FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT



2020
ANNUAL REPORT



A CENTURY OF COMMITMENT, CONVEYANCE & CUSTOMER SERVICE

A LETTER FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



020 was certainly a year that took many by surprise, and while COVID-19 has made life challenging for all of us, we also saw remarkable dedication within the ranks of FID. As critical infrastructure and essential workers, we saw our team step up in spite of ongoing challenges to make 2020 a year of strength and resolve. I am proud to say there were no interruptions to FID services despite managing the challenges of operating during the pandemic.

While the year had its share of obstacles, there were also plenty of reasons for celebration here at FID. The District officially saw its centennial year come to pass, allowing us an opportunity to take note of our history and look ahead to our future. Fresno County saw its second consecutive year of being awarded the top agriculture-producing county in the United States, which we are incredibly proud to have played a role within the more than 200,000 Fresno County acres we serve. And while 2020 saw a short three-month water-delivery season, FID's construction and maintenance crews made the best of the dry conditions by adding an additional two months of fully-staffed projects to better the conditions of our infrastructure.

FID also took much of the year as an opportunity to further connect with our constituents and stakeholders by establishing a presence on social media, where we've already connected with over 1,000 accounts across multiple platforms. Make sure you connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn to stay up to date on all things FID.

2020 also brought some movement on the Kings River Water Association's (KRWA) fully-appropriated streams challenges involving the Semitropic Water Storage District. This matter has been assigned to the State Water Board's Administrative Hearing Officer (AHO) and will be the focus of much attention by the KRWA and FID in the coming months and years. FID is committed to taking the necessary actions to keep Kings River Water within the service area to benefit those within the region. Sign up for our email distribution list to be sure you don't miss important updates.

As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the office. While our office is still not open to the public due to health concerns, our capable staff is still here to assist you.

Sincerely.

Bill Stretch General Manager

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FINANCIAL

Revenue

As one of the best-positioned irrigation districts in the region, FID property assessments remain some of the lowest when compared to other irrigation/water districts in California's Central Valley, with an equivalent water cost of approximately \$20⁰⁰ per acre-foot (AF) in an average year. On average, the assessments collected from growers make up the large majority (90%) of FID's generated annual revenue. Other sources of revenue include investment income (7%),

service charges, developer project contributions, and grant funds received.

Current revenues fall short of funding all essential District functions and additional revenues are needed to ensure all needs are funded. Specifically, they are needed to replace infrastructure (pipelines, concrete lining, structures, etc), legal expenses associated with protecting water rights, adding more groundwater recharge basins, technology upgrades, modernizing canal systems, competitive compensation for staff, and increased costs of regulatory compliance.

Expenses

FID directs revenue to cover District expenses (excluding depreciation) totaling \$16.9M. Of that, approximately 33% was used for general and administrative expenses, such as office expenses, salaries, and benefits. Approximately 28% went towards transmission and distribution of water, including permitting fees and costs associated with water

deliveries, including wages for operations and water staff. Additionally, 21% of the expenses were related to maintenance, 15% for water purchases, and 3% was paid in interest fees. Maintenance and expansion of FID's system, with particular focus on groundwater sustainability measures like construction of the Central and Wagner Basin, was a priority in 2020.

WATER DELIVERIES

On the heels of a very dry 2019/2020 winter, the 2020 Water Season did not start off looking very promising. However, FID was still able to deliver almost 300,000 acre-feet of water to its growers during the 2020 Water Season. The first deliveries of the season began on May 1 and water continued to flow to the majority of customers until July 31, depending on their watering schedule. An additional two weeks of deliveries (from August 1 to August 15) were made to the eastside growers. The water officially stopped flowing on August 15, at which time FID water operators began to drain the system in preparation for the upcoming maintenance season.

FID's average irrigation season typically lasts five months, in which an average of 500,000 acre-feet of water is delivered to FID growers and customers. The 2020 Kings River water year was about 54% of average. The Central Valley Project (CVP) waters from the San Joaquin River provided 65% for Class I contractors and 0% allocation for Class II contractors.

FID continues to deliver water to three treatment plants in the cities of Fresno and Clovis throughout the year to allow some city groundwater pumps to be turned off while maximizing the use of available surface water. Reducing the use of the cities' groundwater wells results in improved local groundwater conditions.

