



NID volunteers helped set up the Nevada County Fair in advance of opening day. The tradition goes back years and years. Thanks to (left to right) Eric Lauer, Robbie Graham, Kyle Hampton, Morgan Mooers, Zachary Clark-Ware and Cory Mayo. Maintenance Supervisor Tim Rowe headed up the work.

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Project Updates: Engineering, Hydropower and Operations

The Capital Improvement Program Mid-year Project Status Report is available for review.

The report has updates on ongoing projects from various NID departments:

- * Engineering - 19 projects
- * Hydropower - 20 projects
- * Operations - 3 projects

[Read the Report, click here](#)

David Way pump station is installed

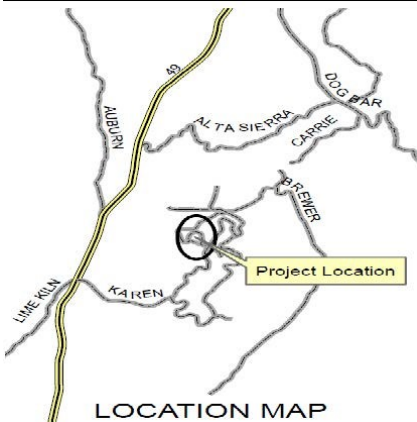


Purpose: The David Way Pump Station, built in 1969, was badly deteriorated, exceeded its life expectancy, lacked fire flow capabilities and a back-up pump.

Solution: The project included installation of a new pre-manufactured pump station with separate pumps for domestic demand and fire flow, with two pumps to provide redundancy to the domestic demands.

Current Project Status: The Pump Station and generator were delivered and connected to the existing foundation and piping in March 2023. PG&E relocated electrical lines and switched power over. Project is complete.

Budget: The 2023 budget for this project is \$100,000. 2023 year-to-date expenses are \$90,938.



(Below) the old pump station

(Below right) The new pump station is lowered into place.



August Anniversaries

Richard Dills, Electrical Systems Technician II, 9 years, Aug. 18

Kenneth Hugg, Water Treatment Operator II, 9 years, Aug. 25

Desiree Ince, Accountant I, 8 years, Aug. 17

Eric Lauer, Equipment Operator, 9 years, Aug. 18

Elizabeth Montejano, Payroll Technician, 1 yr

Tony Moscini, Construction Inspector II, 24 years, Aug. 16

Randall Pool, Utility Worker II, 7 years, Aug. 22

Cameron Price, Maintenance Superintendent – Treated Water, 24 years, Aug. 23

Christopher Ribble, Maintenance Superintendent – Raw Water, 15 years, Aug. 4

David Straub, Customer Service Technician II, 4 years, Aug. 26

Tonia Tabucchi-Herrera, Senior Engineer, 18 years, Aug. 29

Stu Uchida, Senior Engineering Technician, 40 years, Aug. 12

Shannon Wood, Business Services Technician II, 26 years, Aug. 18

Promotions & Transfers

Christopher Glass – Promotion to Equipment Operator – Maintenance Department

Andrew Newburn – Promotion to Equipment Operator – Maintenance Department

Steven Peden – Promotion to Equipment Operator – Maintenance Department

Ryan Pfile – Promotion to Equipment Mechanic – Mechanic Shop

Joshua Pratt - Transfer to Welder – Maintenance Department

Lisa Price – Transfer to Administrative Analyst – Operations Department

Charlie Schlitzer – Promotion to Water Treatment Operator – Operations Department

Dianna Traylor – Promotion to Accountant – Accounting Department

New Hires

Katherine Korsak – Controller – Accounting Department

Canaan Andrade – Equipment Service Worker – Mechanic Shop



Chris Ribble, 15 years



Stu Uchida, 40 years

CalPERS Open Enrollment begins Sept.18

CalPERS Open Enrollment for plan year 2024 begins Monday, September 18, 2023 and ends Friday, October 13, 2023.

During this time, employees and retirees are eligible to make changes to their health plans with CalPERS.

All changes made during Open Enrollment will take effect on January 1, 2024. Please stay tuned for more information on CalPERS Open Enrollment in the upcoming months.

