

TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
**125** YEARS

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## TID documentary film, *The Irrigationist*, draws crowds

Many already know about TID's storied past of providing irrigation water and power to the people of the region. Others do not.

Which is one reason why TID hosted community screenings of the recently released documentary film, *The Irrigationist: The Story of The Turlock Irrigation District* during the Feb. 24 weekend.

More than 1,100 people came to Turlock Community Theatre to view a screening of the film, which highlights TID's history and talks about what the region was like prior to TID's formation in 1887.

The film was produced to serve as an educational tool to illustrate TID's rich history, as well as a way to celebrate TID's 125th Anniversary.

The 62-minute film, which was produced locally by Creation Lab Pictures includes vivid imagery and music in addition to anecdotal interviews of local residents and historians.

Central themes of the film include:

- How planning and innovation can help develop a lasting legacy of service.
- Controlling your own destiny takes hard work, but it's ultimately worth it.
- Irrigation and agriculture in this region did not happen without sacrifice; because of that sacrifice people can look around and literally see the fruits of their labor.

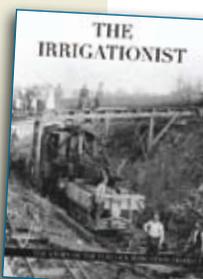


More than 1,100 people viewed the TID documentary film, "*The Irrigationist*," during the weekend of Feb. 24. Above, spectators watch a scene showing the Sierra snowpack. Below, moviegoers exit Turlock Community Theatre after watching a screening of the film.



### HOW CAN I SEE IT?

- Purchase a copy at TID Customer Service locations in Turlock, Ceres (2944 3rd St.) or Patterson (34 North Third St.). DVDs are \$5 each. Limit of 5 per person.
- View the full-length film online at <http://vimeo.com/turlockid/irrigationist>



## Power use monitors at select libraries

You've heard of checking out a book, right? Well, now you can check out a power use monitor and see what appliances are using most of the energy your home consumes.

If you have a Stanislaus or Merced County Public Library card and visit selected libraries in Stanislaus and Merced counties that reside in TID's electrical service area, you can check out a "Kill A Watt" power monitor just like you would a book and learn which appliances in your home are using the most power and costing you the most money to operate.

TID has donated Kill A Watt® monitors to the Stanislaus and Merced County public library systems.

The monitor is simple to use. Plug the device into an electrical outlet, and then plug the appliance into the device. Enter the cost per kilowatt-hour, and the device displays the kilowatt-hour usage



and the cost of electricity to run the appliance. Customers can monitor the energy cost of any 120 volt appliance such as refrigerators, freezers, televisions and computers.

The monitor helps customers understand how individual appliances can impact their energy bills and determine if those appliances should be unplugged or plugged into a power strip that can be easily turned on when the appliance is needed. The monitor even calculates cost and forecasts costs by the week, month or year.

TID and the counties see the program as a way to educate customers about energy efficiency.

For information on borrowing a monitor call the library nearest to you that is listed below.

<b>Ceres</b>	<b>537-8938</b>	<b>Keyes</b>	<b>664-8006</b>
<b>Delhi</b>	<b>656-2049</b>	<b>Patterson</b>	<b>892-6473</b>
<b>Denair</b>	<b>634-1283</b>	<b>Turlock</b>	<b>664-8100</b>
<b>Hilmar</b>	<b>632-0746</b>	<b>Waterford</b>	<b>874-2191</b>
<b>Hughson</b>	<b>883-2293</b>		

## Environmental Charge explained

TID strives to clearly present the various charges that appear on your electric bill each month.

Effective Feb. 1 of this year, a new **Environmental Charge** began appearing on bills. The Environmental Charge represents the cost to the District to comply with environmental laws, rules and regulations.

An illustrated bill insert designed to describe all electric bill charges accompanied all bills earlier this year.

This resource is also available online at <http://www.tid.com/customer-service/billing-payments/how-read-my-bill>.

Should you have any questions about your bill, please contact us at 883-8222 or [customerservice@tid.org](mailto:customerservice@tid.org).



## Spring energy savings checklist

Along with the entrance of spring comes new challenges in the effort to maintain an energy efficient home and business. Below are five prominent spring energy efficiency tips recommended by the U.S. Department of Energy, along with additional information that can prove helpful.

**Look for assistance programs and rebates.**  
Visit TID customer service locations or check out [tid.com](http://tid.com) to see if you qualify for energy efficiency rebates or payment/weatherization assistance programs.

**Conduct an energy assessment.**  
Grab an Energy Profile Questionnaire at our offices, visit the Home Energy Saver web site at [hes.lbl.gov](http://hes.lbl.gov), or pay a pro to conduct an energy audit at your home.

**Have your cooling system serviced.**  
It's worth the service cost to make sure your air conditioner is working properly as summer nears. Replace air filters every 1-3 months to lower consumption by 5 to 15 percent.

**Find & seal your air leaks.**  
Air leaks are similar to leaving a door or window open while running your AC. It's just inefficient.

**Install a programmable thermostat**  
Then set your AC to start when a reasonable temperature is reached. EnergyStar.gov suggests 78 degrees when you are home, and at least 85 when you are away.

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