

## How long does it take to obtain a permit?

We recommend that applications for encroachment permits be filed three weeks in advance. District personnel will review and process your completed application. Permits for culverts normally require more review and a longer time frame than other permits. Applications that require canal outages will require a 14-day notice after the permit is issued; most have to be completed after the irrigation season has closed.

Factors involved in the timing of the permit include:

- Location of the encroachment
- Time of the year
- Complexity of the project

## For further information

If you need additional assistance, please contact the Engineering Department, Encroachment Unit.

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## NID Mission Statement

*The District will provide a dependable, quality water supply; continue to be good stewards of the watersheds, while conserving the available resources.*

## Today's NID

*NID is a diversified water resource district that supplies both treated drinking water and irrigation water to nearly 25,000 homes, farms and businesses in Nevada and Placer counties in the foothills of Northern California's Sierra Nevada Mountains.*

*NID collects water from the mountain snowpack and stores it in an extensive system of ten reservoirs. As water flows to customers in the foothills, it is used to generate clean hydroelectric energy and to provide public recreational opportunities.*

*NID is an independent California special district governed by an elected board.*



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# Encroachment Permits



Example of a safe culvert

*NID owns and maintains a vast network, consisting of more than 600 miles of canals and pipelines, power production, and public recreational facilities. Encroachments on the system that are deficient or not permitted affect the operation and maintenance of district facilities and can impact safe access for individual property owners.*

## How do I begin?

**Before you begin** construction of any project that crosses a District facility or easement, you are required to obtain an encroachment permit. The permit allows to you to utilize your property without interfering with the operation and maintenance of a community water system or related facility.

## When do I need a permit?

**Encroachment permits** are required for any work around any District canal, pipeline or other facility. The permit is intended to cover any area being used for water, power, and recreation system operation and maintenance. The permit will help ensure safe use and proper design of your project. Please contact the Engineering Department, Encroachment Unit. A District specialist will meet with you to review access needs.

## Why do I need a permit?

**Safe and reliable** operation of public facilities requires the District to have proper access to its facilities. The permit protects you as a property owner and ensures access to the District. The permit will help you complete a project that meets District specifications.

## What is the cost?

**There is no fee** for an encroachment permit. The permit is a service provided by the District to customers and property owners. The permit becomes part of the property title and serves as a protection for the landowner and the District.

## What kind of projects require permits?

**An encroachment** is an infringement of the District's use of its rights in the safe operation of its facilities. For example, a property owner who wishes to install a culvert or bridge on a canal must check with the District first and obtain an encroachment permit.

Here are some examples of jobs that require an encroachment permit:

- Road Crossings
- Sewer Crossings
- Water Line Crossings
- Foot Bridges
- Fences and Gates
- Utility Crossings



example of a safe gate

**It is recommended** that you contact the Engineering Department, Encroachment Unit if you have any questions about whether or not a permit is required.

## What will the permit require?

**NID policy** on encroachments is governed by Section 14 of the District's Regulations Relating to Water Service. Requirements for your permit generally cover the following:

**SAFETY.** Your project will be reviewed to ensure that District personnel and facilities are adequately protected.

**DESIGN.** Your project must meet the District's specifications. Pipe size, load capacity and health and safety issues are all considered in review of your project design. Certain projects may require review by your own engineer.

**LOCATION.** District staff will review the location of your project so it will not interfere with operations and maintenance work.

## How may I obtain an application?

An encroachment permit application will be mailed to you on request.

**Call (530) 273-6185**

Permit applications are available at:

**NID Business Center  
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Permit applications and standard details may also be downloaded at:

[www.nidwater.com/planning/  
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