Celebrations—Employee Submissions

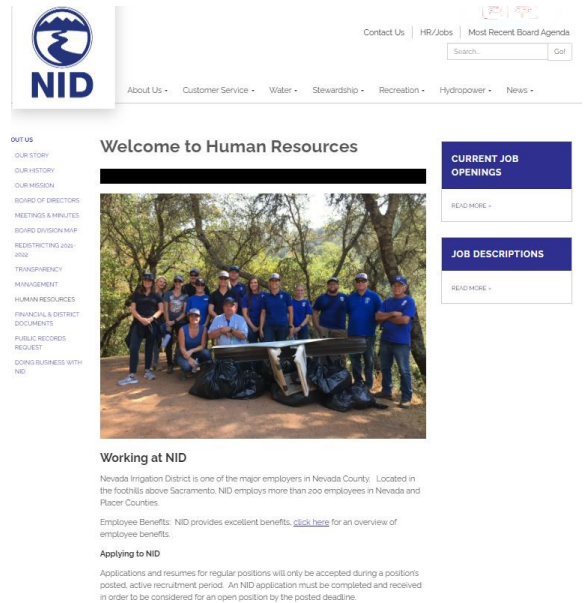
Would you like to tell the Pipeline readers you have something to celebrate? New baby? Attained a certification? Placed in a sporting event? If so, please email pipeline@nidwater.com or hr@nidwater.com.

Human Resources online

Our Human Resources webpages are full of employment information. Check out the variety of topics and documents:

- * Employment applications
- * NID organizational chart
- * Employee benefit overview
- * Wage schedule
- * AFSCME Memorandum of Understanding (includes side letters)
- * Employer Employee Relations Policy Manual (EERP)

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Water Distribution Grade 2 License

Congratulations to Water Treatment Operator II Ken Hugg, who has passed his Water Distribution Grade 2 license.

Congressman Kevin Kiley tours Scotts Flat Dam spillway

One of NID's key projects, replacement of the Scotts Flat Dam spillway, was recently the focus of a special tour for Congressman Kevin Kiley (R).

The Scotts Flat Reservoir was first constructed in 1948 then raised in 1962. It is the primary, mid-elevation water storage reservoir and supply for Nevada County's treated and irrigation customers alike.

Both the Federal Energy and Regulatory Commission and the California Department of Safety of Dams have determined that the Scotts Flat spillway must be replaced. Over time, the spillway has experienced recurring damage. Particularly during the heavy flows of 2017, the spillway experienced severe spalling areas in need



of repair. The spillway, a critical safety component to the reservoir operation, protects the earthen rock-fill from serious erosion during spill events.

Congressman Kiley serves California's 3rd District, which includes all or parts of Placer, Nevada, Sierra, and Yuba counties. NID officials are hoping Kiley will help secure funding to replace the spillway project.

Kiley joined NID General Manager Jennifer Hanson and NID Board of Directors Members Karen Hull (Division 3) and Trevor Calder (Division 4) for a tour of the reservoir and discussion about the District's infrastructure needs.

"Thank you to the team at Nevada Irrigation District for the tour and briefing at the Scotts Flat spillway. I'm grateful for their work and committed to supporting this infrastructure which is so important to the water supply in Nevada, Placer, and Yuba counties," Kiley posted on X (formerly Twitter) afterward.



Congressman Kevin Kiley (L) and NID Director Trevor Calder survey Scotts Flat.

Recreation crew cleans up messes at dispersed camping sites

Pack it in; pack it out, public advised

NID continues to remind campers and visitors in the remote Bowman corridor to “pack it in; pack it out.”

Interest in recreating in the Bowman area (Bowman Lake to Faucherie campgrounds) has increased, especially for dispersed camping, which has no services, such as trash removal. It is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The NID recreation crew has found trash, abandoned food and smoldering campfires, all which pose a serious threat to public health and increases wildfire risk.

Because there are no janitors or regular patrols -- county, federal or NID -- around dispersed camping sites, visitors have added responsibility. Their actions have real consequences, good and especially bad.

The “pack it in, pack it out” mantra is important. The message is simple: whatever you bring in, you are responsible for bringing out.

While getting the word out to the public, it’s our recreation crew that is keeping the areas clean and safe.

Thanks to Ken Copher, Jason Devlin and Monica Reyes for making the extra effort.

