



## Hooray—Paradise Lake is filled to the top



It's been raining a lot lately and all that water has filled up Paradise Lake!

Paradise Irrigation District officials report that Paradise Lake is spilling water over the dam, meaning the lake is at its capacity of about 11,500 acre feet (3.75 billion gallons).

Paradise Lake didn't spill during the last rain season until February 2016 and historically it can take until April of each year to reach the spilling level, if it does spill. Paradise Lake did not reach spill level in 2014 or 2015.

The currently-full lake means that, as of late December, the district has approximately 27.6 months of water available even if no further rain falls, based on 2014-15 usage levels.

PID's water comes from the watershed surrounding Paradise Lake and Magalia Reservoir. The relatively low

elevations of the reservoirs mean that snowpack doesn't typically affect the water levels—yet statewide drought predictions are based upon Sierra snowpack measurements.

So, although PID has sufficient water for the more than 25,000 people in its service area, anticipated state-mandated permanent restrictions are expected to call for more conservation cutback levels than the district's unique water situation would justify. PID General Manager George Barber is submitting an official comment to the state water board arguing that, while PID supports the efficient use of water, supply and demand considerations should be a "local decision balancing water supply with customer needs."

For more information about PID, call 877-4971 or see the district's website, [ParadiselIrrigation.com](http://ParadiselIrrigation.com).

## PID recall election set for Jan. 24

Butte County Elections officials report they mailed out about 17,000 ballot packets in early January to registered voters in PID's special election on Jan. 24. The packets include the official ballot, a voter information pamphlet and a return envelope.

The special election is vote by mail only; there will be no polling places. Ballots must be returned to the county—not PID—by mail by Jan. 24. If you're a registered voter within PID's boundaries and have not received a ballot, please call the Elections Office at 538-7761.

Voters will decide whether directors from Divisions 3 and 4 will be recalled, and, if so, who will replace them.

## Reporting a water emergency?

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# Can you easily find your water meter?

Automated meter reading offers many benefits to PID customers—including the ability to identify possible water leaks sooner as well as decreased employee costs (helping the district keep its service cost lower).

But with district-wide implementation of automated meter reading a few years' ago, water meters are no longer visited regularly by PID employees—meaning that plants may have grown up around the meters, making them hard to spot.

Keep the landscaping back from the meter area by clipping the greenery every few months; it doesn't need to be completely bare but the meter box should be easily visible.

In case of an emergency, knowing where the meter is and being able to quickly access it will make it much easier to turn off the property's water at the meter, if necessary. If you're not sure where your water meter is, give PID's customer service specialists a call at 877-4971. They can help guide you to the right location so you can keep the area clear.



## Already signed up for AquaHawk? Set your alerts, too!

AquaHawk offers two big benefits for PID customers:

**Ability to review past water usage:** By registering online for AquaHawk, PID customers can immediately see how much water they've used. AquaHawk makes it easy to spot when and how your water is being used, allowing you to manage your water use.

**Opportunity to alert customers when there's a water leak.** Don't stop with just looking at your water usage, though: go a little deeper in

AquaHawk and you'll discover you can set up an alert that will notify you by phone, email or texting when a specific amount of water has been used in a specific time. This means you'll be alerted much quicker to the possibility of a leak—saving you money.

*'Not sure what levels to set for your alerts?*

*Call PID at 877-4971 and one of our Customer Service Representatives will review your past usage and help you set the alert levels that will work best for your household.*

**Register and set up your alerts at: [ParadiseIrrigation.com](http://ParadiseIrrigation.com)**

*If you don't have online access to register for AquaHawk and alerts, use ours at the PID Office, 6332 Clark Road, or call us (877-4971) to find out how to set up your alerts.*

# AquaHawk

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