



# BVID News

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## A Friendly Reminder About Billing

### *Okay, you billed me for my water now what do I do?*

Since we have added a few new users to the system in the past year, we wanted to insure we outlined the BVID billing process in case there is any confusion and pass along a friendly reminder about how this process is structured.

Your annual bill for water usage arrives the latter part of March to early April. If you pay it in its entirety before May 1st you get a 5% discount. If you elect to pay it in installments, the first payment (1/6 of the bill) is due prior to May 1st with the same amount due each month thereafter for a total of six months of payments equal to the full amount. If we don't receive any payment by June 1st then unfortunately your service is "locked up" (turned off). When this happens a reconnection fee of \$100 is charged to "unlock" your water supply from BVID. The reason the \$100 is charged is due to the

cost associated with the "lock up" not as a punitive fee. The \$100 amount actually does not cover the full cost of staff time associated with locking/unlocking access to the water along with office staff time, etc.

Should you decide that you do not want water for the year you will need to contact the District prior to the end of April so that we can credit your account and avoid reconnection fees.

We understand some of our users are struggling financially and times are tough. If you happen to be in this situation we encourage you to talk to us. We are more than willing to make arrangements with you.

We would also like to thank the many users who pay their bill in advance.

As always if you have any questions we encourage you to call us and we will be happy to assist you.



# Get Ready to Celebrate!



We just made the final payment for the General Obligation Bond for the dam at Collins Lake, which means the dam is paid for! This is a reason to celebrate!

We have tentatively scheduled a party at Collins Lake for all of our water users. Look for more details and your invite coming soon!

This Bond has been assessed through your property taxes. It is structured to remain in your billing for this fall and next spring, but you will see a reduction in your property taxes in the Fall of 2013 when the assessment is no longer billed.

## **Lake Levels**

Lake levels remain normal and are reducing at a normal pace as they do during the irrigation season. For additional information on lake levels please visit our website at [www.BVID.org](http://www.BVID.org)

## **Water Transfers**

We are currently working on a possible water transfer across the Sacramento Delta from the Yuba River conserved water which we have the rights to. This transfer will not include any water from Collins Lake. If we are able to do it these additional funds will help us pay for capital improvement projects within the District.



# Collins Lake Is The Place To Be!

**Updates to Collins Lake facilities and activities make it the perfect vacation spot close to home!**

If you haven't ventured to Collins Lake in the last year or so you have a lot to see. It is amazing how much has been added to the facility over the last few years. Collins Lake is definitely a fun place to be for the whole family during the summer.

## **WHAT'S NEW:**

- Whole new fleet of paddle boats added this year!
- Paddle boards (like a large surfboard you stand on while using an oar to move around) are now available to rent.
- Fishing Boats, Patio Boats and Ocean Kayaks are still available for day rentals.
- New Large Deck which holds 85 to 90 people. A perfect place to relax, eat and enjoy a famous giant ice cream cone!
- Second year of an onsite food concession including burgers, garlic fries and shaved ice.
- First class espresso bar, high quality coffee onsite produced the same way as they do at your neighborhood coffee shop in town, but lakeside. Commuters from the foothills to town have found this a great way to get their morning coffee fix on their way to work!
- Site rentals, RV Rentals and Cabin Rentals continue with terrific values.
- Live music every Friday night until the end of July on the deck from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Live acoustic guitar featuring hits of the 60s, 70s and 80s. Come enjoy the view of the lake, music and great food. There is no admission fee to hang out on the deck if you are not entering the park.

## **A Great Idea!**

*Do you have relatives visiting from out of town and don't have enough room at home? Don't want to put them up in a hotel in town? A cabin rental on the lake is a perfect way to provide them with a wonderful vacation, while keeping them close to home.*



# Ask Flo...



***OK folks, Flo here... I always enjoy letting you know, in my friendly way, about all the really important information when it comes to your water. I do want to remind folks of a very important rule, which is keeping your water on your property. Make sure your ponds or irrigation systems don't overflow on the property of your neighbor.***

***Now with that out of the way I***

***would like to welcome our new users and tell them we still need to conserve this wonderful resource so there is enough for everyone who is a part of the District.***

**Be kind and remember these TOP TEN water saving tips according to Flo.**

1. When it is 105 degrees don't spray water all over your house to cool it down. Use your air conditioner or a fan instead.
2. Put your sprinklers on timers. They are cheap to buy and unless you buy the fancy ones are generally easy to program.
3. Water in the early morning or late evening, this stops your water from turning into steam in the middle of the day when it is hotter than Hades outside.
4. Don't water dirt for the fun of it, trying to get weeds to grow. It sounds like a no-brainer, but
5. Use plants in your landscape which are native to the area. In other words do not import tropical plants and expect to water them so much they can survive. Ask around at local or foothill nurseries if you need help on the difference.
6. Just a kind reminder – Your water should stay on your land.
7. High tech sprinkler heads can save as much as 30% of your water usage, so go get some.
8. Mulch. It is a perfect place for your tree trimmings and saves you gallons of water.
9. Check your watering system for leaks! This will also stop water from shooting twenty feet into the air and all over your house (see number 1)
10. Be kind to Flo, be water wise.

trust me, it isn't.

Find all the latest information on your water district online at **www.BVID.org** You can see the Collins Lake Rain Gauge and Status updates. Also find District history, publications, forms and valuable information.

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