



Happy Independence Day!

Senior Park Ranger Caden Caldwell snapped this shot while on patrol on Rollins Reservoir.

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# PG&E repair delays worsen water delivery challenges: PCWA and NID Respond



NID and the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) have issued a joint statement on the Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) company's recent announcement regarding further delays in repairing essential water delivery infrastructure at their Spaulding #1 Powerhouse.

Initially scheduled for completion by early-June, the repair completion date has now been pushed to late July. This delay is one of several in the repair of PG&E's Spaulding #1 Powerhouse, which has been offline since early March following the discovery of a leak and subsequent damage.

"We are disappointed and deeply concerned about the latest delay in repairs at the Spaulding #1 Powerhouse. These continuous delays jeopardize the water delivery systems for both NID and PCWA, which rely on water from Lake Spaulding. The failure to complete these repairs in a timely manner impacts not only this year's irrigation season but also the carryover capacity of Rollins (PCWA and NID) and Scotts Flat (NID) reservoirs, complicating the management of water resources.

"This is a water delivery problem caused by unresolved repairs to PG&E's infrastructure, not a water supply problem. We understand the challenges and difficulty of the repairs, but both agencies are dependent on PG&E's timely repair and the ongoing delays are disappointing.

"These delays are expected to most immediately impact our irrigation customers during some of the hottest days, when water is crucial for livestock and farming operations. Measures are being taken to mitigate the potential total loss of water for those in areas most impacted by the delay. The agencies are determined to stretch water resources and preserve what's available in Rollins Reservoir as much as possible. Further actions to preserve our water resources will be shared in the coming week independently by each agency.

"We thank our customers for their continued efforts to preserve water and appreciate those who have participated in voluntary reductions. Here is what you can do right now to help: assess how you use water and take immediate action to curb water waste and cut back on your usage. "We are committed to working together to navigate this challenging period and to ensuring that both NID and PCWA can continue to serve our communities effectively."

## Photos chronicle the drawdown of Rollins Reservoir



Rollins on April 19 was at 101% capacity.



Rollins on June 28: 55% capacity available for consumptive 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](#)

### June Anniversaries

**Monica Reyes**, Director of Recreation, 28 years, 6/17

**Nathan Wasley**, Water Superintendent, 21 years, 6/16

**Chris Thompson**, Senior Utility Worker, 21 years, 6/16

**Chad Smith**, Hydroelectric Maintenance Technician II, 21 years, 6/23

**Thor Larsen**, Water Resources Superintendent, 19 years, 6/21

**Frank Reina**, Water Distribution Operator II, 16 years, 6/2

**Justin Koster**, Supervising Operator, 15 years, 6/29

**Barbara Wibberley**, Customer Service Representative II, 10 years, 6/9

**Scott Davis**, Equipment Operator, 9 years

**Douglas Dreher**, Hydroelectric Plant Operator II, 9 years, 6/15

**Katie Kemp**, Office Assistant II, 6 years, 6/18

**Jonathan Hoover**, Equipment Mechanic Supervisor, 6 years, 6/25

**Joanne Phillips**, Administrative Analyst I, 5 years, 6/10

**Adam Davis**, Utility Worker I, 4 years

**Jennifer Hanson**, General Manager, 3 years, 6/1

**Mike Bryant**, Engineering Technician I, 1 year

### New Hires

**Declan Saldana**- Utility Worker

**Ian Ferrell** - Utility Worker

### Retirements

**Shannon Wood** June 20, 2024

### Thanks from Customers

**Fallyn Foster**, customer service representative, received a customer commendation for outstanding service regarding a leaking meter on May 20 and May 21. The customer called to tell about her great experience and how pleased she was with how Fallyn helped in such a stressful situation.

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“Hello, I wanted to take a moment to send praise to a couple of your employees. We encountered several NID employees at the Sawmill Dam on Wednesday, June 26th. I wanted to say that they were the friendliest and most positive employees of any company or agency I’ve encountered in quite some time. We had family in town from Missouri and these employees were extremely helpful and accommodating. Please let them know that we appreciate them! Thank you.” CB

Good job Survey Team! Matthew Crowe, Wade Townsend, Carl Cookson and Barry Scicluna.

## Service Awards

Congratulations to our colleagues, who were honored for their long service by the Board of Directors. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do!

