



The Waterfront

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Board elects Harry Norris and Bill George as new officers

The El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) Board of Directors, during their December 19 meeting, elected Harry Norris as President and Bill George as Vice President for 2006. Elected in 2003 from Division 5, Mr. Norris is serving his first term on the Board. Mr. George, who represents Division 3, was also first elected in 2003. Mr. Norris praised outgoing President John Fraser's accomplishments saying, "I have very big shoes to try to fill. We all appreciate John's fine leadership this past year and look forward to his continuing work as a Board member."



Outgoing EID Board President John Fraser (center) hands over the gavel to newly elected Board President Harry Norris (left) as Bill George, the new Board Vice President, looks on.

EID receives ACWA Outreach Award

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) has awarded EID an Outreach Award for its outstanding commitment to educating local, state and federal officials on issues of vital importance to the water community. EID is one of 5 water agencies, out of 438 in the state that belong to ACWA, to receive the award. ACWA grants the awards to recognize organizations that work to advance legislative and regulatory priorities. The awards also recognize success in building and maintaining effective relationships with legislators, local public officials and community leaders. ACWA is a statewide association whose members are responsible for about 90% of the water delivered in California.

Updated telephone numbers needed!

Pipeline breaks, planned outages for maintenance and other incidents periodically occur in our water system. In the event of such an incident, you will be contacted either by our automated telephone messaging system or with a door hanger message. We will also continue to post any relevant information on our website at www.eid.org. Please take a moment to complete and mail this form to make sure we have your accurate contact information.

Name _____

Address _____

Primary Telephone Number _____

Cell Telephone Number _____

Please detach and mail with your bill to EID, 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, CA, 95667

Trish Fernandez appointed to State Historical Resources Commission



Trish Fernandez has been appointed to the State Historical Resources Commission, a nine-member review board appointed by the Governor that is responsible for preserving California's historic heritage and ensuring that the state's legacy be maintained to enrich the lives of present and future generations. Trish serves as environmental review specialist for EID, where she works on historic and cultural preservation issues. She holds an M.A. in Anthropology, with an emphasis in Archaeology, from California State University, Sacramento, and is a Registered Professional Archaeologist. Trish has lived in El Dorado County since 1978.

Customer Focus

Meet Grace Rockett — the Pleasant Oak Main construction crews' new best friend



Grace Rockett, Brad White and Grace's dog, Kelli, with a plateful of Grace's home-baked goodies.

Some people find special pleasure in making others happy, and that's just what Grace Rockett does. Grace, her husband Jack and their golden lab Kelli live on Shooting Star Lane, along the 5.5-mile route where crews are reconstructing portions of EID's Pleasant Oak Main. For the past three months, Grace has been indulging in one of her favorite hobbies — baking — and delivering the finished goods to the crews. With clockwork precision every morning and afternoon, Grace brings a variety of fresh cookies, cakes, breads and many other tasty treats to the crews.

Needless to say, the workers have grown very fond of Grace and her gifts. As equipment operator Brad White says, "I can't believe Grace walks all the way down here at the end of the street day after day to bring us this food. Now everyone counts on it. We don't bring our own sweet snacks in our lunch boxes anymore." He adds, "We don't know what we're going to

do when we move out of the neighborhood. Maybe we'll try to get her a truck commissioned and supply her with the gas so she can move along with us!"

When they relocated from Los Angeles 14 years ago, Grace and Jack searched for and found the perfect retirement setting on Shooting Star Lane among pines, oaks and abundant wildlife. "We live in vacation land," Grace says. "What more could anyone ask for!" And even though the Pleasant Oak Main reconstruction has been in progress on Grace's normally quiet street for a while now, she's not one to complain. "We happen to think the replacement project is a good idea," she says. "Putting up with a little inconvenience is well worth it, and in the long run it allows us to have a brand new water system."

Grace and Jack attended community meetings where EID staff described the project, and the couple learned what to expect from the construction activity. In fact, Grace has become somewhat of a construction "groupie" as she watches the crews lay a major waterline. She explains, "This is very interesting work, and I'm just amazed at the precision and efficiency with which the equipment operators do their work. EID and all of their contractors have been very accommodating and courteous, and they are all so nice."



With people like Grace around, it's no wonder the crews are smiling!

Customer Focus is a new feature of The Waterfront that will appear off and on throughout the year.

Important reminder to residential sewer customers

November through February is the time to conserve additional water to help reduce your 2006 sewer bill. EID's residential sewer commodity charge is recalculated each year based on your water usage in the winter months. To learn more about water savings and EID's water-use efficiency programs, please call EID's Office of Water Efficiency at (530) 642-4126 or visit our web site at www.eid.org.