



Maintenance Crews are Working Hard to Safeguard Our Community

NID maintenance crews work around the clock to ensure our 500 miles of canals are functioning as designed and in good condition. Their hard work pays off with benefits that include:

- Increasing water capacity
- Upgrading hydrants
- Berms functioning as fuelbreaks
- Reducing ignition sources
- Fire prevention
- Improving access
- Being generally prepared

"We in maintenance are constantly working hand-in-hand with other NID departments to perform maintenance and repairs out in the district. That also has the dual benefit of providing fire resiliency and fire response benefits," said NID's Maintenance Manager Jacqueline Longshore.

Maintenance employees work year-round to have the ability to flow water at the system's maximum capacity level. Much attention goes to ensuring leaks are kept to a minimum.

"Leaks mean water loss, which is an unavailability of water to firefighters, to treated water systems and to raw water systems for agriculture," said Longshore. "We do a lot of work to keep the canals free of materials - leaf debris, weeds, silt and trees limbs. Again those are materials that consume space for water that reduces the amount of water available for a firefighting effort."



NID Fire Preparedness

Learn about the ways NID is working to reduce the risk of wildfire. Click [HERE](#)