### 30 Years



**Chip Close**  
Director of Water Operations  
01/10/1994

### 25 Years



**Larry Martin**  
Senior Vegetation Control Worker  
10/09/1999

### 15 Years



**Justin Koster**  
Supervising Operator  
06/29/2009



**Matt Baker**  
Maintenance Supervisor  
02/17/2009



**Rob Fogleman**  
Hydroelectric Plant Operator I  
01/07/2008

Not pictured:

**Jason Gates**  
Equipment Operator  
02/17/2009

**Jennifer Vendley**  
Administrative Analyst II  
01/20/2009

### 10 Years



**Dennis Frey**  
Water Distribution Officer II  
04/07/2014



**Steven Haack**  
Water Distribution Supervisor  
04/21/2014



**Lisa Price**  
Administrative Analyst II  
04/07/2014

Not pictured:

**Barbara Wibberley**  
Customer Service Representative II  
06/09/2014

## In Memoriam



### Robin Lantz

Robin Lantz passed away Sunday, May 12, 2024.

Robin joined Nevada Irrigation District in Administration as the Risk Manager in February of 1990 with a background in Risk Management, Safety, and Engineering.

He made the transition to Assistant Maintenance Manager in January of 1997 before accepting the Maintenance Manager role in 2005 allowing him to utilize his double bachelor's degrees in civil engineering and business administration. He held the position of Maintenance Manager until he retired in May 2005.



In 2001, Robin Lantz and Sue Sindt repeated as NID golf champions.



### Kathy Cochran

Kathy Cochran passed away Sunday, May 19, 2024.

Kathy joined Nevada Irrigation District in September of 1982 as a Temporary Customer Service Clerk. Just one month later she became an Accounting Clerk I.

She dedicated herself to the accounting department for the next 16 years growing from Accounting Clerk II (March 1984) to Accounting Office Assistant II

(December 1986) to Senior Accounting Assistant (January 1990). She comically referred to herself as a bean-counter.

In March of 1998, Kathy transferred to the Operations department as an Administrative Assistant II, the position she would hold until her retirement in January 2003. However, it was a short goodbye! Just two weeks after her retirement from the District, Kathy re-joined NID on a part-time basis as a Management Assistant in Operations.

Kathy was passionate about her friendships and made many longtime connections from working at NID. Her NID teammates remember her as kind, thoughtful, with an impeccable memory for details and a laugh that was contagious.



Kathy Cochran is recognized on her retirement by Water Operations Manager Terry Mayfield before the Board of Directors.

# NID implements mandatory conservation

## *Measures needed to address emergency water shortage*

The NID Board of Directors has established mandatory conservation measures in response to the extended PG&E water supply infrastructure emergency. This is a call for customers to use water wisely and make conservation a way of life. The measures are commonsense practices aimed to reduce water usage and achieve a 20 percent reduction in water use.

### Odd or even? Everyone, we're 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.

Why is mandatory water conservation necessary? NID is entirely reliant on a limited supply of stored water in Rollins and Scotts Flat reservoirs after damaged infrastructure owned by PG&E has cut off deliveries through Lake Spaulding to NID. Emergency repairs by PG&E to the infrastructure are underway, but this is causing severe impacts to the District's operations and, ultimately, its ability to deliver a reliable supply of water to NID's customers. Conservation is necessary to stretch the limited water supplies in Scotts Flat and Rollins reservoirs.

[Read the NID news release, click here](#)



## Designated NID canals placed on temporary rotation schedule

*Emergency water shortage depletes NID water supply*

The emergency water shortage continues. Extreme hot temperatures and struggling conservation efforts are quickly depleting the limited local water delivery capacity.

In response, the Nevada Irrigation District (NID) has announced the need to implement short-term water outages for a limited number of canals. Water will be temporarily cut off on a three-day rotation to this limited area, beginning July 11, 2024.

“We appreciate the early efforts of our customers to reduce demand, however as the summer heat continues, we are compelled to implement stricter measures to ensure supplies last through the irrigation season. The District has exhausted all available measures to help minimize the impact on customers. It is now necessary to implement these rotating water outages for a limited number of canals until water supply is restored,” said Greg Jones, NID’s assistant general manager.

These outages will save water during a time when, effectively, no water supplies are flowing into the NID system. The issue is not related to water supply or drought; it is a water delivery problem caused by ongoing emergency repairs to Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) infrastructure through Lake Spaulding.

Repairs continue, and PG&E recently announced an additional delay until late July, for work to complete at the Spaulding 1 Powerhouse. Repairs to the South Yuba Pipe, which was damaged in a rockslide, are expected at the end of August.

The delay in repairs has put NID in a precarious position to deliver water to customers. NID’s operations team has done daily analysis to find a way to continue deliveries facing the water shortage. “We will continue to do our best to minimize the impacts of these outages until NID’s water supply returns to normal levels. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we await PG&E’s completion of the infrastructure repairs,” Jones said.



