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Keeping NID connected

(Right) Hydro Communication Technician Ed Aschow works on a communications rack at NID's microwave building, co-located with the K-LOVE communications tower about a half-mile southeast of Scotts Flat Reservoir.

Often described as the "central nervous system" of a powerhouse, a communications rack links plant equipment, control systems, and operators, allowing critical information to flow throughout the facility.

Ed's work helps ensure NID's hydropower facilities communicate reliably, supporting safe, efficient, and dependable operations across the District.



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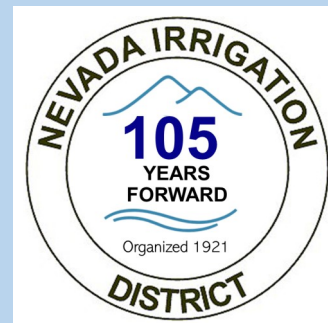
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June Anniversaries

Monica Reyes, Director of Recreation, 30 years

Chad Smith, Hydroelectric Maintenance Technician II, 23 years

Chris Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor, 23 years

Nathan Wasley, Water Superintendent, 23 years

Thor Larsen, Water Resources Superintendent, 21 years,

Frank Reina, Water Distribution Operator II, 18 years

Justin Koster, Hydroelectric Generation Superintendent, 17 years

Barbara Wibberley, Customer Service Representative II, 12 years

Scott Davis, Equipment Operator, 11 years

Douglas Dreher, Hydroelectric Plant Operator II, 11 years,

Katie Kemp, Office Assistant II, 8 years

Jonathan Hoover, Equipment Mechanic Supervisor, 8 years

Joanne Phillips, Administrative Analyst II, 7 years

Mike Bryant, Engineering Technician II, 3 years

Ian Ferrell, Utility Worker I, 2 years

Promotions

Aaron Brinkman — Water Distribution Operator II



Monica Reyes



Aaron Brinkman

Service Awards

The NID Board of Directors celebrated three long-term employees on June 24, 2026

30 years: **Monica Reyes**, Director of Recreation

Monica began her NID career as a Customer Service Representative and quickly showed a drive to grow, take on new responsibilities, and lead. She advanced through the Customer Service Department to become Customer Service Administrator before joining NID's management team nine years ago as Director of Recreation.

Today, Monica leads NID's exceptional recreation program and campgrounds ... despite not being much of a camper herself. Her leadership has helped make the Recreation Department a valued part of the District's service to the community.

Outside of work, Monica brings the same determination to Spartan Racing, an obstacle-course endurance sport. Her most memorable event: a 36-mile, 11-hour race in San Luis Obispo featuring 33 obstacles.

Congratulations, Monica, and thank you for 30 years of dedication, growth, and service to NID.



10 years: **Davin Chittock**, Utility Worker I

Davin has been a dependable member of the team and someone who works well with his crew. He gets along with those around him and contributes to a positive work environment.

During his 10 years with us in the Maintenance Department, Davin has spent most of his time on the Canal Maintenance team. Over the years, he has developed a strong knowledge of the District's canal system in Nevada County and is always willing to help newer crew members learn the many locations throughout the system.

Ten years of service represents a lot of hard work, experience, and dedication. Davin, thank you!



10 years: **Robert Jackson**, Water Distribution Supervisor

For 10 years, Rob Jackson has brought expertise, commitment, and a ready-for-anything attitude to NID's water operations. Known by colleagues as "Action Jackson," Rob is often among the first to step in when an operational challenge arises.

He holds Grade 5 Distribution Operator and Grade 2 Water Treatment Operator certifications, reflecting years of technical knowledge and dedication to safe, reliable water service.

Rob's familiarity with both Nevada and Placer County routes, along with his role in training new employees, makes him an important resource for the team.

Outside of work, Rob enjoys time with his wife and two daughters, along with soccer, camping, hunting, and motorcycle riding. Congratulations, Rob, and thank you for a decade of service to NID and its customers.



38th Annual

NID GOLF TOURNAMENT

➤ July 25, 2026 ◀



Alta Sierra County Club
11897 Tammy Way, Grass Valley



First Tee Time: 8:24 AM



\$80 per player

Mulligans per player \$5 each

All skill levels welcome!

Registration deadline:
Friday, July 10th, 2026
Please pay a.s.a.p.



Contact Chris Ribble:
ribblec@nidwater.com

530-913-6436



Bar opens at 8:00 am
Please drive and play responsibly!

Don't miss the fun ...

Fire restrictions take effect at NID campgrounds

As summer temperatures rise and wildfire risk increases, NID has implemented seasonal fire restrictions at its campgrounds to help protect visitors, surrounding communities, and the District's watershed.

Wood and charcoal fires are prohibited at all NID campgrounds, including in fire rings and BBQ grills. Propane cooking devices are still permitted, but visitors are asked to use caution, keep flames low, and never leave them unattended.

With recreation season in full swing, employees may receive questions from campers and visitors about the restrictions. The temporary fire ban is an important step in reducing wildfire risk during hot, dry conditions, when even a small spark can have serious consequences.

