

Heave Ho! — safety training focuses on confined spaces



(Left) Logan Vanderhoof assists in hoisting Declan Maloney from the vault at E. George Treatment Plant.

(Right) Working as a team, a pulley helps, but it takes skill and muscle to safely retrieve a colleague. Adam Custer and Charlie Schlitzer get the job done.



Stressing our commitment to safety and developing work skills, a March focus was on confined space training. Workers from Maintenance and Operations departments participated in a course that was facilitated by our safety team.

The training is given to NID workers who need to enter and work in confined spaces. These include tanks, vaults, storage bins, and pipelines. Because of the small, tight entrances and limited access to these enclosed spaces, safety is crucial to protect our workers.

The March training had a practical aspect, when the workers practiced what they learned in a vault at the E. George Treatment Plant. All of the workers passed with flying colors!

Pipeline Newsletter is going bimonthly

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March Anniversaries

Derek Bivins, Hydro Water Systems Operator, 3 yrs, March 25

Jason Bullard, Utility Worker I, 2 yrs, March 30

Caden Caldwell, Senior Park Ranger, 10 yrs, March 26

Lacy Cannon, Assistant Engineer, 4 yrs

Jason Carroll, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent Vegetation Control, 2 yrs, March 9

Kyle Hitchcock, Water Distribution Operator I, 3 yrs, March 4

Mitch Krieger, Hydrographer, 2 years, March 23

Larry Lundell, Facility Ranger, 7 years, March 30

Kevin Mundt, Senior Utility Worker, 10 years, March 8

Adrian Schneider, Senior Engineer, 15 years, March 19

Cindy Ware, Safety Technician, 11 years, March 21

Todd Williams, Hydro Plant Operator II, 17 years, March 7



Caden Caldwell, 10 years



Kevin Mundt, 10 years

Retiree Deaths

James Bartsch – 3/6/2022

New Hires

Declan Maloney – Utility Worker I – hire date 03/07/2022

Promotions & Transfers

Robert Jackson – Promotion to Water Distribution Supervisor – effective 02/07/2022.

Lance Adams – Promotion to Hydro Electrical Machinist I – effective 03/14/2022.

Brian Nunnink – Promotion to Water Distribution Operator I – effective 03/14/2022

HR Reminders, Deadlines, Future meetings, etc.

Retirement Planning Starts with CalPERS

Employees who are considering retirement in the next six months, one year or even beyond should first start with all the resources that CalPERS has for its members.

Retirement 2+ years out? Don't forget to check your online myCalPERS account and try the Retirement Estimate Calculator tool. CalPERS recommends a minimum of 1 year lead time in planning and has a [Retirement Planning Checklist](#) to help guide you through the process.

They offer retirement education classes and service retirement phone appointments. You may contact CalPERS at 888-225-7377 for questions on additional resources and more information on CalPERS retirement guidelines.

Please note that federal form W-4 (Employee's Withholding Certificate) underwent significant changes in 2020 and those changes remain in the 2022 form. It is recommended to consult the IRS website or a tax professional to understand the impact, if any, to changing federal tax withholding.

In Memoriam



James "Jim" Bartsch

(September 11, 1938 – March 6, 2022)

James "Jim" L. Bartsch, 83, passed away March 6, 2022.

Jim began working at NID in 1960, first working as a diamond driller on the Yuba-Bear Hydroelectric Power Project, then the carpentry crew. The rest of his years at NID he worked as a heavy equipment operator until his retirement in 2000.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian of nearly 39 years, son and daughter-in-law Ken and Jamie Bartsch of Grass Valley, and grandkids Tyler, Liam, Isabella and Cadie.

Ken Bartsch is an NID Equipment Operator who has been with the District since February 2006.

Jim was born September 11, 1938 in Grass Valley. He joined the Navy in October, 1955 -1959 and served on the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt.

He enjoyed attending Bethel Church, serving as a board member, helping in children's ministry and various outreaches.



Our crews are busy preparing the canals in advance of irrigation season that begins on April 15. Here, the Raw Water crew mucks the Allison Ranch Canal.

It's on! Community events return

After two years of cancellations due to the pandemic, NID-sponsored community events are back. Here's what's coming up for spring:

- April 16 - Easter Egg Hunt at Orchard Springs (11:30 am sharp)
- May 14 - Mulch Magic Giveaway at NC Fairgrounds (7am-noon)
- May 15 - No Motor Day at Scotts (all day)



We want to hear about it!

Employee Submissions

Would you like to tell the Pipeline readers that you have something to celebrate?

Have a new baby?
Attained a certification?
Placed in a sporting event?

If so, please email:

pipeline@nidwater.com or
hr@nidwater.com.

A "thank you" note from the Master Gardeners:

I want to thank you for all the work that helped clean up the Demo Garden storm damage. Chris (Dunn) and his crew were awesome!

With our sign moved up, plus the removal of the flannel bush, the public will find the entrance to our garden much easier.

We look forward to NID participating at our Plant Sale on May 7.

Thanks again,

Master Gardeners of Nevada County

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