



# The Waterfront

El Dorado Irrigation District • May - June 2005



## EID's 6-year reservoir line and cover project complete

After six years and more than \$40 million, we have concluded our reservoir line and cover project.

The District's Board of Directors and staff worked diligently, and in close cooperation with the state's Department of Health Services (DHS), to line and cover 16 reservoirs that hold approximately 45 million gallons of treated water for delivery to customers.

Carl Lischeske, Chief of DHS's Northern California Region Field Operations, said that his department "appreciates EID's willingness to take this project on and the District's perseverance in completing it. The District's customers now have a safer, more secure water supply."



**Completed steel tanks at Reservoir 7 in Diamond Springs**

We will continue our ongoing program to monitor and test water supplies throughout the entire service area, in accordance with District policy and state and federal regulations.

## EID and U.S. Forest Service seek grant for new Caples Lake boat ramp

In April, the EID Board of Directors adopted a resolution to work with the U.S. Forest Service in seeking a grant for new boat launch facilities at Caples Lake. The grant, offered by the California Department of Boating and Waterways, will fund 100 percent of the \$1.4 million needed to construct the ramp and a parking lot, restroom and picnic area.

The new facilities are required under the settlement agreement for EID's pending Project 184 hydroelectric power license. Ground-breaking for the launch may not occur until 2008, depending on when the funds are dispersed.

### *The Waterfront* back page has a new look

Now that EID's water delivery system is enclosed, you will no longer be seeing the Health Advisory Notice on the back page of *The Waterfront*. Instead, read about the Pleasant Oak Main replacement project and clip your DISCOUNT coupon for use at Sly Park Recreation Area.

Spring forward and sign up for a FREE Water Survey



Here are some ideas to fine-tune your irrigation system for the warmer months ahead:

- Inspect your sprinkler heads regularly for coverage and blockage.
- Adjust your timers as the seasons change.
- Check into a Smart controller that automatically adjusts to a plant's water needs.
- Sign up for a FREE water survey to ensure efficient water use. Water saving devices and publications are included.

For more information and to schedule a water survey, call EID's Office of Water Efficiency at 530-642-4071.

## Sly Park water quality rated “sterling”

A highly technical, scientific study of water quality at Sly Park’s Jenkinson Lake indicates that the lake’s water quality “is excellent and truly sterling.” The study incorporated many years of monitoring and testing data from the lake. It also used the results of a state-of-the-art model constructed by HSI Hydrologic to determine whether the current level of body contact recreation at the lake requires additional treatment of water.

The study was required following legislation signed two years ago that granted EID an exemption to allow the continuation of swimming and body contact recreation at Jenkinson Lake. The exemption will be lifted on June 30, 2005, unless the state legislature modifies its previous action. On February 10, State Senator Dave Cox introduced a bill, SB 197, which provides the appropriate modification. If passed, the legislation will save EID customers approximately \$28 million in new treatment facility costs.

Now that the model has been developed, the District envisions using it in the future to help ensure that the quality of water from Jenkinson Lake remains “excellent and sterling.”



Sly Park visitors enjoy a variety of activities at the park’s Jenkinson Lake.

## Pleasant Oak Main replacement project

Work on the Pleasant Oak Main replacement project will start soon. This distribution line, built in 1977 by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, delivers water to a major portion of our service area, including Pleasant Valley, Sierra Springs, Diamond Springs, El Dorado, Greenstone, Logtown, Shingle Springs and Cameron Park. Approximately 5.5 miles of the 13.5 mile-long pipeline is made of Techite, a fiberglass-based material that was found to be defective after it was installed in the Pleasant Oak Main.

Several breaks in the line have occurred over the past five years, and EID’s Board of Directors has acted to accelerate replacement of the defective portion.

EID will be working with residents in the project area to keep them informed of progress throughout the duration of the project. A special “POM” web page will be created for this purpose at [www.eid.org](http://www.eid.org).

**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 June 30, 2005

Must present at Sly Park