input from staff, evaluates various projects and prioritizes them in public meetings.

Sometimes, changing requirements from government agencies elevates a project into a higher priority than originally anticipated—and when that happens the district evaluates the options and often must adjust budget

items in light of the new requirements.

PID is dedicated to transparency and providing multiple opportunities for community input as it pursues project prioritization and the budget process. Recent day-long public and board workshops featured information and suggestions from district management. Long-term goals and priority

development as well as a review of the next fiscal year's draft budget were on the agenda.

Board and community members asked questions and offered their ideas during the workshops.

For information about upcoming budget and planning workshops, go to [ParadiseIrrigation.com](http://ParadiseIrrigation.com)

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## PID's partnerships and grants help stretch the budget

Grants and partnerships with other agencies help stretch PID's budget as the district continues to provide quality water and quality service to our community.

- The current Country Club Pipeline Project (see next page) is a joint effort with the Town of Paradise; the project will increase firefighting capabilities in the canyon-edge neighborhood. The area has had two wildland fires nearby in the past two years.
- PID has partnered—and continues

that partnership—with the Butte County Fire Safe Council for years. The district and BCFSC share in their goals of protecting the community's watershed and decreasing wildland fire danger through creation of shaded fuel breaks along Magalia Reservoir and the watershed north to Paradise Lake.

- The district is applying for grant assistance for the dam spillway project. This recent state-ordered mandate includes evaluation and, if needed,

upgrading of spillways at the Magalia and Paradise Dams.

- PID is pursuing a Hazard Mitigation Grant from the Office of Emergency Services; the grant, which specifies that the district pays for 25% of the work (total is \$3.7 million; grant amount is \$2.8 million), would fund the purchase of a replacement generator, relocate a creek crossing and construct an additional supply pipeline for the district's A zone.

# This summer's pipeline replacement improves service to PID customers

There's been a lot of heavy equipment action going on in the Country Club Drive area but residents there don't mind because it means they're getting a new water main pipeline (twice the size of the previous line), more fire hydrants and improved meters.

About 2,400 feet of new line will be installed this summer as part of the neighborhood project; the area includes Country Club from just below Stearns Road to Tokay Court. PID staff began work in mid-May and anticipate completing the project in mid-September.

"A major element is replacing the 50-year-old, 4-inch steel pipe with 8-inch C900 PVC," notes PID Assistant Field Superintendent Jim Ladrini. "This improves firefighting capability."

Additionally, the upgrade includes replacing 4-inch "wharf head" fire hydrants with six-inch models, again, improving firefighting capabilities in the canyon-edge neighborhood.

"This is funded as a joint project with the Town of Paradise," explains Field Superintendent Keith O'Brien. "The costs are split 50-50 and come from funds collected on the hydrant fee portion of each PID bill."

The project affects about 60 PID customers; with the district's customer-focused pipeline process, workers concentrate on a small area before moving on, meaning a shorter period of disruption for each household. At project's completion, the permanent asphalt restoration will replace the

temporary surface put in place during construction.

Between 8 and 10 PID employees are on the Country Club worksite Mondays through Thursdays to operate equipment and install the pipeline.

"Customers in this area have been very positive about the project and how we're accomplishing it," says O'Brien. "We understand we're in their front yards so we work hard with our equipment and methods to lessen the impact and leave things as good or better than they were."

"We've been told, 'You guys are so fast and polite,'" O'Brien smiles. "We do professional work and when it's all finished, our hard work is covered up. But, even when no one can see it, we know we did it right and we take pride in that."

## Scenes from the pipeline project:

