



# GM Newsletter

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From The Desk of Jennifer Hanson, General Manager

*Water For Life*

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## Message from the General Manager

Last week, the NID Board of Directors considered water storage alternatives evaluated in the Plan for Water process, which for the past three years has explored how to meet NID's future water supply needs of our community for the next 50 years.

The Board adopted a resolution to remove Centennial Dam from consideration and complete further evaluation of a project to raise Rollins Dam to capture and store more water.

This action is the end of the Plan for Water process. Fondly known as PFW, this process was initiated in November of 2021, and it included the development of an extensive model of our system that we will be able to use not just for planning purposes but also to understand how future projects and regulations impact our water supply and delivery.

This was a public process, and I want to thank everyone who participated and provided valuable input and insight at our monthly workshops. I am proud of our accomplishments and, ultimately, what this will mean to our community in terms of meeting the demand for water over the coming decades.

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Rollins Reservoir remains around 37.5 percent of capacity available for consumptive use.



## NID moves forward to meet future water needs of the community

### *Raising Rollins Dam preferred option, proposed Centennial Project is abandoned*

Citing the fundamental responsibility to provide a reliable future water supply to the community, the Nevada Irrigation District (NID) is moving forward with the storage alternatives evaluated in the Plan for Water process.

The District's Board of Directors approved a resolution during its Sept. 25 meeting in support of increasing storage at Rollins Reservoir. It also provides direction to withdraw NID's State-filed application with the state to build the proposed Centennial Reservoir Project. Also, the District will discontinue all feasibility, environmental and other analyses in support of a Centennial project.

"Wednesday's decision was based on nearly three years of extensive work through the Plan for Water process, which has identified, in addition to storage alternatives, strategic scenarios that seek to determine how to meet NID's future water supply needs of our community for the next 50 years," said NID General Manager Jennifer Hanson.

Since November 2021, the Plan for Water process has involved community participation and input at monthly public workshops.

Seven strategic alternatives were modeled and vetted with the goal of determining how future supply and demand scenarios may be integrated into the District's water management practices. NID's Board of Directors considered the scenarios and evaluated each alternative, including cost, feasibility, benefit analysis, environmental considerations and fiscal responsibility.

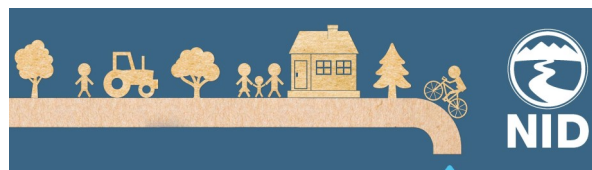
The Plan for Water analysis determined the proposed Centennial Reservoir was not the most advantageous storage alternative for the District and its customers. The proposed location of a new dam between Rollins and Combie reservoirs is at a lower elevation in the watershed; this lower elevation limits the customers that would benefit from the reservoir. Increasing storage at Rollins Reservoir would beneficially impact a greater number of customers with less impact to the environment.

"The Plan for Water process has been highly successful," Hanson said. "Working with the community for nearly three years and enlisting the best consultants to provide modeling and research, we are confident of a path going forward and that NID's water management practices will reflect that. The goal since Day One has been to determine the best ways to reliably and feasibly meet the community's demand for water in the coming decades.

### Links

[Plan for Water Final Technical Memorandum with Appendices](#)

[Visit NID's Plan for Water webpage for updates and information about this public process](#)



Plan for Water

Join the Community Process. Visit [NIDwater.com](http://NIDwater.com)

## Division 4 Director Trevor Caulder resigns

Director Trevor Caulder announced his resignation during the Sept. 25, 2024 Board of Directors meeting. He noted his family was currently undergoing a very major, yet positive, situation that meant he needed to resign effective Sept. 26.

Caulder was elected for a term from December 2022 to 2026.

He thanked the community, Nevada County and Placer County Farm Bureaus, and support from state and federal elected officials during his tenure representing Division IV, which is in Placer County.

He also thanked his fellow directors and NID personnel for their dedication to the district.

Per state law, the Board has 60 days to appoint a new Director. To qualify for the position, candidates must either be a landowner or resident and registered to vote within the NID's Division 4. A division map can be obtained by contacting NID or at <https://www.nidwater.com/nid-division-map>.

The appointee will hold office until the first Friday in December 2026.

If interested, contact NID's Board Secretary Kris Stepanian at [stepianik@nidwater.com](mailto:stepianik@nidwater.com)



## Rollins, Scotts Flat reservoirs remain low

### *Water from Lake Spaulding begins to flow*



Rollins was at 101% capacity on April 19.

On Sept. 13, the reservoir had 37.6% capacity available for use.

Each week, NID will post photos of Rollins Reservoir with water capacity information in order to provide a visual of the drawdown. [Click here for the photo gallery.](#)

[Read more about the drawdown situation and emergency water shortage, click here](#)



NID is happy to announce the boat launch at Long Ravine Campground has re-opened.

Water levels are still low, but we have enough water coming into Rollins to reopen the launch.

# Call for conservation continues to address water shortage

Because of the extended water shortage emergency, NID has called on customers to practice common-sense conservation aimed to reduce water use and achieve a 20 percent savings.

## Odd or even? We're all in this together, just on alternating days

Irrigation of lawns, ornamental landscape, and turf is limited to three days per week.

Odd property addresses are permitted to water turf on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Even property addresses are permitted to water turf on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday.

All watering must occur in early morning (before 7 a.m.) and late evening (after 9 p.m.).

## Mandatory Irrigation (Canal) Water Conservation Measures:

- \* Limit Water Usage: use water only for essential crops.
- \* Reduce Landscape Watering: limit watering of nonfunctional turf and landscaping to every other day and a maximum of three days per week. This does not apply to agricultural uses.



## Commonsense Conservation measures

### Keep water on your property

No runoff is allowed from watering that flows onto adjacent property, walkways, roadways, parking lots, and the like.

### Put a nozzle on it

When you wash your car, the hose must be fitted with a spray nozzle or attached device that cuts off water when not in use.

### No fake water features

Don't fill a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system.

### Ask for a glass of water

Drinking water won't be automatically poured in eating or drinking establishments. Thirsty? Not a problem: water is available upon request.

### Traveling? Forego daily-washed towels and sheets

Hotel and motel operators will provide guests with the option of not having towels and linens laundered daily. Choose to save water by not having washable items changed every 24 hours.



## Bowman Lake

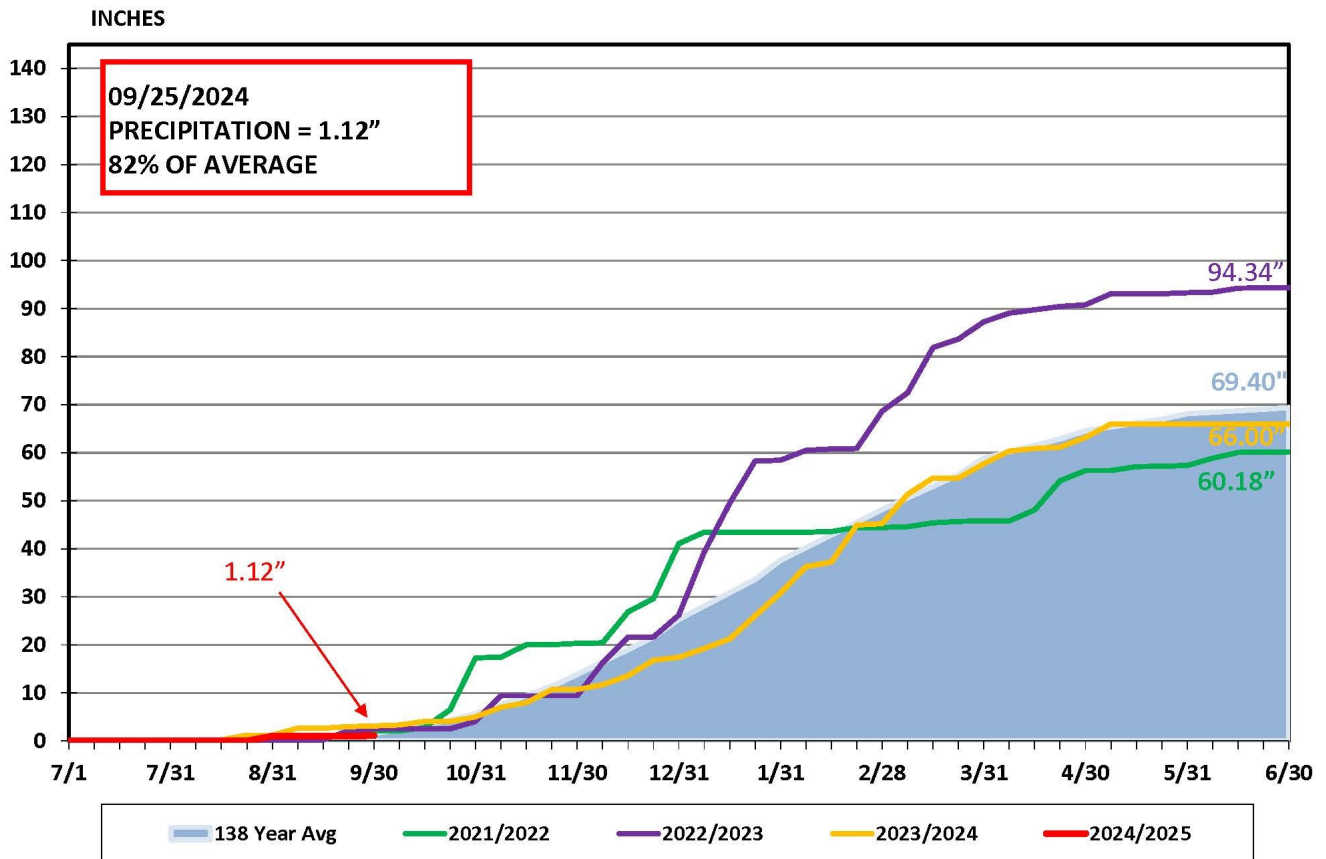
NID has been keeping weather records for Bowman Reservoir (elevation 5,650 ft.) since 1929.

The 69.2-inch annual average precipitation at Bowman compares to an annual average of 56 inches at 2,700 feet near Nevada City and 52 inches at 2,400 feet in Grass Valley.

Precipitation is measured for the 12-month period beginning July 1 and ending June 30.

The new water year began on July 1. As of Sept. 25, 2024, 1.12 inches had fallen at Bowman.

# BOWMAN LAKE PRECIPITATION



# NID's total reservoir storage is above average

Total reservoir storage was 188,859 acre-feet as of Sept. 25, 2024. That is 106 percent of a 10-year average.

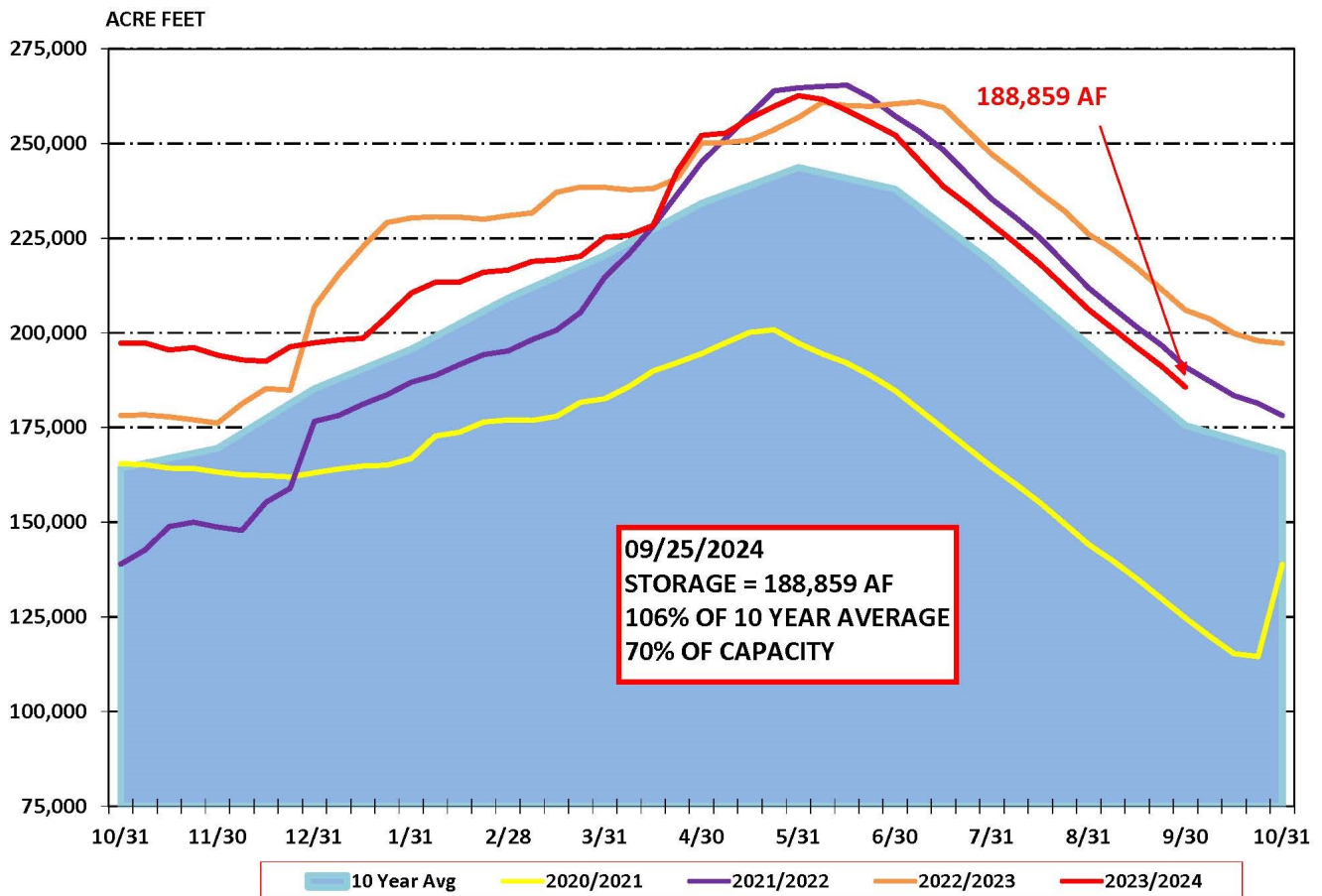
NID's water managers regularly post updates of reservoir levels. You can see how water levels fluctuate in easy-to-read charts.

Lakes include: Jackson Meadows, Jackson, French, Faucherie, Sawmill, Bowman, and Canyon Creek, as well as Scotts Flat and Rollins.



Jackson Meadows Reservoir

## NID RESERVOIR STORAGE



# Project Updates - Engineering, Hydropower and Operations

The NID Engineering Department has a number of projects in various phases of construction.

Project Status Reports provide project information, planner information, and a brief project description. Be sure to sign up for email news alerts about projects.

[2024 Capital Improvement Program Mid-year Project Status Update](#)

[2024 Engineering & Hydroelectric Project Status Reports page](#)



## Harris Road DFWLE

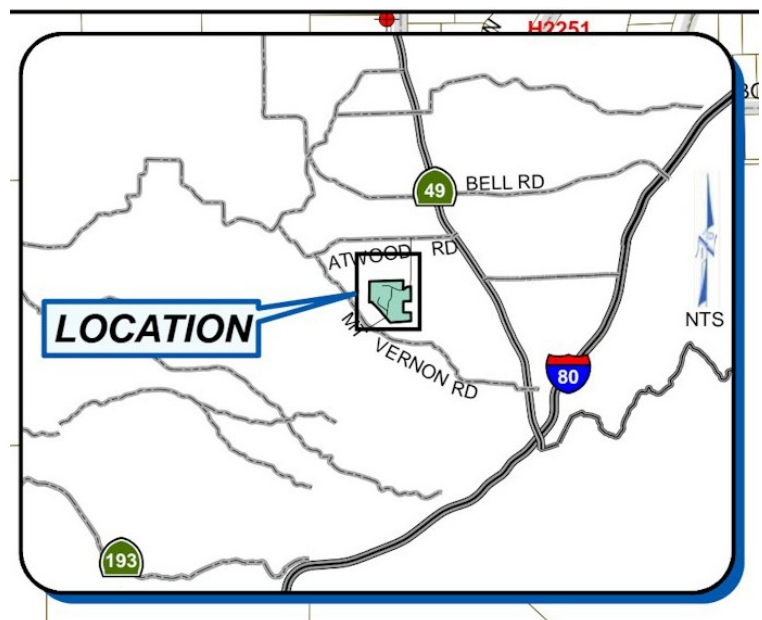
September 26, 2024 - Construction is complete. Road restoration is in process.

This project is for the installation of approximately 3,000 feet of 8-inch diameter treated waterline, three fire hydrants, and all appurtenances, to serve 34 parcels on Harris Lane and Bean Road in Auburn. Construction is scheduled to begin July 15, 2024, through October 31, 2024.

Update: August 16, 2024 – Construction of the main pipeline is completed on Harris Road and Harris Lane. It is expected that the main pipeline construction will be completed on Hidden Oaks Lane Friday, August 16, 2024.

DFWLE stands for District Financed Waterline Extension.

[Click here to see complete project details](#)



# Meetings & Events



**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024  
NID Main Office, Grass Valley

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024  
NID Main Office, Grass Valley

*\*\* Dates and times subject to change. Please check [nidwater.com](http://nidwater.com) for updates*

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