During 2020 Water Season



67,507

Water Measurements Taken in the Field by Staff



112

Telemetry Remote Operation and Monitoring Sites



280,945 (During Water season) 848,765 (2020 Total) Miles Driven on Roads to Service Customers

Water flowing down Mill Ditch, immediately downstream of its headgates, where it provides water to the entire northwest and southwest portions of the system.





299,024 Acre-Feet
Delivered to FID Customers



2,800 ActiveCustomer Delivery Turnouts



680Miles of FID Conveyance Facilities

CONSTRUCTION

Coming out of the 2019 water season, which at eight-anda-half months was the longest in FID history, construction and maintenance received a later start date than normal. However, that didn't stop FID teams from having a very productive construction and maintenance season. Here are some of the projects that were accomplished in the 2019-2020 construction and maintenance season:



Pipeline Replacement Projects

Contractors were also hired to replace approximately 4,450 feet of failing pipeline infrastructure, ending the need of frequent repairs and avoiding disruptions to grower service at those locations. There are four facilities that had sections of pipe replaced: 1) Siskiyou Lateral had 1,350 feet of 30-inch cast-in-place pipe (CIP) replaced with 30-inch rubber-gasketed-reinforced concrete pipe (RGRCP) southwest of Church and Siskiyou avenues; 2) Barstow West Branch had 1,300 feet of 30-inch CIP replaced with 30-inch RGRCP southwest of Barstow and Dickenson avenues; 3) Perrin West Branch had 950 feet of 36-inch CIP replaced with 36-inch RGRCP at southwest of Sumner and Corneila avenues; and 4) Angevine had 850 feet of 20-inch MCP replaced with 21-inch PVC pipe at southwest of Dakota and Lassen avenues.



the Gould Canal leading to improved canal flows.



Canal Lining

FID staff constructed approximately 680 linear feet (19,000 square-feet) of concrete liner on the Central Canal southwest of Malaga and Marks avenues. FID also hired a contractor to concrete-line approximately 900 linear feet (36,000 square-feet) at various locations on the Enterprise Canal. The new lining will protect the canal from seepage issues and breaching, and it will also reduce the amount of maintenance required for an open canal.



FID crews were hard at work installing and replacing pipeline around the District during the 2019-2020 construction season.

Canal Dredging

Contractors were hired to remove silt from one of the basins at the Boswell Banking Facility located near North and Bishop avenues. Removal of fine silts from the basin allows for increased permeability and more recharge capacity. FID also dredged two miles of the Houghton Canal from Westlawn Avenue to the head of the Thompson Extension Canal. Dredging the canals serves three main purposes: 1) regain canal capacity; 2) remove sediment/weed or plant growth; 3) reduce the ability for growing weeds (aquatic and terrestrial) near the water's edge.

Regulation and Groundwater Recharge Basin

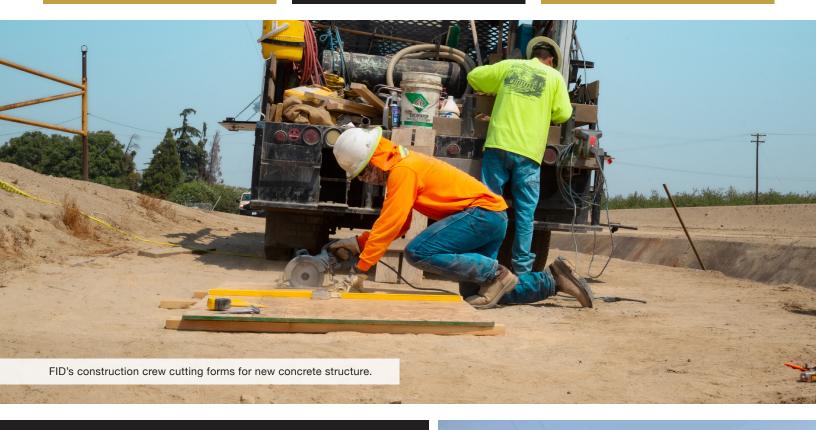
FID purchased approximately 31 acres to expand the Savory-Oleander Basin located southwest of Jefferson and Chestnut avenues.

Automated Trash Rack

A new automated trash rack was purchased to replace an old, dilapidated screen at the head of Dry Creek Extension located southeast of North and Howard avenues.

Drive Bank Improvement

Approximately 8,000 feet of all-weather road was installed by FID crews on the following facilities: Gould (3,700'), Gould Extension (2,300'), and lower Dry Creek (2,000'). An additional 9,400 feet of all-weather road was provided by developers as noted below.



Improvements by Developers

Developers installed approximately 11,200 feet of RGRCP during the 2019-2020 Maintenance Season, estimated at \$1.7M, to bring existing systems up to current urban standards to allow for the proposed change in land use. Developers also installed canal lining and all-weather roads where necessary.

Pipeline Replacement

Approximately 1,300 feet (Gow) of PVC and 800 feet [B-Main (400') & Dawson (400')] of CIP pipeline, replaced with RGRCP.

Open Channel Substitution

Approximately 9,100 feet [Silvia (3,500'), Minor-Thornton (3,200'), Gow (1,300'), H-Ditch (900'), and Victoria Colony (200')] of open channel canal was substituted with approximately 9,100 feet of RGRCP. Drive Bank Improvements, approximately 9,400 feet.

Drive Bank Improvements by Developers

Approximately 9,400 feet of all-weather road was installed in FID facilities by developers.

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FID construction crew, working to keep structure construction progress on schedule.



MAINTENANCE

Maintenance Season

The 2019-2020 maintenance season extended from November 15, 2019 to April 24, 2020 – five months in which FID staff spent nearly 33,000 hours on various activities, including making the necessary repairs to ensure a successful 2020 water season. Crews took advantage of the longer maintenance season, originally projected to end February 21, 2020. In addition to the extended maintenance season, some projects were completed ahead of schedule, allowing time to be reallocated towards additional projects. This includes the lining of the West Branch of the East Branch system.

FID's Construction and Maintenance Department works closely with the Water System Operators (WSOs) and Watermaster during the water season, along with engineering and management, to identify projects needing to be completed during the non-irrigation season, balancing and prioritizing immediate and long-term improvement needs.



Maintenance Activities



TOP 5 2019-2020 FID MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES	HOURS WORKED	% OF TOTAL 2019- 2020 HOURS WORKED	
Pipeline Repair	7,238	22.1%	
Construction - New & repairs	4,331	13.2%	
Canal Earthwork	4,241	12.9%	
Weed Control	2,520	7.7%	
Brushing / Tree Removal & Cutting	2,330	7.1%	

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Year-Round Maintenance Activities

At the start of the 2020 Water Season, beginning May 1, and going through July 31 for most, many of the maintenance crews transition into the Water Department and work as WSOs. However, there are some who stay in maintenance year-round, performing necessary ongoing maintenance activities such as pipeline repair, weed control (terrestrial and aquatic), earthwork, rodent control, reconstructing levees and drive banks, as well as trash and debris cleanup and gate valve repairs.

Did You Know?

FID also has an auto and fabrication shop responsible for servicing the truck and equipment fleets owned by FID. The FID Maintenance Shop is busy year-round making sure all vehicles and equipment are fully operational and fabricating necessary items for the delivery system and equipment. In 2020, FID added a new Gradall, a new flatbed truck, and four WSO trucks to its fleet to help keep the system in working order.



FID Maintenance crews must keep canal right-of-ways safe and accessible. In this image, maintenance crews clean up an encampment along Mill Ditch in Central Fresno.

Aging Infrastructure

Maintaining and replacing aging infrastructure is of critical importance to FID to ensure unobstructed flow to our growers and municipal partners. With much of the infrastructure being 75 years old (over 100 years old in a few cases) and with approximately 45% of FID's pipelines being over 50 years old, replacement construction and maintenance will be an increasing focus in the years to come. Ongoing upgrades to conveyance systems are necessary, and they, along with the funding of such projects, will remain a top District priority.



Stakeholder Recognition

Since September 2020, FID has been honored by local, state, and federal officials in honor of its 100 years of service. FID also had the distinct pleasure of presenting many of its industry partners with a Waterdrop Award in

recognition of long-standing partnerships with these agencies in service to their shared constituents. Below is a list of those who have honored FID in its centennial year.

