

WaterTalk



News about Your Water

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PARADISE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Business customers:

Do you have the "right" size meter?

Under the district's rate structure, it's important that business accounts (including those formerly termed "multifamily residential") have the optimal water meter size for their needs.

PID rates for these types of accounts are based on the meter size; if the meter is too large you may be unnecessarily paying too much each month. PID doesn't want our customers to pay more than their needs require—fine-tuning your size of meter to your use can save you money.

Your meter size is on your bill in the billing code. Call 877-4971 and our customer service staff will start the process to analyze your actual usage to see if a different meter size may be more efficient. While there's a cost to customers to replace a meter, savings in your future billings may quickly offset that cost.

Replaced meters in good condition are put back in to PID's inventory to be used again.



PID employee Francisco Maciel holds a 2-inch meter in the district's warehouse.

PID adopts conservation program



Thanks to plentiful rain and Paradise's exemplary efforts at conserving water in 2015, Paradise Irrigation District has enough water in storage that California is not requiring the district to achieve a state-mandated conservation goal in 2016.

It's still important to use water wisely, of course. This includes a common sense approach to watering (avoiding outdoor watering at the peak of the day's heat), not wasting water on driveways and irrigating efficiently

To use water wisely, PID customers can sign up for AquaHawk and benefit from its leak alerts—even if they're not frequently online. For information, call 877-4971 or go to ParadiseSavesWater.com.

Overview of 2016 wise water use guidelines

Water when?

- No outdoor watering between noon and 6 pm.
- Restriction doesn't apply to limited use of a hand-held bucket or hand-held hose with a self-closing water shut-off nozzle/device.
- Restriction doesn't apply to irrigation systems where no emitter produces a spray pattern.
- Commercial nurseries and growers are exempt from timed watering guidelines.

Water what?

- No washing driveways or hard surfaces with a hose; use a pressure washer.
- No watering overspray onto paved or hardscaped areas (sidewalks, drives).
- When washing your vehicle, only use a bucket or a hose with a shutoff nozzle.

Water around our community:

- Customers at ridge restaurants must ask for a glass of water; it will not be served automatically.
- Ridge motels and hotels must offer guests the option of no daily linen/towel service.

Your responsibilities:

- If PID notifies you that you have a leak, it's your responsibility to repair it promptly
- Sign up for AguaHawk to monitor your water use and receive leak alerts.



Customer Assistance Program

Program funds still available

Paradise Irrigation District still has fund remaining for its 2016 Customer Assistance Program for low-income households.

Each qualifying household receives a \$10 subsidy on their monthly PID bill. This amounts to a 32.5% savings off the current service charge.

Funds for the program are limited; up to 1,583 households will be accepted. Qualification is limited to households enrolled in PG&E's CARE/FERA programs.

Completed applications (which must include required qualification paperwork) are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Applications are available at the PID Office, 6332 Clark Road, by calling 877-4971 or online at MyPIDBill.com.

AquaHawk ALERTING!

- Manage water usage
- Detect water leaks
- No email needed you'll get a phone call alert

FREE for PID customers

Call 877-4971 to sign up
Info at ParadiseSavesWater.com

Where was this photo taken?



Clue: Everyone, including the green-uniformed members of the Paradise High School Band, would be underwater today!

Yes, this Dec. 9, 1956 photograph was snapped at the dedication of the soon-to-be constructed Paradise Lake Dam. Goodwin Knight, California's sitting governor, spoke at the event.

The photo was taken from just about where the top of the dam is now, looking down; to the far right is the spillway area.

The new dam spanned the Mosquito Creek area but PID directors opted for the more picturesque name of Paradise Dam rather than Mosquito Creek Dam!



Our water. Our future.