Delivery boxes on the Cole Viet Canal

### SCHEDULED CANAL OUTAGES DUE TO WATER EMERGENCY:

Canals Affected	Date/Time	Reason
Clear Creek Canal, Beyers Canal	July 11, 2024 - July 14, 2024	Canal rotations due to PG&E infrastructure repairs
Tarr Canal	July 14, 2024 - July 17, 2024	Canal rotations due to PG&E infrastructure repairs
Smith Gordon Canal, Casey Loney Canal, Stinson Pipe, Pet Hill Canal, Pet Hill Extension, Bald Hill Canal	July 17, 2024 - July 20, 2024	Canal rotations due to PG&E infrastructure repairs
Cole Viet Canal, Wolf Canal, Pearl Barnes Canal, Carpenter Canal	July 20, 2024 - July 23, 2024	Canal rotations due to PG&E infrastructure repairs

## NID Water Quality Report released

NID annually treats more than 2.8 billion gallons of water at six state-of-the-art treatment plants. The process to transform pure mountain raw water into quality drinking water is repeated day-in and day-out for over 21,000 customer connections.

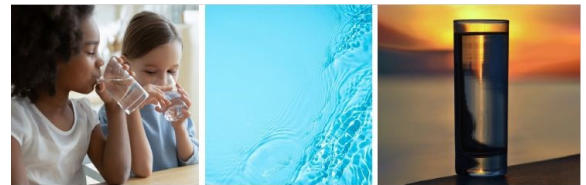
NID closely monitors the quality of our drinking water by testing for more than 100 possible substances in our supply on a regular basis.

“We are constantly testing for even trace amounts of contaminants in the water we deliver to our customers,” says NID’s Water Treatment Superintendent Shad Chittock. “All of our tests and efforts are aimed at one goal: to make sure we provide the highest quality water possible and that your water reliably meets or exceeds all the standards for safe drinking water quality set by California and federal regulations.”

Each year, the district publishes a Water Quality Report (WQR) that lists test results for regulated substances at each treatment plant. The latest report has just been released with information about the quality of NID’s drinking water for reporting year 2023.

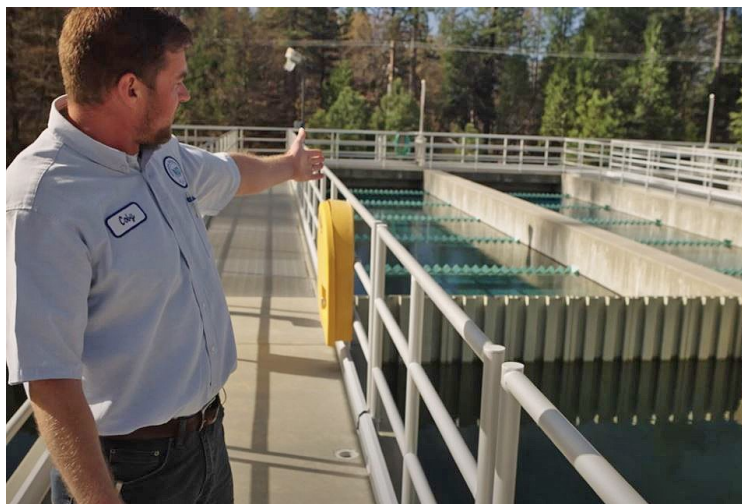
“NID is pleased to report that the water provided to district customers met or surpassed all State of California and EPA drinking water health standards,” says Chittock. “The constituents we test for are not detected--or detected in only trace amounts--in the water we deliver to you.

[Click here to read the new report, reporting year 2023.](#)



### ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

Reporting Year 2023



VIDEO: E. George Treatment Plant:  
NID Delivers Clean,  
Safe Drinking Water



Take a tour of the E. George Treatment Plant with Guide Coby McCoy, NID Water Treatment Supervisor.

[Watch the short video \(5:02 minutes\)](#)



## Here Comes the Sun

### *Take precaution to save your skin, prevent cancer*

The sun is not our friend. It's one workplace hazard that needs attention, especially during summer. Sun exposure leads to cancer risk more than exposure to asbestos, diesel engine exhaust, and crystalline silica combined.

Today, melanoma remains the deadliest form of skin cancer, claiming over 8,000 American lives each year. However, experts say nine in 10 cases of melanoma skin cancer can be prevented by staying safe in the sun.

The good news is that skin cancer and other sun damage is easy to prevent, as long as the right safety measures are taken. With the right sun safety strategies, you can keep your workers safe from the sun.