Community Partners

- · City of Fresno
- City of Clovis
- City of Kerman
- Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD)
- · California State University, Fresno
- Fresno County Farm Bureau
- Malaga County Water District
- Pinedale County Water District
- Biola Community Services District



FID & Clovis City Council (left to right) Councilmember Bob Whalen, Councilmember Lynne Ashbeck, FID Board President Ryan Jacobsen, Mayor Drew Bessinger, Mayor Pro Tem Jose Flores, FID General Manager Bill Stretch, and Councilmember Vong Mouanoutoua



FID & Fresno County Board of Supervisors (left to right): Supervisor Nathan Magsig, FID Board President Ryan Jacobsen, Board of Supervisors Chairman Buddy Mendes, Supervisor Steve Brandau, Supervisor Brian Pacheco, and FID General Manager Bill Stretch.

Elected Officials

- US Senator Diane Feinstein
- US Congressman Jim Costa (CA16)
- US Congressman Devin Nunes (CA22)
- California Senator Andreas Borgeas (8th District)
- California Senator Melissa Hurtado (14th District)
- California Assemblyman Jim Patterson (23rd District)
- County of Fresno Board of Supervisors

California Assemblyman-Jim Patterson

"Our community has relied on the Fresno Irrigation District and its stewards for 100 years to develop and provide us access to safe water for people, agriculture, food, and reliable flood control."

California State University, Fresno President Joseph I. Castro

"Congratulations on your 100th anniversary! There are so many ways in which we are interconnected, and I want to thank you for collaborating with us as positive, productive partners. I want you to know that I very much support our partnership."

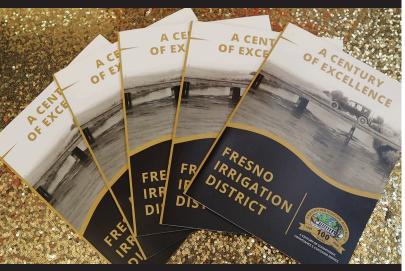
Clovis Mayor-Drew Bessinger

"You're such a valued community and regional partner for us. Literally and figuratively, the landscape of Clovis would be completely different if it wasn't for the foresight of the people who got involved in FID 100 years ago and 50 years before that. This is an important partnership, and we're looking forward to continuing this great work."

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Centennial Video

On May 27, 2020, FID released its centennial video, produced by Emmy award-winning owner of 18Thirty Entertainment, Jeff Aiello. The video features many stakeholders and FID employees (past and present). FID is extremely proud of this video. If you haven't yet seen it, please check it out on FID's website at: www.fresnoirrigation.com/centennial-video.



Centennial Business Registry

The Fresno County Board of Supervisors established FID as a Centennial Business based on the recommendation of the Fresno County Historical Landmarks and Records Commission during its November 3 board meeting. FID joins only a handful of businesses in Fresno County who have the distinct honor of 100 years or more of continuous business activity in Fresno County. FID is proud to join the ranks of only eight other businesses in Fresno County to receive this special designation, and FID thanks the Fresno County Board of Supervisors and the Fresno County Historical Landmarks and Records Commission for the honor.



Centennial Publication

On November 18, 2020, FID released its Centennial Publication – **A Century of Excellence**, authored by local historian Randy McFarland, featuring graphic design and editing by Rose Strategic Communications (Kabrina Speakman-Theis and Nicholas Kennedy). This publication is a 70-page full color presentation of FID's past, present and future. A full version of the publication is available on FID's website at **rebrand.ly/fidpublication**. If you would like to request a physical copy of the publication, contact the FID office at 559-233-7161.



The Fresno County Board of Supervisors and the Fresno County Historical Landmarks and Records Commission recognized FID for being a Fresno County Centennial Business.



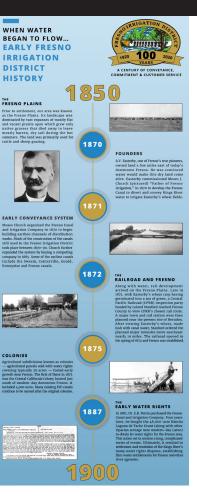
Centennial Webpage and Storyboards

As a central part of the centennial year, FID published the centennial webpage and nine storyboards to catalogue many of its centennial efforts, and to have a place for people to go to learn more about who the District is, what the District does, and why FID took 2020 to celebrate such a milestone. Topics covered in the storyboards include FID's early history and formation, an overview of water conveyance and delivery, water rights, groundwater sustainability, FID leadership, behind the scenes of construction & maintenance, as well as present and future looks at the District.

