



ALERT—If you're told you need a water treatment system, call PID first!

Longtime resident Betty Boles called a local plumber because of a drain problem at her Paradise home.

"He looked at the drain problem and fixed it—and that was fine—but then he put on his salesman hat and told us all about a filter that would make our water better," says Boles, who retired as a guidance counselor at Paradise High School.

"It sounded like it might be a good thing so we okayed it," she says. "Then, after they installed it, we found out it wasn't just a filter but something like a water softener. It made the water taste so flat—you just can't imagine how flat it tasted.

"I called the people at PID and they sent out a man who told me all about our water. The PID worker said we already had a filter from American Standard at our kitchen tap and that was plenty.

"We paid \$1,042 for that water treatment system and it simply wasn't needed," Boles concludes. "I don't want any other people in town to get hooked by that same deal. With our good water in Paradise, we just don't need it."

"PID water is already soft," concurs

Jason Bell. Bell works with PID, testing water throughout the distribution system weekly.

"Paradise Irrigation District's supply is from surface water coming from rainfall into Paradise Lake and Magalia Reservoir," Bell explains. "Water is a universal solvent, it picks up minerals easily. This means that groundwater picks up more minerals as it travels through the soil and rocks.

"Those minerals make water hard—in contrast to the PID surface water which is soft. For that reason, our PID customers don't really benefit from a water softener."

Bell shares that PID staff provide a free consultation for customers who may be considering a water treatment or filtration system for their home.

"Call us at 877-4971 and we'll come out and take a look to see what might be happening at your home," he says. "Contact us before committing to a purchase that you might not need."

Bell says some PID customers benefit from

having a filter at the tap or water pitcher with a built-in filter.

"That type of simple filter can help if someone is sensitive to chlorine," he explains. "We need to use chlorine so we have no microbes in the water but our levels district-wide are 0.82 milligrams per liter—way below the maximum contaminant level of 4.0 milligrams per liter.

"When people ask me what I think of the water in Paradise, I tell them that I'm out in the community taking water quality samples every week. I live in town myself and I drink nothing but PID water. It's healthful and it tastes good."



Walk, ride or run. Whichever you choose Paradise Lake's trail is great to explore!

Paradise Lake is only a few miles north of town—but be honest with us: Have you ever driven up to see it?

The lake, which provides much of PID's water, has been described as a "hidden jewel" for its quiet coves, tree-studded vistas and many recreational opportunities.

Paradise Lake is stocked with trout and on-water activities including boating (electric motor only, please), kayaking and fishing are popular year-round. Boating passes are available for a fee.

But even those who'd rather stay on dry land can enjoy the lake. A picnic area and playground at the south entrance offer fun as does the lakeside trail, open for walking, bicycling (no motorized vehicles) and running.

trip—hugs the lake's shoreline, offering views across the lake as well as smaller coves. Memorial benches and portable toilets are available along the trail.

While enjoying the trail, visitors can watch geese, ducks, and osprey and, if they're lucky, may even spot the resident eagle.



Paradise Lake is monitored carefully—it's our water supply, you know!—and the gates open at sunrise and close at sunset. The lake is closed on Wednesdays.



The trail, 4.5 miles from beginning to end—a 9-mile round



Parking is \$3 daily. PID customers can purchase an annual parking pass for \$15 at the District Office; non-PID customers pay \$20 for the annual parking permit.

For more information, see VisitParadiseLake.com.

This facility is operated under a special use permit issued by the US Forest Service, Plumas National Forest.

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2017
Paradise Lake
Saturday, April 22
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Important decisions on the processed water recycling plant will be made in the next few months. Pay attention to upcoming board meetings. For dates and agendas go to: Paradiselrrigation.com.