



How's PID's water supply this year?

Almost 92 percent of California is experiencing "abnormally dry" weather this winter—but what does that mean for our PID customers? Do we have enough water for the summer ahead? What is PID doing to plan right now?

We have good news! Paradise Lake is 100% full. We have enough water to meet our community's needs based on our customers' normal use.

And we're keeping a careful eye on the weather, your water supply and what we need to do in response to any state water usage restrictions.

You can visit PIDWater.com and see the daily figures for water storage and rainfall. From the front page, go to "Reservoir and Rain Levels" to see the data.

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SPRING PLANTING?



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Paradise is celebrating 20 years of PID's Kids Fishing Day at Paradise Lake

Combine a beautiful mountain lake, lots of trout and eager kids and what do you get? Paradise Irrigation District's popular community event, Kids Fishing Day.

We're celebrating the 20th "official" anniversary of Kids Fishing Day this year, but longtime PID Lake Patrolman Greg Dobbs shares that the event has been



Saturday, April 21
FREE! 6 am to 3 pm

going on even longer than that.

"In 1996 three of us PID guys got together and thought it might be fun to have a fishing derby for local kids," says Dobbs, a PID employee since 1984.

Dobbs, and John Johnston and Bob Thomas (it was John's idea originally, notes Dobbs) staged the first informal kids fishing day in the spring of 1996.

"We had 126 kids and I think every

one of them had a great time," Dobbs laughs. "There were no raffle prizes or anything, but kids sure caught fish."

The trio staged a similar event the next year. Then Ray Auerbach, PID's manager at the time, suggested the district get involved and make the event even bigger.

"In 1998 we had a real carnival," Dobbs recalls. "There was face painting and a snack bar and more families showed up."

Since that time, PID employees and community volunteers have worked hard to stage the popular event, which has been attended by almost 1,000 kids some years.

One year, ridge resident and celebrity Gary Burghoff (a wildlife artist in the years following

starring on the M*A*S*H television show) donated from his private collection and the art auction raised more than \$5,000 for Kids Fishing Day. An additional \$3,000 was raised selling the opportunity to fish on Magalia Reservoir (kids could fish from shore, adults on a boat).

"That money is what got us

started," says Dobbs. "We used the funds to purchase fish for the event."

Additionally, there's a community-wide "Save a Can, Buy a Fish" campaign in which recyclables can be turned in to two ridge recycling centers with funds donated to purchase fish for the event. The Butte County Fish and Game Commission has also assisted with funds for fish purchases.

That's a lot of fish!

"While the kids get the first opportunity to fish every year," says Dobbs, "Whatever fish they don't catch are there in the lake for everybody else to catch after Kids Fishing Day. This helps the whole community."

Dobbs is proud that the PID Kids Fishing Day is "real" fishing.

"We have families and kids fishing from a real lake with real mud and real



trees. It may not be fly fishing in Montana, but it's a wonderful introduction for kids. This event has turned Paradise Lake into one of the area's best trout fishing spots.

"We have families who've been coming for years and a lot of local kids have developed a love for fishing and the outdoors because of Kids Fishing Day," says Dobbs. "It's a wholesome, outdoor event and, for many kids, it's changed lives."

Win this kayak—and help raise funds for Kids Fishing Day

Volt 101 by Lifetime

Paddle included

Tickets: \$5 each; 5 for \$20

Available at District Office

Raffle is at Kids Fishing Day; need not be present to win.



Prize kayak donated to Kids Fishing Day by Cedar Creek