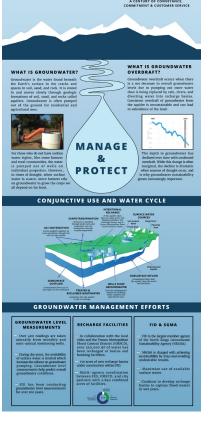
The centennial webpage remains active, so if you haven't seen it, visit:

fresnoirrigation.com/centennial for all things related to the FID centennial. Additionally, the storyboards have been printed into banners for future use at relevant speaking engagements and are displayed in FID's lobby.









OUR COMMITMENT

TO GROUNDWATER

SUSTAINABILITY



Staff Events

FID History Lesson

Local Historian Randy McFarland presented to FID staff on February 20, 2020. Randy took us on a journey using his vivid storytelling skills to a time 150 years ago when FID's predecessors were just starting construction of the Fresno Canal on the banks of the Kings River.

Happy Birthday FID

On June 24 and 25, FID celebrated its 100th birthday with staff complete with birthday balloons, cake and confetti. FID staff is the backbone of the organization, and a celebration of their importance to FID and those who came before them was exactly how it was celebrated.

Year End Centennial Staff Awards

To round out the year of celebration, each FID staff member was recognized during the 2020 FID Centennial Staff ceremony, featuring a red carpet and lots of shimmer and shine for their individual contributions to FID. These events were held November 2 through 6 and was an opportunity to highlight the team of unique and talented individuals who call FID their work home. We are FID!





Board of Directors Recognition

FID's Board of Directors passed Resolution No. 2020-08 on June 15, 2020, the exact date voters approved the formation of FID 100 years previous.

Past Board Members: FID honored past board members who are still living (8 past Directors) with certificates of recognition, a plaque and some FID mementos in recognition of their years of service as directors on the FID board.

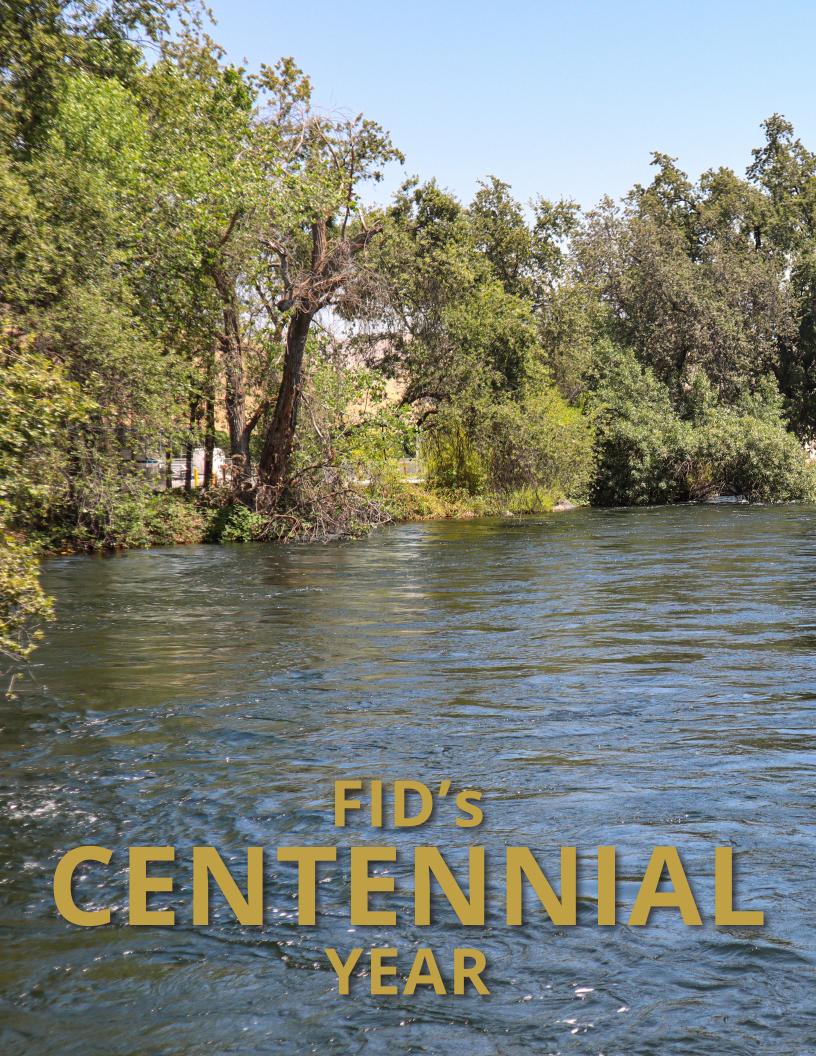




President Ryan Jacobsen, Division 3

FID Board of Directors — Centennial Resolution

FID Board of Directors signing Resolution No. 2020-08 on June 15, 2020



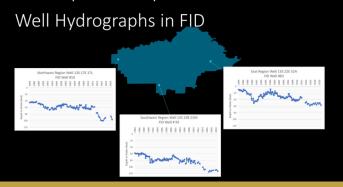
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA)

