



## Message from the General Manager

### Water rights and your water



On September 8, a California appellate court ruled EID can exercise its rights to 17,000 acre-feet of water without the state-imposed restrictions that could have severely limited use of the water.

A month later on October 18, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued the District a 40-year license to operate our Project 184 hydroelectric power generation system.

What do these two events have in common? They demonstrate our never-ending efforts to ensure that you, our customers, have a reliable supply of clean water. This is the most basic service we provide—one you have come to rely on.

It took more than five years to achieve the court victory and nearly seven to obtain the new federal license. Our focus and diligence paid off. And as I look at photos from the 1800s and see the same route used then as now to convey high Sierra water, it is clear these two latest and proud chapters in our history continue a dedication that has been a long time in the shaping.

Looking back gives us both the perspective and the confidence to set future milestones in linking water rights with water supply. That's our commitment to you and our communities.

## EID's customer service and utility billing groups



(Back, L to R) Adrienne Mageean, Karen Coleman, Lori Grace, Dianne Sickendick, Vicky Brundige (Front, L to R) Elizabeth Ryan, Linda King, Jennifer Downey, Kim Nethercott, Leslie Smith, Apryl Ross, Jennifer Costa

October 2–6 was National Customer Service Week. The women of EID's customer service and utility billing groups thank our customers for their many kindnesses over the past year and look forward to serving you in the years to come.

## EID wins ruling to secure water rights

Since 1991, EID has been fighting for its historical rights to use 17,000 acre-feet of water from Folsom Lake. On September 8, the 3rd District Appellate Court agreed with a 2003 lower-court ruling that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) could not prevent the District from using the 17,000 acre feet of water in the summer. Unless the SWRCB or another party to the case appeals the decision

to the California State Supreme Court, the District will have confirmed rights to take water from Folsom Lake when necessary. This significant achievement was due to the efforts of EID's General Counsel **Thomas Cumpston** and outside counsel Sandra Dunn of Somach Simmons & Dunn, in partnership with the El Dorado County Water Agency. This is a major victory for EID and our customers.

## Did you know?

### Residential sewer rates are based on Nov – Feb usage

Residential 2007 sewer rates will be based on your water usage for the months of November 2006 through February 2007. And with winter coming, now is the time to evaluate your irrigation system. You can request a complimentary water survey by calling **Tim Heslin** at 530-642-4071. Tim will come to your home and suggest ways for you to save water—and thereby save money!



### EID Celebrates Employee Service

On October 26, EID honored 42 employees for their many years of service.

**Larry Hull**, EID's right of way and property manager, with 30 years at the District, received a special acknowledgment. Please see our website for more photos of service award recipients.

## Tips for saving water and money

During the November to February water-use evaluation period, you can affect your rates for the rest of the year by following some of these tips:

- Cover your irrigation control valves to prevent cracks and leakage caused by the weather.
- Inspect water appliances for signs of leakage throughout the interior of the home and garage. This includes water heaters, toilets, sinks, showers, tubs, hoses on the washing machines, etc.
- Think about using your clothes and dish washers only for full loads.
- Install insulating wrap around pipes that can potentially freeze. Historically, our coldest temperatures are between December and March.

## EID crew repairs dams at Silver Lake and Caples Lake



EID crews have completed repairs to the upstream face of the dam at Silver Lake. The work complies with requirements of the California Department of Water Resources Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD). The dam has a gunite facing that has developed many cracks over the years. The cracks resulted in increased

seepage observed earlier this summer on the downstream face. District crews repaired the cracks in a manner similar to the techniques learned from repairs in 2004 at Lake Aloha dam. Old gunite and mortar were removed, and cracks were filled using a two-part Sika-brand elastomeric joint compound.

DSOD representatives visited the dam during the repair and stated they were impressed with progress made and the quality of the staff's work. The crews will also make similar repairs on the concrete-arch auxiliary dam at Caples Lake. The goal is to have that job completed before the snow flies.

## Sly Park water line project update

On September 5, 2006, construction began on a new water line for Sly Park. At that time, it was necessary to limit camping to Fridays and Saturdays only. The construction schedule has changed, and effective immediately visitors can now camp in the following campgrounds every day of the week until further notice:

- Pinecone
- Sierra
- Jenkinson
- Stonebraker

Day use is available every day of the week from Stonebraker campground west to the park's entry gate.

Boat launching is available at both launch ramps every day.

Trails and group areas are open every day throughout the park.

For more information, call the park office at 530-644-2545.

## Great Grant News!

### Attention business, school, and multi-family customers

Need assistance offsetting costs to improve your landscape irrigation system? Interested in separating landscape watering from inside use on your bill? For a limited time, EID is offering the "Large Landscape Irrigation Upgrade/Rebate Program" and "CII/Multi-Family Sub-Metering and ET Controller Program." Rebates up to \$5,000 (\$10,000 for schools) for irrigation system upgrades/retrofits and 50 free landscape sub-meters for installation with ET "Smart" irrigation controller are available to qualifying sites.

To learn more, call 530-642-4126 or send an e-mail to **Cari DeWolf** at [cdewolf@eid.org](mailto:cdewolf@eid.org). Pre-qualifying landscape irrigation water surveys are required and will be provided by EID at no cost to the customer. These grants are made possible by EID, the California Department of Water Resources, and the Regional Water Authority.

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EID crews at work on the Silver Lake dam restoration project

## Sly Park season passes available

Passes for the 2007 season at EID's Sly Park Recreation Area are now on sale. The passes make great gifts, and EID encourages visitors to order them in time for the holiday season.

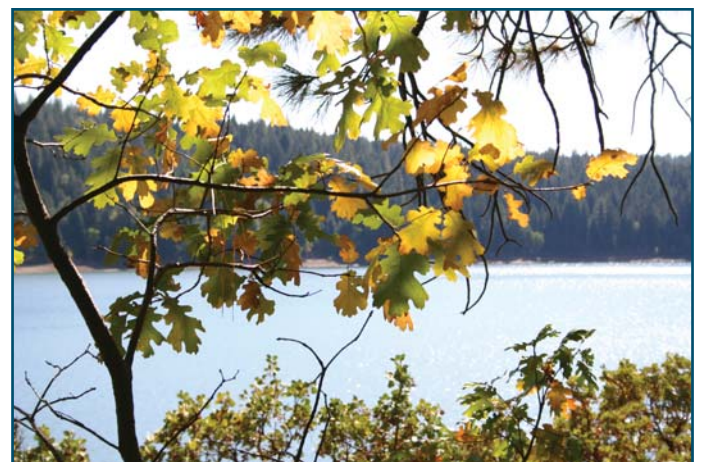
You can pick up applications at the Sly Park Ranger Station Office and gatehouse at 4771 Sly Park Road, Pollock Pines, or at EID's Harry J. Dunlop Customer Service Building, 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville.

You can also go to the EID website ([www.eid.org](http://www.eid.org)) and print an application or request one by fax (530-644-1003) or by mail sent to the Ranger Station Office address above (zip code 95726).

Completed applications and accompanying payments should be mailed to Sly Park Recreation Area, P.O. Box 577, Pollock Pines, CA 95726. You may also pay in person at the Ranger Station Office. We accept checks, cash, and credit cards, please do not send cash through the mail.

As a reminder, park staff must be able to see your visitor pass, attached to your vehicle, when you approach or leave the gatehouse.

For more information, call park staff at 530-644-2545.



Fall colors at Jenkinson Lake

## Upcoming Board Meetings

November 13 and 27  
December 11