As summer wanes, the situation is getting better, but the NID crew is still finding bags of trash left at the public bathrooms or in bear boxes.

Monica also reminds everyone of the USFS fire restrictions; there are no wood or charcoal fires allowed in dispersed areas in the Bowman Corridor. At this time, fires are only allowed in designated developed campgrounds, in a fire ring.



Trash and toilet paper litter the forest floor in a dispersed camping site at Bowman Campground. (Below) Food and trash are left in a smoldering campfire ring.



IN THE FIELD



Hydropower: Jackson Meadows

At Jackson Meadows, NID Hydro Communication Technician Ed Aschow repairs an antenna used to bring reservoir and river data in from the lake. The antenna was damaged by the heavy snows early this year.



Maintenance Raw Water: Excelsior Spill

At the Excelsior spill, Utility Workers Adam Custer, Josh Frates and Declan Maloney set forms during reconstruction of the Newtown Canal.

(Right) During- and post- construction work.

IN THE FIELD

Maintenance Construction Treated Water: Alta Sierra

In Alta Sierra, our crew worked three tie-in spots on Aileen Way at Ruth Court and Grace Court. A pipeline tie-in is a point that will have further expansion or connection with an existing pipeline.



(Left to right) Utility Workers Declan Maloney and Josh Frates



(Left to right) Utility Workers AJ Davis and Davin Chittock



(Left to Right) Utility Worker Brandon Fabela, Senior Utility Worker Andrew Chidley, and Utility Worker Logan Sheftal

Beware: it's rattlesnake season

Rattlesnake season runs through October, and it has been more dangerous this year thanks to the spring rain.

Here's advice to keep yourself safe on the job:

- * Watch where you place your hands and feet when removing debris and taking care of housekeeping outside.
- * Consider wearing heavy gloves, especially when working outdoors and dealing with brush, leaves, or piles of lumber.
- * Consider wearing boots at least 10 inches high especially if working near water areas where snakes may be present.
- * Remember, snakes often bite only when threatened. If you see a snake, step back and allow it to proceed.
- * Be sure not to startle them. Rattlesnakes will strike if agitated. They can strike one foot per second, which means a 4-foot snake can lunge at objects within 2 feet.
- * If bitten, call 911 immediately. Pay attention to the color of the snake and the shape of the snake's head to help with treatment. Have someone take a photo, if possible.
- * Keep bite victims calm and reduce movement to slow the possible spread of venom. Lay the victim down so the bite is below the level of the heart.
- * Cover the bite wound with a clean, dry dressing. NEVER cut the wound or attempt to suck out the venom.



A rattlesnake is distinguished by a triangular-shaped head that is noticeably larger than its neck, a dull body and a blunt tail with 1 or more rattles. It is very likely that you would hear a rattler before you see it.

When a rattlesnake feels threatened, it will shake the rattles on its tail as a warning before it strikes. It is important to listen for this fast rattling sound (almost a hissing sound) when you are hiking or engaging in other activities in the watershed.

Contact the NID Safety team for more information.

PIPELINE

A Newsletter to the Employees of the Nevada Irrigation District

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Future Filing

GONE IS the "Tin Lizzie" and her broken-down approach to records management. The old filing unit has been replaced with a modern \$13,000 MegaStar media station.

The new unit has given a big boost to the district's record management program.

With a simple code entry and push of a button, stored records can be quickly retrieved.

Board Secretary **Carol Gates** says the new system is faster, quieter and safer than the old model, plus it is ADA compliant.

The new unit offers a storage capacity of 1426 lineal filing inches, a 15 percent increase.



Kim Crabtree and Karen Blair show the district's new MegaStar media station filing system.

Pitts Leads Penn Valley Devil Rays to 18-4 Season

Joe Pitts of the Operations Dept. led his major division Little League team to an overall 18-4 record and multiple titles this season.

League Champs

His Penn Valley Devil Rays captured the Grass Valley-Penn Valley interlock title and went on to complete six rounds in the

Tournament of Champions (TOC). The Devil Rays won the Area 2 and Area 3 titles before losing to Rocklin in the district championship game.

"It was a great season," said the coach. "No Penn Valley team had ever gone that far."

