



MEDIA STATEMENT

Contact Information

- **Placer County Water Agency (PCWA)**
 - Matt Young, Director of Customer Services
 - (530) 823-4854 or myoung@pcwa.net
- **Nevada Irrigation District (NID)**
 - Chip Close, Director of Water Operations
 - (530) 271-6782 or close@nidwater.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PG&E Repair Delays Worsen Water Delivery Challenges: PCWA and NID Respond

Auburn and Grass Valley, Calif. (June 13, 2024) — The Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) and Nevada Irrigation District (NID) have issued the following statement in response to the Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) company's recent announcement regarding further delays in repairing essential water delivery infrastructure at their Spaulding #1 Powerhouse. Initially scheduled for completion by early-June, [the repair completion date has now been pushed to late July.](#)

This delay is one of several in the repair of PG&E's Spaulding #1 Powerhouse, which has been offline since early March following the discovery of a leak and subsequent damage. This latest delay is substantial enough to trigger action by both PCWA and NID towards conserving water until PG&E has their water system back online.

Joint Statement from PCWA and NID

"We are disappointed and deeply concerned about the latest delay in repairs at the Spaulding #1 Powerhouse. These continuous delays jeopardize the water delivery systems for both NID and PCWA, which rely on water from Lake Spaulding. The failure to complete these repairs in a timely manner impacts not only this year's irrigation season but also the carryover capacity of Rollins (PCWA and NID) and Scotts Flat (NID) reservoirs, complicating the management of water resources.

“This is a water delivery problem caused by unresolved repairs to PG&E's infrastructure, not a water supply problem. We understand the challenges and difficulty of the repairs, but both agencies are dependent on PG&E's timely repair and the ongoing delays are disappointing.

“These delays are expected to most immediately impact our irrigation customers during some of the hottest days, when water is crucial for livestock and farming operations. Measures are being taken to mitigate the potential total loss of water for those in areas most impacted by the delay. The agencies are determined to stretch water resources and preserve what's available in Rollins Reservoir as much as possible. Further actions to preserve our water resources will be shared in the coming week independently by each agency.

“We thank our customers for their continued efforts to preserve water and appreciate those who have participated in voluntary reductions. Here is what you can do right now to help: assess how you use water and take immediate action to curb water waste and cut back on your usage.

“We are committed to working together to navigate this challenging period and to ensuring that both NID and PCWA can continue to serve our communities effectively.”

For further updates and detailed information, customers are encouraged to follow official communications from both agencies.

###

About PCWA: Placer County Water Agency provides water resource management, water supply planning, and other public services to residents in Placer County. Learn more at pcwa.net.

About NID: Nevada Irrigation District supplies water for agricultural, municipal, and recreational purposes to Nevada and Placer counties. Learn more at nidwater.com.