

# MID Board Report



## Modesto Irrigation District (MID) Board Meeting of Tue., June 29, 2010

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*Next MID Board meetings are scheduled July 13, 20 (tentative) and 27.*

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### Water report

- **With the recent hot weather accelerating snowmelt**, Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and Cherry Lake are now both at maximum storage capacity.
- **Don Pedro Reservoir is currently at 828 feet elevation**, just two feet below maximum. Dam operator Turlock Irrigation District is releasing water through a bypass valve.
- Only last week the computed natural water flow entering Don Pedro was 8,000 cubic feet per second (cfs). Between Saturday and Sunday that figure jumped to 9,600 cfs.
- **“We have a delicate situation with Tuolumne River flows,”** said Walt Ward, MID General Manager of Water Operations. **“Drawing on many years of staff experience, close operational coordination and daily meetings** between TID and MID, we are confident that we can handle that situation successfully.”
- **Some snowpack remains at the highest elevations in the Sierras. The last April-July runoff forecast** issued for the Tuolumne River watershed was 120 percent of normal.
- **Irrigation demand has probably peaked for the season** as temperatures finally hit the 100 degree mark in many areas.
- **The rainfall year will officially end tomorrow** with 16.76 inches recorded at the MID building in downtown Modesto, 38 percent higher than normal.

### Don Pedro Board of Control report

- Expenses for April exceeded revenues by \$36,000 and for the year by \$140,000. Campground activity declined over Memorial Day due to unseasonably cold weather.
- **The annual fireworks display will begin at 9:30 p.m. on Sat., July 3.** Visitors are encouraged to arrive early for best parking.

### Action by unanimous vote

The Board unanimously approved an **agreement for directional boring, potholing and traffic control services** with Applegate Johnston, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$7 million over a six-year period.

- **MID’s ongoing efforts to replace older, failure-prone direct-buried electrical cable** with newer cable inside conduit will be supported by this contract.
- **More reliable electric service** is a direct customer benefit of this project.
- **Hiring a contractor to perform these tasks will greatly speed up** completion of the effort to replace MID’s 340 remaining miles of direct-buried primary cable.

### 2011-2012 Budget Framework

Budget & Rates Analyst Jimi Netniss announced the start of this year’s planning and budgeting process. The process will continue to use a five-year planning horizon focusing with greater accuracy on the first two years, 2011 and 2012. The MID budget will be developed using Board-adopted policies and the MID Business Plan. The Plan is aimed at achieving initiatives that include customer service, a reliable water and electric system and competitive rates. **The budget will be presented through a series of public Board workshops in July and August.**