Representative Monitoring Network

The North Kings Groundwater Sustainabilty Agency Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) identifies representative monitoring wells for both water quality and groundwater levels. The construction information for all of these wells has to be known to continue using these wells in the representative monitoring network. Some FID growers are owners of the groundwater level monitoring wells in the network. FID is establishing well access to gather construction information, as well as indemnity agreements with those well owners who allow for continued monitoring and access. Depth-to-groundwater measurements are taken at least twice per year (March and September) at all of the groundwater monitoring wells. Well owners receive a report containing information gathered during the monitoring event in exchange for allowing the monitoring to be completed at their well. The NKGSA was successful in receiving an additional \$70,000 from Prop 1 grant funds for their representative monitoring well network. If you are interested in having your well be considered as part of the representative monitoring network, please contact the NKGSA Executive Director Kassy Chauhan at 559-233-7161 ext 7109.

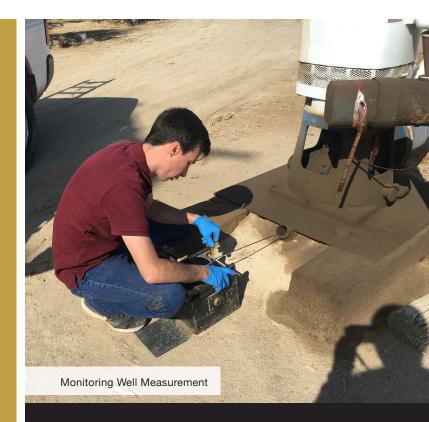
Policies

The NKGSA is considering the adoption of a new well review policy to provide a minimum review period for the NKGSA to review permit applications for new wells being drilled within the NKGSA boundary. Future policies will be considered as needed and are identified during the GSP implementation process.



Resources

The NKGSA has developed a domestic well-owner brochure, available at www.northkingsgsa.org, which outlines steps domestic well owners can take to help protect their residential water supply. Arming yourself with information, like the depth of your well and water level, is important.



Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation Update

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has until January 31, 2022, to review the GSP and determine the adequacy of the GSP. The NKGSA is anxiously awaiting feedback from DWR and during this two-year review period is working on filling data gaps and continuing outreach to stakeholders.

Stanford Airborne Electromagnetic Survey (AEM)

The NKGSA was fortunate to partner with Stanford University to complete several flights as part of an AEM survey in the foothill areas of northern Fresno County. The purpose of the AEM Survey is to survey the subsurface geology – up to 900 feet below ground surface to identify areas of high potential recharge.



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GROUNDWATER RECHARGE

FID Groundwater Recharge Projects

Efforts to enhance groundwater recharge can be seen as three major projects began work in September 2020 to expand groundwater recharge infrastructure by 150 acres. With existing recharge covering 720 acres over 31 FID facilities, these completed projects will increase FID's recharge capabilities to 870 acres. The new projects are as follows:

Wagner Basin

The Wagner Basin Project is a 60-acre groundwater recharge basin, including earthwork and structures. The project will provide approximately 165 AF of flood water surface storage and will recharge approximately 2,300 acre-feet per year on average. Floodwater and other available surface waters will be delivered to the new basin and recharged into the aquifer. The primary purpose of this project is to halt, and ultimately reverse, the current groundwater overdraft in the area by utilizing unused regional flood water supplies available to FID and provide for sustainable management of surface and groundwater.

The Wagner Basin project was started in August 2018 with the sale of the land for the project to FID by the Wagner Family. Construction activities started in November 2020 and is expected to be completed in Spring 2021. The total project cost is estimated to be \$4.3M.