Pitts said he has been coaching the same group of kids,

including his son, **Josh**, 11, for the last three to four years. He's looking forward to next year and yet another title run.



Joe Pitts

Meetings & Events

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, September 13
NID Main Office,
Grass Valley 9 AM

Special Board of Directors Meeting (Plan for Water workshop)

Tuesday, Sept. 26
NID Main Office,
Grass Valley 4 PM

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 27
NID Main Office,
Grass Valley 9 AM

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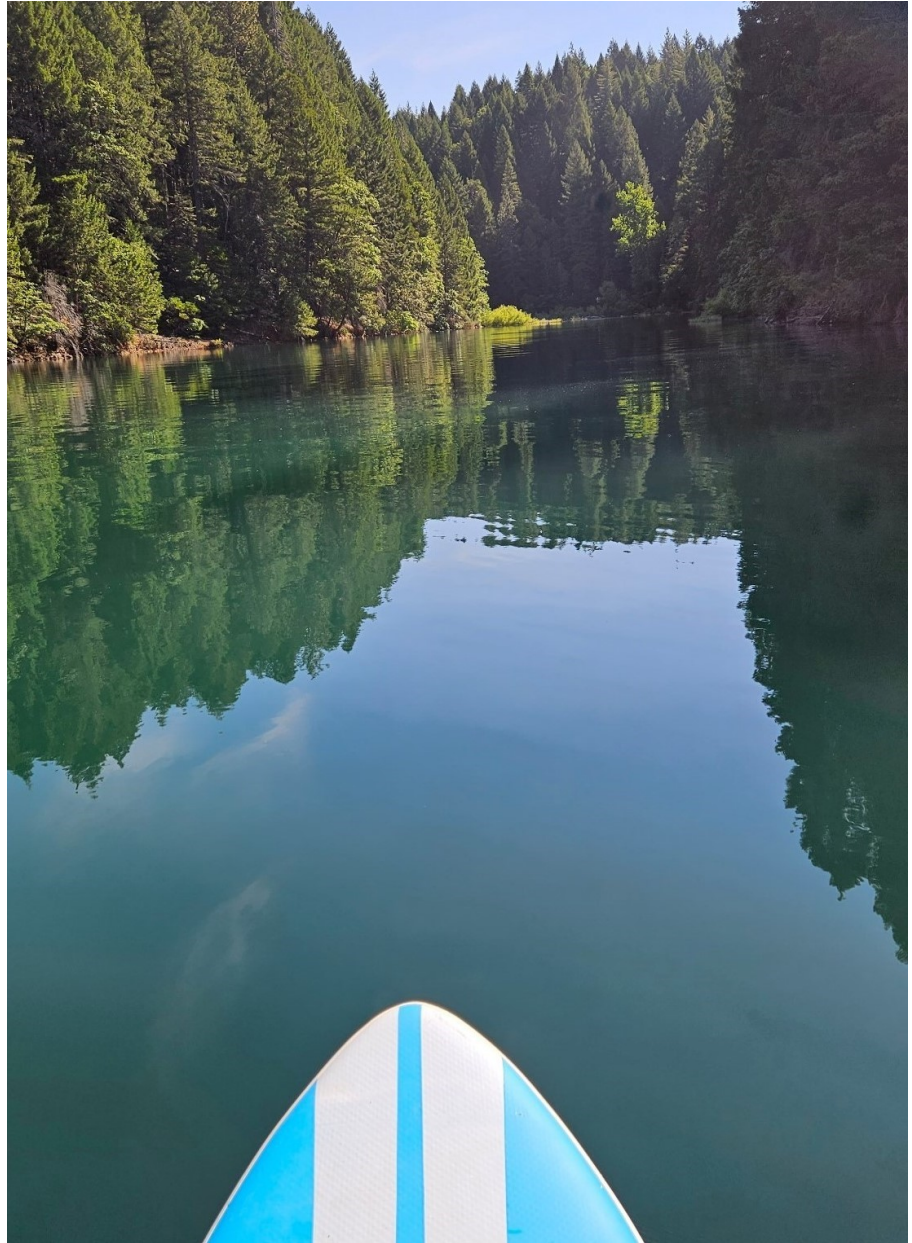
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Paddleboarding by the Ditchtender's House, Scotts Flat