



# The Waterfront

El Dorado Irrigation District • July - August 2005

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## State gives clean bill of health to EID

In early June, the California Department of Health Services (DHS) rescinded its August 2001 compliance order for EID, now that we have lined or covered 16 open water reservoirs, secured additional water supplies and expanded the capacity of El Dorado Hills Water Treatment Plant.

DHS issued the compliance order in part to help prevent low pressure or water outages in EID's main system. In its letter to EID General Manager Ane Deister, the Department said that the District's actions "have resolved" such problems.

Two months ago, we announced that all 16 open reservoirs identified by the state for rehabilitation had been lined and/or covered or taken out of service. Some were also expanded in capacity. As a result, you no longer receive the boil water notice on the back of this newsletter.



Don't let this happen to you.  
Call us today for a water survey.

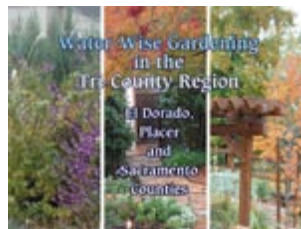
### WHY SIGN UP FOR A COMPLIMENTARY WATER SURVEY?

- \* Free irrigation system evaluation
- \* Free leak inspection, inside and outside
- \* Free water-wise gardening CD-ROM

This year marks our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of providing free water audits to EID and City of Placerville residential, multi-family and commercial customers. Water saving devices, from low-flow showerheads to faucet aerators and toilet water displacement devices, are part of the audits — at no cost to participants.

The audits also include detailed reports, recommendations for irrigation scheduling and system maintenance and a copy of the outstanding "Water-Wise Gardening in the Tri-County Region" CD-ROM.

For more information, call 530-642-4071. Or visit our Water Efficiency web page at [www.eid.org](http://www.eid.org).



Free GardenSoft™ CD-ROM

## Two Ways to Save Water and Money!

### Discounted Water-Efficient Toilets Available

EID's Ultra Low Flow Toilet Distribution Program returns this fall. It's your opportunity to buy Niagara Flapperless™ toilets for a small share of the actual cost. EID and City of Placerville water customers are eligible. Contact our Office of Water Efficiency at 530-642-4126 for information about styles and cost.

### ENERGY STAR® Water-Efficient Clothes Washer Rebates

For a limited time, EID, in partnership with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, is offering rebates on the purchase and installation of select ENERGY STAR® water-efficient clothes washers. Rebates range from up to \$300 for coin-operated washers and up to \$100 for regular washers. The washers must be installed within the EID service area. EID and City of Placerville residential, multi-family, commercial, industrial and institutional customers may qualify.

Application forms with a complete list of program rules are available on the EID website at [www.eid.org](http://www.eid.org) and through the EID Office of Water Efficiency. For more information about this and our other water-efficiency programs, call 530-642-4126.

## Got an ag meter? If so you may be able to participate in IMS

EID offers the Agricultural Irrigation Management Service (IMS) program to its commercial agricultural metered irrigation customers, free of charge. The program monitors soil conditions and provides irrigation recommendations to commercial agricultural customers with five or more acres under production.

The District is currently monitoring the soil moisture condition of approximately 300 field sites with neutron probes and tensiometers. Sites are read weekly during the irrigation season, and an individualized computer printout is sent to each grower the following day. The printout indicates the soil moisture status, predicts the next scheduling and recommends the amount of water to apply to each field.



CIMIS station near Camino

The program also provides weather data from the California Irrigation Management

Information Service (CIMIS) station located within the District near Camino.

Through the IMS program, average irrigation efficiency has increased from less than 50% to almost 80% on participating farms. If you would like to become a program participant or would like more information, contact Kirk Taylor at 530-642-4166.



Kirk Taylor finishes paperwork after a day in the field.

## Audit finds EID in "very good financial condition"

EID's official audit for 2004 is available, and it says the District is in "very good financial condition," according to Joe Richardson, president of Richardson and Company, EID's auditor. During his June 20 presentation to the District's Board of Directors, Richardson said that EID follows "excellent practices typical of sophisticated organizations."

The auditing process determines whether financial statements are materially correct and presented fairly. As in recent past years, the audit for 2004 "found no material discrepancies and that our financial statements are presented fairly," said Phil Knapik, EID's Director of Finance and Management Services.

For more information, visit [www.eid.org](http://www.eid.org) and click on Public Info, Document Library to view EID's Consolidated Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2004. Or call 530-642-4183 for a copy of the report.

**REMEMBER:** Every drop of water saved helps us all in dry seasons and drought. Please be water wise.

## Coupon

Sly Park  
Recreation Area



\$2.00 discount - day use fee  
- OR -

\$5.00 discount - camping fee

Good Monday through Thursday only, except holidays. This offer cannot be used in conjunction with other discounts, season passes or sale items.

Expires August 30, 2005

**Must present at Sly Park**