Central Basin Project

FID's Central Basin Project is approximately 90-acres of groundwater banking and recharge facilities at three locations. The project will provide canal flow regulation abilities as well as work to recharge the aquifer. Together, the 90 acres of new recharge basins will have the capability of recharging roughly 2,600 acre-feet of water to the aquifer on average. The project will expand the available water supply to the region. Kings River flood water and local flood water conveyed through FID's canals will be delivered to the Central Basin sites for recharge.

Construction activities at all three Central Basin sites commenced in 2020 and should conclude in Spring 2021. The construction cost for the Central Basin Project was estimated to be \$6.3M, of which \$4.2M will be reimbursed to FID by Proposition 1 grant funding. The Central Basin Project is part of a larger grant-funded project being completed in conjunction with Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD). The large \$12M project includes a total of seven sites across south Fresno from east to west.



Savory Pond

FID is currently seeking grant funding for the Savory Pond Expansion Project located at S. Chestnut and E. Lincoln avenues, and should hear back in April 2021 as to whether the grant is approved. The expansion will yield a 30-acre recharge basin directly benefiting the Shady Lakes Mobile Home Park and downstream groundwater well users.



FACILITIES

Measurement

FID has invested in infrastructure to provide accurate water measurements resulting in better deliveries and accounting of the water.

- 165 Pipeline Flow Meters
- 36 Replogle Flumes
- 9 Cipolletti Weirs
- 6 Standard Weirs (Over the Boards Measurement) Connected to SCADA System
- 4 Acoustic Doppler Meters
- 4 Parshall Flumes

Check Structures

737 check structures are used in the District to control canal depth and make deliveries. The most common is the standard check that uses wood boards, accounting for 79% of all check structures.

The District also utilizes 101 long-crested weirs (LCWs), which generally extend parallel to the water flow instead of perpendicular. While most FID checkstructures were constructed in or before the 1950's, a surge in LCW construction was seen between 2008-2015. The low cost of these devices means they will continue to be installed. While they are a simple technology, LCWs greatly reduce water level changes when flow fluctuations occur, preventing canal overtopping while providing improved water service to growers.

Gates and Valves

Did you know FID has more than 5,300 water control gates and valves installed throughout its system? Over 4,000 of these are installed at customer turnouts. The remainder are used to control and regulate water flow through FID's 680 miles of canals and pipelines. While most individual customer turnout gates and valves serve one customer, some may service a private canal or pipeline serving multiple customers.



The most common type of open channel canal measurement used by FID is the Replogle Flume, such as the one shown here installed on the Gould Canal.



Long-Crested Weirs, like the one pictured above, help maintain a constant water level for improved grower deliveries.

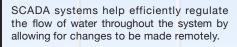


While many gates are controlled remotely, many more are controlled by WSOs in the field.

SCADA

The District has a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system to monitorand control the conveyance system remotely. This allows the District to have some operational flexibility without having employees out at locations at all times, while also improving deliveries and service to FID customers. FID has both 'monitoring only' (57) and 'monitoring and control' sites (55) throughout the District. The monitoring only sites monitor flow and water level while the monitoring and control sites also control the flow downstream or the level upstream of the SCADA site.

The central hub and control room for the SCADA system is located at FID Headquarters. This allows the Watermaster and Water System Supervisors to monitor the system and direct WSOs to various locations as needed. A study is underway to determine future upgrades to the system, as it is now more than 24 years. This system is vitally important to FID's complex operations, including delivery of water year-round to the cities, storm water routing in coordination with FMFCD during the winter months, and capturing and utilizing all water coming into the service area.





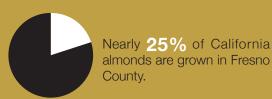
#ThankAFarmer

Fresno County Rated No. 1 in the Nation for Agricultural Production

After several years of being either second or third since 2013, Fresno County received the top national agricultural production rating for the second consecutive year (2019 and 2020). Gross receipts for Fresno County Ag were \$7.71B

in 2019, down 2.3% from the record of \$7.9B in 2018. Thank you to all FID growers in contributing towards the receipt of this prestigious ranking. FID's approximately 250,000 acres is entirely located within Fresno County.







Cropping

Cropping pattern changes within the district show-case larger industry trends in our region and have implications on water usage. The top changes from 2019 to 2020 tell a story of continued trends for the top two crops, almonds and grapes. While almonds saw an increase in acreage of nearly 3%, grapes saw a decline of more than 6% in acreage, further increasing the acreage gap between the top two crops. Almonds grown in Fresno County now consist of nearly 25% of all almonds grown in California. The remaining three top crops saw negligible acreage changes from 2019.