The restrictions apply to Scotts Flat Campground and campgrounds at Rollins Lake, including Orchard Springs, Long Ravine, Peninsula, and Greenhorn.

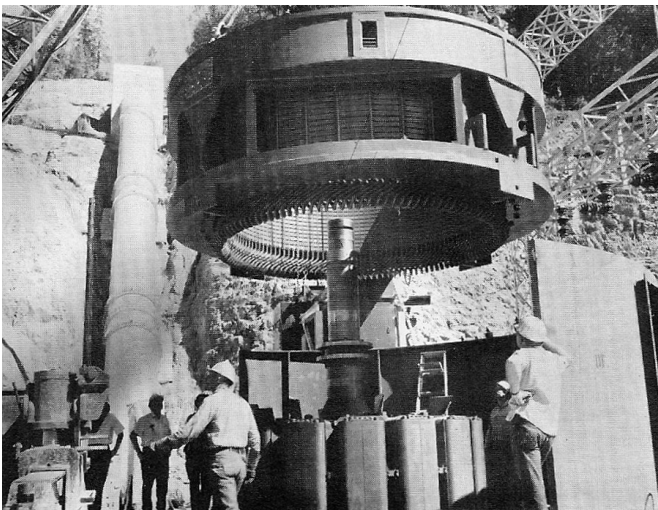
Thank you to everyone who helps communicate these important safety measures and protect the lands and water resources entrusted to NID.



105 Years Forward: the story continues

As NID counts down to its 105th anniversary on August 15, the 105 Years Forward campaign continues to explore the people, places, and infrastructure that have shaped the District for more than a century.

Each new story builds on the last, taking employees and customers behind the scenes of NID's water system—from the South Yuba Canal and water treatment facilities to hydropower generation, watershed stewardship, recreation, drought planning, and the employees who keep it all running.



Along the way, you'll also find historic photos, then -and-now comparisons, short videos, and fascinating milestones that connect NID's past with the work being done today to prepare for tomorrow.

The campaign will continue through August, culminating with NID's 105th anniversary. Be sure to visit the campaign hub regularly—there's always something new to discover.

(Left) The Dutch Flat #2 Powerhouse was constructed in 1964 as part of the Yuba-Bear Hydropower Project. It officially began commercial operation in November 1965.

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A newsletter to the employees of the Nevada Irrigation District

Volume 3 Number 6 June, 1982

New Comp Time policy

The Board of Directors has adopted a new policy on how to deal with compensatory time off. The policy outlines how employees are to be compensated for extra hours worked.

The policy limits the accumulation of comp time to 40 hours per calendar year. Employees who build up more than 40 hours will be paid at the end of the year. No comp time may be carried into a new calendar year.

Personnel Asst. Martha Keller said the policy will allow department heads flexibility to adjust time off so work flows will not be disrupted.

It will also reduce record-keeping. In the past, several employees have carried comp time for longer than one year.

Simplified bookkeeping

Computer expansion continues

Sixteen terminals are now connected to the district's computer, giving more employees access to instant information and streamlining the district's record-keeping.

In addition, another terminal is planned for the Purchasing Department, one for Maintenance and another for the Yuba-Bear Project offices at the Chicago Park powerhouse.

According to Dave Fickle, chief of data processing services, direct input into the computer and quick retrieval of information allow employees to get more done and to better respond to customer inquiries.

The data processing staff is now completing a program that will eliminate duplicate printing of all water bills, Fickle said. Billing information will be stored on microfiche cards within the next month or two, he noted.



Lots of water

Service worker Larry Brown checks the flow of water from Scotts Flat Reservoir into Deer Creek at the measuring station beneath Scotts Flat dam. The district hopes to harness this power in a future hydroelectric power plant.

Cashiers at the front counter are now entering payment information directly into the computer through their newly-installed terminal, saving time and energy, Fickle reported.

Another terminal has been added in Accounts Receivable and one has been installed in the Personnel Office.

Beat the heat this summer

As temperatures climb, so do the risks of working outdoors. Whether you're maintaining canals, repairing pipelines, or clearing vegetation, heat-related illnesses can develop quickly, especially during physically demanding work.

The best defense is prevention. Stay hydrated by drinking water throughout the day, not just when you feel thirsty.

Take advantage of shaded or cooled rest areas during breaks, wear lightweight, sun-protective clothing, and know the signs of heat illness in yourself and your coworkers.

Early symptoms can include heavy sweating, muscle cramps, dizziness, headache, nausea, and fatigue.

If someone shows signs of heat exhaustion, move them to a cool area, provide water, and notify a supervisor. Heat stroke is a medical emergency. If a person becomes confused, stops sweating, or loses consciousness, call 911 immediately.

Working safely in the summer heat takes preparation and teamwork. Looking out for one another helps ensure everyone returns home safely at the end of the day.



Equipment Operator Steven Peden stays hydrated while on the job.



NID rescue team members fine-tuned their skills during a refresher course the week of June 22.

The training took place at the E. George vaults.

Meetings & Events



Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, July 8, 2026
NID Main Office, Grass Valley

Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, July 22, 2026
NID Main Office, Grass Valley

** Dates subject to change. For updated dates, see nidwater.com

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