



The Waterfront

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Message from the General Manager

Fall Recreation



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With many of our kids back in school and the weather mostly pleasant, late summer and early fall are ideal for

our customers, their friends, and families to enjoy EID's wealth of recreational opportunities a little more quietly.

This is a spectacular time to visit our parks, lakes, and campsites. The aspens and leaves are turning colors, the evenings are cooler, and the fishing and hiking season are in full swing.

For those of you who get into a more businesslike frame of mind after Labor Day—or a more sociable or familial one—remember that EID's retreat house in the Sly Park Recreation Area, just 11 miles east of Placerville, is also open for not only your meetings, workshops, retreats, and conferences but also for reunions, celebrations, weddings, and receptions. This accessible forest facility, which allows for a maximum of 50 people, has most of the basics you'd need for any of these events. But, understandably, it's popular—so visit our website (www.eid.org) to get all the details or phone 530-644-2792 to make a reservation.

And please check out all of our recreational options on the website. You might find just the right setting to spend some serene time in the foothills.

Fall—a great time to “recreate” at EID’s facilities

As summer winds down, staff in the EID recreation department continue to work hard to ensure well-run facilities are available for visitors beyond the warm-weather period. Recreation department head **Don Pearson**, who oversees all of the District's recreational facilities, picnic grounds, campsites, lakes, and trails, reminds us that Sly Park recreation opportunities do not end with summer.

“Fall is a great time to take advantage of our facilities,” he says. “While high Sierra locations like the Silver Lake West campground will close October 1 this year, lower-elevation Sly Park Recreation Area remains open and available for use.”

Sly Park contains nearly 200 campsites. They include Pinecone, Sierra, Jenkinson, Stonebraker, Hilltop, Chimney, Hazel Creek, Dogwood, Rainbow, and Kamloop camps—the latter two have designated youth areas.

“Evening and night fishing become popular at this time of year,” Don states. “And if you don't have a boat, you can rent one from EID's small, well-maintained fleet of canoes, kayaks, and pedal boats.” Fees range from \$10 an hour to \$65 for a full day plus a refundable \$25 cleaning deposit.



Top: Don Pearson heads up EID's recreation department. His entire career has been in recreation with 28 years at EID. Don earned his bachelor's degree in recreation at Sacramento State University, studying alongside another rec major who made good: Sacramento Mayor Heather Fargo.

Lower: Fishing and paddle boats share the water at Sly Park's Jenkinson Lake.



Picnic at Forebay

Forebay reservoir—located on Forebay Road in Pollock Pines, just off Pony Express Trail at Highway 50's Sly Park Road exit—is a great place for a picnic. Initially created to regulate water flow to EID's hydroelectric power generation facility, Forebay is a great daytime recreation spot and is perfect for barbecues, quiet walks, and fishing.

Silver Lake West closing for the season October 1

We want to thank you, our visitors, for another successful season at the Silver Lake West campground. We're closing for the season October 1, but look forward to welcoming you again in the spring.



Residential sewer fees—conserve water to save \$\$ year-round

Your residential sewer fees for 2008 will be derived from your water use during the months of November 2007 through February 2008. A little preparation can save you water and potentially affect the rate you pay for the rest of the year.

What you can do

As the November—February period approaches, here are some proactive steps to help prevent unwanted water use.

- Cover your irrigation control valves to prevent cracks and leaks.
- Inspect water appliances for signs of leakage inside and outside your home.

What we can do for you

A member of our water efficiency team can identify and recommend ways for you to save water. We encourage you to schedule an appointment by calling 642-4071 or going online to www.eid.org—click on the water efficiency icon and then on “Schedule a water survey”—and learn more about how to keep your water use down.



EID employees take time for a community focus



While many EID employees serve in the community, recently Peg Campbell, Pat Johnson, and Dave Eggerton took on leadership roles in community groups.

Peg Campbell, who works as clerk to the Board for her day job, began a one-year term as treasurer for Soroptimist International of Placerville. “Soroptimist Placerville is a wonderful group that supports local projects in education, health and women’s social and economic development,” said Campbell. “I’m so pleased to be a part of their leadership team for the next year.”

Pat Johnson, who carries the title legal secretary when at work, was recently elected to the Board of Directors for the non-profit Fire Safe Council of El Dorado County. And for the next two years, she will be serving as the Board’s secretary. The mission of the Council is to protect the people of El Dorado County and their property from the effects of catastrophic wildfire “through education, cooperation, innovation, and action,” Johnson said.



Dave Eggerton, assistant general counsel at EID, has recently been elected to the all-volunteer board of directors at Mother Lode Rehabilitation Enterprises, Inc.—better known as MORE. Eggerton has taken on the responsibility of chairing a committee to help communicate the needs of MORE to the community—such as the need to raise funds to pay for larger facilities. “It’s an extraordinary organization doing important work, and I’m honored to be able to lend a hand communicating that to a broader audience,” said Eggerton.

Clockwise from top left: Peg Campbell, Pat Johnson, and Dave Eggerton.

Upcoming Board Meetings
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