Cropping Patterns - Top Changes from 2019 - 2020

CROP	2020 ACRES	TOTAL CHANGE FROM 2019	% CHANGE FROM 2019
Almonds	48,928	1,315	2.76%
Grapes	38,902	-2,554	-6.16%
Citrus	13,965	-15	-0.11%
Vegetables	5,471	43	0.79%
Pasture	3,308	-53	-1.58%

Semitropic - Kings River Water Grab

It is expected that 2021 will include significant and impactful rulings on Semitropic Water Storage District's (Semitropic) attempt to seize water that rightfully belongs to KRWA member agencies. In 2021, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is expected to hold hearings to resolve issues filed by Semitropic, according to a January KRWA press release.

Urban and agricultural users in most areas served by Kings River districts, including FID, rely heavily on groundwater pumped from the aquifer when surface water is unavailable. Since the 1930s, Kings River agencies have been developing ever-increasing numbers of facilities to recharge groundwater supplies. Many more are in the process of being designed or planned. All rely on availability of Kings River floodwater runoff from heavy winter rains and above-average snowmelt generated in big water years.

The significant, long-term harm that could be caused to the entire Kings River service area is a loss of water that is vitally important to the people in the region.

FID has been gearing up to defend its water rights for the last four years and has assembled a great team of attorneys, engineers and others willing to fight to keep the water where it rightfully belongs. Keep up to date by signing up for our email list at **fresnoirrigation.com**.

EMPLOYEES



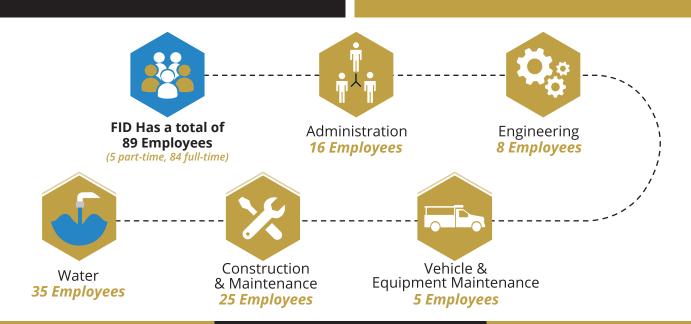
Employee with the Longest Tenure Leonard Ruiz

Meet FID's longest tenured employee, Leonard Ruiz, affectionately known as Lenny. Lenny started at FID as a Spray Rig Operator in 1978 and has served the District for over 42 years. He has remained dedicated to spray operations all these decades and serves as the crew leader for spray operations. As a crew leader, he is responsible for training new staff and overall has been a great leader and role model for staff, regardless of their tenure, job title or department. His positive attitude and love for the District's mission reminds all of us to take pride in serving the District. Thank you, Lenny, for your years of dedication!



Your New South Side Water Supervisor Joe Jimenez

Meet Joe Jimenez. He started at FID as a Water System Operator in 2006 and has served the District for over 14 years. In 2016, he was promoted to the position of Night Water System Operator serving as only one of six operators tasked with ensuring smooth operations after hours during the water season. And now, in 2020, Joe has been promoted to a Water System Supervisor position and will be managing operations in the southern half of the District. Joe is well known across the District as being highly proficient, exceptionally professional and completely reliable. Congratulations on the promotion, Joe!





Total years of Employee service of existing staff: 1,136 YEARS



Total hours of Employee training in 2020: 1,047 HOURS



Curbing Turnover: 5.65% in 2020, a significant drop from 11.3% in 2019.

8 Internal promotions



The Fresno Irrigation District's mission is to **PROTECT and MANAGE** the surface and groundwater resources of the District in order to meet the present and future water needs of the people and lands within the District.

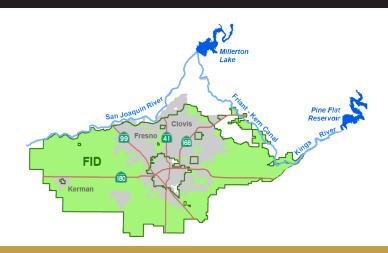
DIRECTORS



Board members from left to right: Director Greg Beberian, Director Chris Woolf, General Manager Bill Stretch, Board President Ryan Jacobsen, Director George Porter, Director Jerry Prieto, Jr.

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