

Survey: Snowpack below average, reservoir storage above average

The year’s first NID snow survey of the season (Jan. 29-30) found the average water content in the snowpack was only 72 percent of average for this time of year. Yet District reservoir storage was 104 percent of average at 203,800 acre-feet (75 percent of capacity).

“District storage is above average despite current below average precipitation due to a good snowpack from last winter and a late runoff period,” said Thor Larsen, NID’s Water Resources Superintendent. “The late runoff from the snowpack allowed District reservoirs to maintain storage while meeting downstream demands, resulting in higher than average carry-over storage.”

NID relies on the Sierra snowpack as the major water source for the community. Water from the mountain snowmelt flows into NID reservoirs, and ultimately to customers through an extensive water transmission system.

“We are hopeful that we make up ground in the second half of the water season; however, we are preparing for dry year operations should it be necessary,” Larsen said.

Learn more – visit our [snow survey webpage](#).



NID’s Matthew Wheeler (left) samples the English Meadow snow course.

The snowpack survey found:

- * Webber Peak (7,800 ft.) - 52.5” snow depth, water content 17.1”
- * English Mountain (7,100 ft.) - 60.5” snow, water content 21.9”
- * Webber Lake (7,000 ft.) - 45.3” snow, water content 15”
- * Findley Peak (6,500 ft.) - 39.5” snow, water content 12.5”
- * Bowman Reservoir (5,563 ft.) - 18.6” snow, water content 7.1”
- * Chalk Bluff (4,850 ft.) - 7.6” snow, water content 3.1”

Pipeline to replace Combie Canal Phase 1 is taking shape



Work is on schedule to have water flowing through the new pressure pipe that is replacing the District’s Combie Phase 1 Canal.

Crews are busy installing and linking segments of 96-inch reinforced concrete pipeline along 1.7 miles of the Bear River. The first phase is expected to be completed this spring.

This is critical infrastructure that delivers 54 percent of NID’s delivery flows to customers in southern Nevada County and Placer County.

Read more about the project [here](#).

Watch a short video, including pipe placement, [here](#).

NID News Briefs

Ricki Heck is named 2020 Board President

For the 2020 term, Director Ricki Heck (Division 1) will serve as Board president, and Director Chris Bierwagen (Division 2) will serve as vice president. Director Heck, a 39-year resident of Nevada County with a background in business and commercial real estate, was elected to the Board in 2018. Director Bierwagen, a fourth generation farmer with experience serving on local boards and agencies, also was elected in 2018.



Ricki Heck



Chris Bierwagen

Long Ravine Campground gets a new drinking water system

In time for summer camping season, Long Ravine Campground on Rollins Reservoir will be vastly improved. We are replacing the 55-year old drinking water system, including installing more than a mile of new pipe, two new storage tanks and filter system. Read more about the project [here](#).

Thanks for making conservation a way of life

Thank you NID customers, who continue to make conservation a way of life. You have slashed your treated water use by roughly 20 percent since 2013, which started the worst drought in modern times.

Committee meetings will be video recorded

NID will begin video recording standing committee proceedings. The video will be available to the public and be retained as a permanent record. District committees meet monthly on rotating Tuesday mornings:

- * Administrative Practices Committee – 1st Tuesday of the month
- * Engineering Committee – 2nd Tuesday
- * Water & Hydroelectric Operations Committee – 3rd Tuesday
- * Maintenance & Resources Management Committee – 4th Tuesday



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Delivering Water for Life: NID's 60-second video profiles our work

Our short profile video emphasizes our vital role in the community, demonstrating dedication and expertise, with the spotlight on agriculture, recreation, power generation, family/lifestyle and protection from wildfire.

See if you recognize any NID employees from your neighborhood!

Watch the video – click [here](#).

Save the Dates for these fantastic NID events



Easter Egg Hunt - April 11

The 13th annual Easter Egg Hunt at Orchard Springs Campground is scheduled for Saturday, April 11. The event is free, and features prize eggs plus a special appearance by the Easter Bunny!

Follow announcements on www.nidwater.com

Mulch Magic Giveaway – May 2

On Saturday, May 2, NID will host the 2020 Mulch Magic Giveaway, held at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. Mulch will be handed out free to local residents on a first-come first-served basis.

This event is hugely popular; last year, nearly 150 cubic yards of free shredded cedar mulch disappeared in less than two hours.

More event details to come – www.nidwater.com

No Motor Day at Scotts Flat Reservoir – May 17

Come experience the quiet beauty of Scotts Flat Lake during No Motor Day on Sunday, May 17. Use of motorized boats will be suspended for the entire day; non-motorized watercraft, including sailboats, canoes, kayaks and paddleboards are welcome.

The day features:

- * Free Admission for non-motorized watercraft.
- * Vehicle admission is \$13.00 (includes up to four people)
- * Free kayaking and paddleboard demos with Mountain Recreation of Grass Valley (10 am- 4 pm).
- * Open house and free sailboat rides with Gold Country Yacht Club (10 am- 4 pm)



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NID is a water resource district that supplies both treated drinking water and irrigation water to homes, farms and businesses in Nevada and Placer counties.

- * Treated water customers: 19,500
- * Raw water customers: 5,500
- * Number of Employees: 200
- * District Size: 287,000 acres
- * Canals: 475 miles
- * Pipelines: 400 miles
- * Reservoirs: 10 (280,380 acre-feet)
- * Hydroelectric Power Plants: 7
- * Water Treatment Plants: 6
- * NID Years of Service: Since 1921

Sierra Snowpack is the Source of NID Water

NID treated and delivers more than 3 billion gallons of surface water each year. This water originates as Sierra Nevada snow and rain, originating on 70,000 acres of high mountain watersheds.

As the snowpack melts each spring, the District collects the water and stores it in a system of 10 reservoirs. From the reservoirs, water is released and flows to customers through 475 miles of canals and 400 miles of pipelines.



Sunset over French Lake

You can count on us to deliver the highest quality water, while caring for our environment and community.

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