

Definitions

Easement

The right to use someone else's property, usually for a narrowly defined purpose.

Utility Access Easement

The right to use the property of an individual or entity for utility conveyance and utility vehicles to access the conveyance.

Right-of-Way

- 1) The right to pass across the lands of another.
- 2) Land or property, or an interest in land or property for transportation purposes. For example, roads, public transport, utilities, etc.

Public Trail

Land which has been set aside for general public use and is not limited to a narrowly defined group or entity.



Deer Creek South Canal near Nevada City

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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Canal Easements



Allison Ranch Canal near Grass Valley

Can I walk or ride along NID Canals?

Public Information about NID Canal Easements

Canal Access

Public or Private?

WHY CAN'T I WALK ALONG ANY CANAL?

The Nevada Irrigation District does not own the land that is traversed by many of our canals.

To successfully convey water to our water treatment plants, power plants and customers, NID relies on rights within easements, rights of way that are prescribed, and those that have been granted to the District over the course of many years. These rights are solely for the use of the District to construct, operate and maintain the water system.

Even as the District utilizes these rights, the land still belongs to the property owner, who maintains sole discretion as to whom they will allow access their property.

Because the District does not own the land, it cannot provide permission to the general public to access canals and other facilities that are located on private property. In addition, the canals and means of access are not developed or constructed for public use.

Safety and Liability

AREAS ALONG THE CANALS CAN BE UNSAFE, DANGEROUS

Many of the canals operated by the District are in remote locations. These canals are not routinely accessed or patrolled by District employees. Care must be taken when in close proximity to any waterway.

Areas surrounding canals, ponds and reservoirs can present unsafe conditions, including slippery or uneven terrain, roots, rocks, vegetation and other hazards, where someone could fall, either into the canal, or off the adjacent canal berm or shore.

Canals can have a high rate of water flow, and a person or pet falling into the canal could easily be swept downstream. If not able to exit the canal, a person or pet could become trapped against the canal trash racks that protect against debris entering pipes and siphons.



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Public Trails Available

Organizations in Nevada and Placer counties have been working for many years to provide public trails and outdoor access.

There are several community, state and federal organizations that support and create trails and land trusts for public use. These organizations provide access and maps to lands and trails which have been designated for public use.

In fact, NID works regularly with these organizations to help provide public recreational opportunities. Examples include the Bear Yuba Land Trust project along the NID Cascade Canal and the growing trail system surrounding Scotts Flat Reservoir.

Any agreements with property owners held by these organizations have been specifically crafted so that those providing access to their properties specifically permits public access.

These lands are usually maintained and upgraded to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for the public. The community can access these trails, knowing that they are not trespassing upon private land which the owner does not want open to the general public.

We all want to enjoy the natural beauty that surrounds us in the Sierra foothills. However, the District asks that you respect the property rights of landowners and not trespass upon these lands unless they have been specifically designated as open to the public.