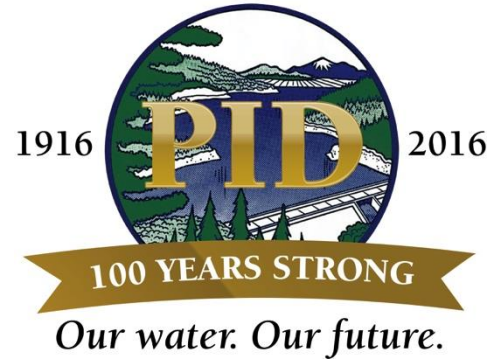


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Press Release

PID Customers may Notice a Taste Difference in their Drinking Water

There may be a bit of an odor and unusual taste to the water coming out of your tap, but Paradise Irrigation District (PID) officials say that the water is healthy and safe.

Typically, PID draws its water from Paradise Lake through a bypass alongside Magalia Reservoir; however, the District is now using water from Magalia Reservoir. Magalia Reservoir is shallower than Paradise Lake and at times may experience algae growth, which produces compounds that give the drinking water a distinct taste and odor. This taste or odor can be described as musty, earthy, fishy, or swampy, and is most noticeable in hot water. This is a condition that is common in numerous reservoirs in California and throughout many other areas of the country.

The development of algae is a normal process that depends on several factors, which include light intensity, temperature and nutrient concentration. This condition appeared most recently during the last storm event and is expected to improve as new water is being delivered from Paradise Lake to Magalia Reservoir. As always, all of the water PID customers receive—no matter if it comes from the lake or reservoir, is processed at the Water Treatment Plant to comply with all health and safety requirements.

To learn more about PID, visit ParadiseIrrigation.com, or call the District at 877-4971.

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