



PARADISE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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Honorable Stephen E. Benson, Presiding Judge
c/o Court Administration
Superior Court of California, County of Butte
One Court Street
Oroville, CA, 95965

RE: Response to the 2012-13 Butte County Grand Jury Report

Honorable Judge Benson:

At the August 21, 2013 regular Board Meeting of the Paradise Irrigation District (PID), the Board of Directors approved the submittal of this letter and the following response to the 2012-13 Grand Jury Final Report based upon Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05.

The PID would like to thank the Butte County Grand Jury for their efforts in regards to the precious resource, water in Butte County.

Finding F7

Del Oro Water Company and Paradise Irrigation District have mutual assistance agreements for emergency water distribution to their customers.

The PID agrees with this finding. Del Oro Water Company and PID have intertie connections on the north and south boundaries of the PID distribution system and agreements in place to deliver water in an emergency. It should be noted that the volume of water available from PID to the Paradise Pines District and from the Paradise Pines District to PID is limited to a much smaller amount than the customers normally demand. Emergency rations would immediately be put in place while using this emergency water.

Finding F8

Paradise Irrigation District faces future demand and distribution challenges due to limited storage capacity.

The PID agrees with this finding. The PID has a very productive watershed that has provided the needed supplies to our customers for many years. PID has records of drought periods that have occurred in the past, and if were repeated, would require significant cut backs from our customers.

Recommendation R1

The Paradise Irrigation District needs to continue to protect and increase its water storage.

This recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

Protecting our water storage is accomplished through the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights. We are currently working with them to extend the time available for the construction of additional storage. Field efforts of the necessary Environmental Impact Report have been completed. The EIR will proceed when we have an understanding with the Division of Water Rights Staff what the potential parameters will be contained in the permit. We estimate the EIR process to be completed in the next 12-18 months.

Increasing water storage is a complicated and expensive endeavor. The water supply projects PID is pursuing and evaluating can be found in our Long Term Capital Projects program within the PID budget. Additional information can be found in the PID Strategic Business Plan and the PID Urban Water Management Plan. Both these documents, along with our budget can be found on the PID website, www.paradiseirrigation.com.

Water storage projects take time to develop and are very expensive. The ability of the PID Board of Directors to embark on these projects is governed by the Proposition 218 process and is subject to the approval of our customers. The PID has requested an extension of time with the Division of Water Rights to fully develop our permitted amounts by 2032.

Sincerely,

Paradise Irrigation District

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. M. Barber".

George M. Barber, General Manager