### Best Sun Protection Strategies for Outdoor Work

**Use Sunscreen:** Apply broad-spectrum sunscreen with SPF 30+. Reapply every two hours, and after sweating, especially the face, ears, neck, and hands. Studies show that regular daily use of sunscreen can reduce your risk of developing squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) by about 40 percent, and lower your melanoma risk by 50 percent. Even while wearing protective clothing, you should still be using sun protection.

**Wear Protective Clothing:** One of the best ways to protect yourself from UV rays is to provide clothing that covers the skin as much as possible, such as wearing long sleeve pants and shirts. Also consider gloves. Not only do they provide you with protection from typical cuts and abrasions, but they'll also keep your hands protected from the sun

**Use Protective Headgear:** Hard hats are common in outdoor workplaces like project- and construction sites. Beyond protecting a worker's head against injury, the right headgear can offer protection from the sun.

When assessing safety hats used on the job, a long brim is best to protect from the sun. There are also accessories that can be fitted underneath a hard hat to provide protection for the face, ears, and neck.



# PIPELINE

A Newsletter to the Employees of the Nevada Irrigation District

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## Bloomin' Weeds Wet Spring Weather Brings Challenges for the NID Spray Crew

**P**est Control Supt. **Bruce Early** and his six-man crew are hustling to control a huge weed crop brought on by the rains of April and early May.

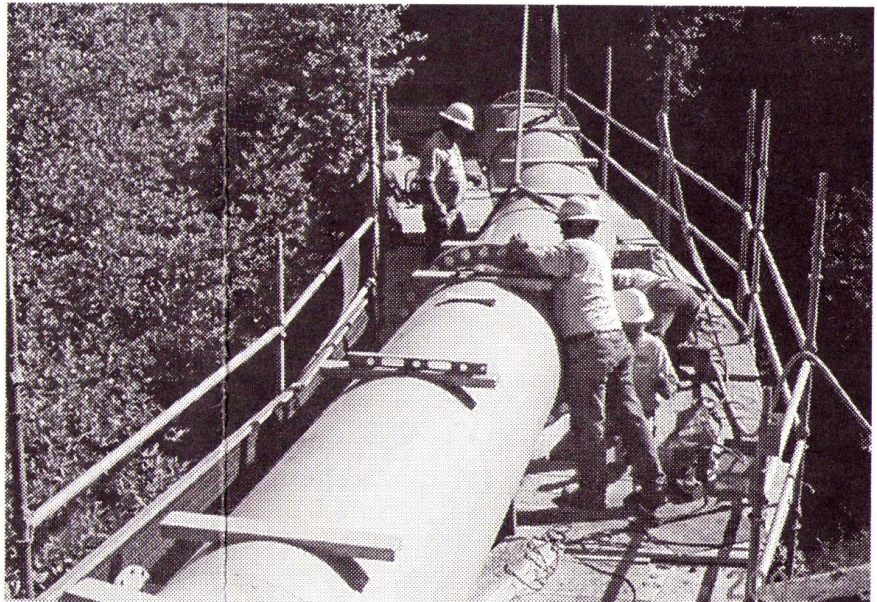
"Hopefully, we'll be caught up and back on a normal schedule by mid-June," said Early.

With dry weather in February and March, Early and crew started early on summer weed control in Placer County.

"Then it rained for a month and we basically had to start all over. We had two crops of weeds starting within a month of each other."

Aquatic weed control programs are especially difficult because they are operated under permit and must be scheduled ahead of time. "We're on a four-week schedule, so if we miss, we have to wait four weeks," Early said.

Working on the crew are **David Seaton, Craig Howe, Brian Stafford, Brian Mesker, Dan Miller and Shad Chittock.**



## Down on the Farm

Maintenance crews traveled to the Farm Canal in Yuba County during May to replace an old pipeline on the Sanford Creek Flume.

*(Photo by Howard Browning)*

## Celebration for Southern, Facchini

**T**he retirement party for longtime NID surveyors **Tom Southern** and **Bob Facchini** will be held Friday, June 13, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Nevada County Sportsmens Lodge.

Southern retired May 31 after 31 years with the district. Facchini retires June 8 after 23 years on the job.

The party is a potluck affair and those planning to attend are asked to sign up with **Carmen Gardner Holman** at ext. 268 or **Tricia Pellegrino** at ext. 254.

# Meetings & Events



**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Wednesday, July 10  
NID Main Office, Grass Valley

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Wednesday, July 24  
NID Main Office, Grass Valley

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Wednesday, August 14  
NID Main Office, Grass Valley

\*\* Dates subject to change. For updated dates, see [nidwater.com](http://nidwater.com)

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## Short Videos featuring employees



- \* [E. George Treatment Plant tour \(5:02 minutes\)](#)
- \* [NID Rex Canal automated main gate \(1:55 min.\)](#)
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