

NORTH YUBA WATER DISTRICT



Providing Domestic Water for Brownsville, Challenge, Forbestown and Rackerby, and Irrigation Water for Dobbins and Oregon House

SUMMER 2020

COVID-19 UPDATE: While our office is closed to the public, our Staff are available to assist with your needs. For customer service call (530) 675-2567, Monday-Friday, 7:30am to 4:00pm. You can also make payments by debit/credit card at www.nywd.org, or place your payments/applications in our mail slot to the right of the door.

A LONG TIME IN THE MAKING!

Piping Project Begins, Groundbreaking Ceremony Held

In a major milestone event 50 years in the making, North Yuba Water District (NYWD) hosted a groundbreaking ceremony Friday for the Oroleve Creek Piping Project, the first step in the larger Forbestown Ditch Piping Project. Supporters of the Project from NYWD, the Yuba Water Agency, and Hansen Brothers Enterprises, attended the event.

Construction for Project is estimated at \$683,444. Earlier this month, the Yuba Water Agency voted unanimously to grant NYWD funding for 70% of the project, \$478,410. The remaining 30%, \$205,034, will come from NYWD reserves.

When complete, this Project will pipe approximately one mile of the Oroleve Creek that flows into the Forbestown Ditch. The Ditch conveys water to the NYWD Treatment Pond, and is the sole source of drinking water for approximately 3,100 residents of Brownsville, Challenge, Rackerby and Forbestown.



The Oroleve Creek Piping Project groundbreaking ceremony was attended by project supporters (from left to right) NYWD Board Member, Gary Hawthorne; NYWD Vice-Chairman, Doug Neilson; NYWD Board Chairman, Eric Hansard; NYWD General Manager, Jeff Maupin; Yuba County Supervisor and Yuba Water Agency Chairman, Randy Fletcher; Yuba Water Agency General Manager, Willie Whittlesey; construction contractor, Hansen Brothers Enterprises President, Jeff Hansen; and Northstar Engineering, Richard Guverra

NYWD is currently finishing environmental work to also begin piping the entire 10 mile span of the Forbestown Ditch. Originally dug in the 1860's, the Ditch is an unlined, open canal, approximately 10 miles

long. Moving to a piped Ditch will lower the possibility of breaches like the those most recently experienced in 2017 and 2018.

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WELCOME TO THE NYWD TEAM!

Meet Lifelong Local Residents, Robert Sullivan & Kyle Moulder



Robert Sullivan
FIELD STAFF

Lifelong Browns Valley/Loma Rica resident, Robert enjoys the different challenges each day brings.

"It's certainly not a boring job," said Robert, "but the misinformation a few folks are spreading is sad. Kyle and I worked tirelessly to stretch this year's irrigation season for customers. I wish they understood how the system really works."



Kyle Moulder
FIELD STAFF

Lifelong Brownsville resident, Kyle said he and Robert know almost all the District customers they come in contact with each day.

"We are a small team doing big work," said Kyle. "I appreciate the weekly safety meetings held by General Manager, Jeff Maupin, and the ability to learn new skills like running the treatment plant."



Robert and Kyle are responsible for year-round maintenance on the irrigation ditches, the Forbestown Ditch, operation of the domestic water treatment plant, and each take night and weekend on-call shifts for quick response to any emergency situations.





THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Boardmember, Terry Brown, Retires to Florida



**NYWD Boardmember, District 2,
Terry Brown, served from 2016-2020**

During the June NYWD Board of Directors meeting, the Board accepted the resignation of District 2 Director, Terry Brown. Since retiring, Terry and his wife have been traveling between their Brownsville home and their new Florida vacation property. With COVID-19 travel restrictions, they are choosing to stay in Florida now for an extended period.

"You, the District staff and the majority of the Board have my support and appreciation," wrote Terry. "Having been a Board member for almost a full term, I know you, as a group, are doing your

very best to provide clean, safe water to the community, provide for the irrigation customers during times of sufficient water, and continue to improve equipment and water conveyances at the very lowest cost to District customers.

I encourage all of you to move forward in the face of the never ending adversity brought on by the nameless few who seek to destroy the good you are doing for the community as a whole. It is my hope that whoever takes my place will have an open mind and will work toward that goal."



FRED MITCHELL APPOINTED TO NYWD BOARD

A New Face Representing District 2

During the July 24th NYWD Board meeting, by a 3-1 vote (Director Flohr opposed), Mitchell was appointed to fill the currently vacant Division 2 Board of Directors seat.

Fred has been a Yuba County resident and Recology truck driver for over 13 years. Before volunteering to take the open District 2 Board position, Fred said he spoke with many NYWD customers.

"Water is extremely important," said Fred. "I have no negative issues with the District, I just care about this community and I want it to thrive. I don't understand why some people are working against everything. If your goal is to get water to customers, you have to work towards accomplishing things, and work together. I will analyze issues and not make decisions based solely on emotions."



**NYWD General Manager, Jeff Maupin, performs the
swearing-in oath ceremony for new District 2 Director,
Fred Mitchell.**



BOARD MEETING ACCESS

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, NYWD Board meetings have been moved to virtual meetings, on the fourth Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. The public is encouraged to participate via video conference or teleconference. The meeting web link and phone

number is listed at the top of each board agenda.

Visit www.nywd.org/meetings to access the agendas. Board agendas are posted at least 72 hours prior to each regularly scheduled board meeting.

ALERT FOR DISTRICT CUSTOMERS

Please be aware that negative detractors of the District operate under the anonymity of names like North Yuba Water Alliance, Oregon House Dobbins Water Association, Yuba Vision and possibly others. These informal groups are not affiliated with the District in any way.

We encourage you to contact the District or your elected representative if you have questions, or need clarification about District policy, conduct or projects, (530) 675-2567 or email@nywd.org.



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Piping the entire Ditch, and this peripheral Oroleve Creek section, will save a significant amount of water lost from seepage and evaporation, increase the amount of water available for customers and eliminate a vast majority of dirt, trash and contamination from entering the treatment pond.

"Our customers have endured years of uncertainty with their drinking water," said NYWD General Manager, Jeff Maupin. "Piping our system was literally a 'pipe dream' until today. Now through the actions of our Board of Directors & the assistance of the Yuba Water Agency, it's becoming a reality."

NYWD is designated a Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC) with an annual median household income less than 60 percent of the Statewide annual income.

"I'm honored to be a part of this ceremony today, for a project I've championed my entire time in office," said

Randy Fletcher, Yuba County Supervisor and Yuba Water Agency Chairman. "When you consider the Ditch was constructed when Abraham Lincoln was President, these residents are long overdue for a safe, secure way to receive their water."

The Forbestown Ditch has quite a storied past. First called the "Miner's Ditch," the Ditch and the District have changed ownership and names several times, and weathered numerous epic blowouts over its 150 years. Historical photos of the "Miner's Ditch" are on the NYWD website, and an actual segment of an old wooden flume, used to repair a breached segment of the Ditch, is on display at the Forbestown Museum.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting - August 28, 2020, 10am
- Regular Board Meeting - September 25, 2020, 10am



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