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Paradise Irrigation District

Winter's just begun. Here's what "winter-ready" should look like at your home:



Close outside vents, crawl spaces and doors so cold doesn't seep inside and freeze water pipes.

Identify and insulate water pipes that may be at risk of freezing.

Going away? Keep minimum heat on inside. Open bathroom/ kitchen cabinets to expose pipes to warmer air. Let cold water drip from faucets served by exposed pipes.

Make sure everyone in the household knows where the water shut-off valve is in case of emergency.

Increased water storage and safety are goals for retrofitting Magalia Dam

MOVING FORWARD WITH PID



Geologists and engineering professionals are working with PID to explore retrofit options for Magalia Dam. After the best option is

identified, PID will begin to seek funding sources to retrofit the 100+ year-old dam. In 1997, the California Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) determined the risk of an earthquake causing problems for the dirt-formed dam was too high to allow PID to use the reservoir's full capacity; since that time, Magalia Reservoir has only been allowed to store one-third of its capacity.

"Our dam is currently safe to hold the amount of water we have in it," notes Bill Taylor, Treatment Plant Superintendent. "But our community would definitely benefit from the higher level of storage; while we're lucky to have an active watershed, at the best we have less than three years' water capacity with the limited storage in Magalia Reservoir. More water storage is better, especially during drought times."

"We're working with Slate Geotechnical to develop all the details needed to create a 'shovel-ready' project which can then be submitted for different funding options," adds Blaine Allen, District Engineer.

Cost for the first two phases (checking for project feasibility and now developing a shovel-ready plan) was covered through a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant.



PID continues work to identify retrofit options for Magalia Dam, seen here from below the dam, near the PID Treatment Plant.

SAVE \$\$\$

Charges for big leaks may be forgiven if you are alerted with the water monitoring app.



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PID AT A GLANCE:

8,931

Total Customers



4,798

Active Service Rate Accounts

5,689

Properties with Cleared Water

As of December 31, 2022

Interested in joining PID as an employee team member?

You don't need to leave Butte County to get a well-paying job working with respected team members—look into the employment options with Paradise Irrigation District! As a special district water agency, PID has employees working in a variety of capacities—water treatment, water delivery, supporting office needs and in customer service. Positions vary as openings are available; check out the latest offerings at PIDWater.com/careers

Benefits include competitive salary, generous 9% deferred compensation with up to 3% additional matching opportunities, medical, dental and vision plan coverage for yourself and dependents, \$50k paid life insurance coverage, flex benefits plan, long-term disability and paid holidays, sick and vacation programs.



Above: Ridge students check out future job possibilities at PID during the recent Career Expo sponsored by Rotary Club of Paradise.

Do you know someone who's looking for a great career with a community-focused team? Tell them about PID!

GET HELP WITH YOUR WATER BILL

YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR PID'S CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The program follows the income qualifications of PG&E's CARE program—so if you qualify for that, you'll likely qualify for the PID discount as well. Applications available online and at PID's office. Call 877-4971 for details.

We're here to help:

Since the Camp Fire, our customers face many unique situations—whether they're staying in a temporary home on their lot, or rebuilding or purchasing a home. Our friendly customer service professionals are eager to help you get into your Paradise home and will help you understand the steps you need to take to get water service. Check our website and Facebook page as well!



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