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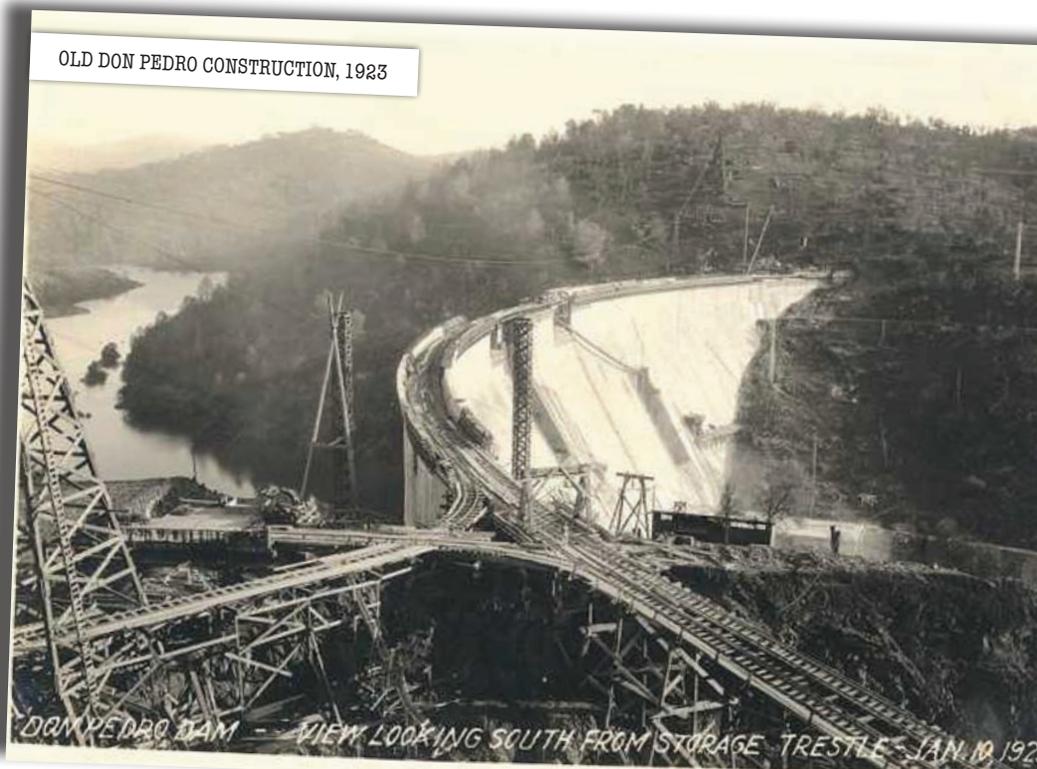
TID begins to celebrate 125 years of service and reliability

As we ring in the new year, there's even more to celebrate, as TID officially begins the countdown to the District's 125th Anniversary.

Much has happened since June 6, 1887, when TID was formed as the first irrigation district in California and arguably the first in the nation. Also, in 1923, TID began providing power to its customers.

Turlock Irrigation District was pivotal in bringing water to a land whose water supply notoriously slowed to a trickle in the summer. Until the dream of irrigation was realized, thanks to the people of the region who formed TID, and those who sacrificed much to see projects like La Grange Dam, Turlock Lake, Old Don Pedro, New Don Pedro and TID's canal system to their fruition.

As the months approach closing in on the June 6, 2012 date that will mark TID's 125th Anniversary, customers and others will continue to learn more about the District's rich history throughout the year.



TID Documentary Film

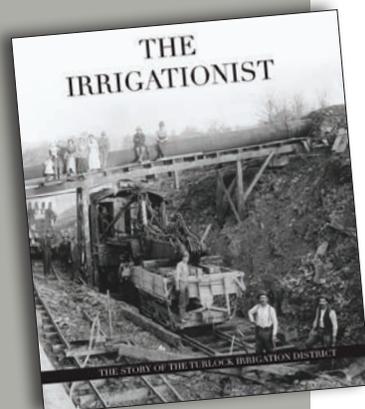
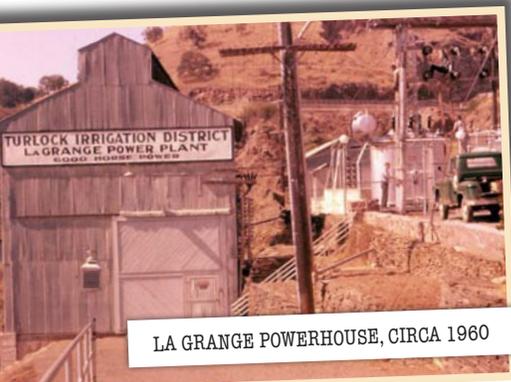
Turlock Irrigation District has helped produce a 62-minute documentary film about TID and the dream of irrigation becoming a reality. The film traces the District from its humble beginnings, while highlighting many historical achievements and challenges along the way. TID customers can view this remarkable video at one of two showings on Feb. 25, 2012. Details are below. DVDs of the film will be available for purchase at cost in the weeks following the showings.

WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012

SHOW TIMES: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

WHERE: Turlock Community Theatre,
1574 E. Canal Dr.

TICKETS: Admission limited to Turlock Irrigation District customers. Tickets are free and can be picked up at TID offices in Turlock, Ceres and Patterson. Call TID at 883-8300 for more info. Tickets are limited and will be provided on a first come, first served basis.



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Rate increase to cover needs of environment

On Dec. 6, 2011, The Turlock Irrigation District Board of Directors voted unanimously to increase electric rates by 4 percent systemwide in 2012, as well as in 2013 and 2014.

The Board's adoption of the rate increase comes on the heels of many public forums and mailings discussing the topic of rates and their connection to renewable energy with customers throughout TID's service area.

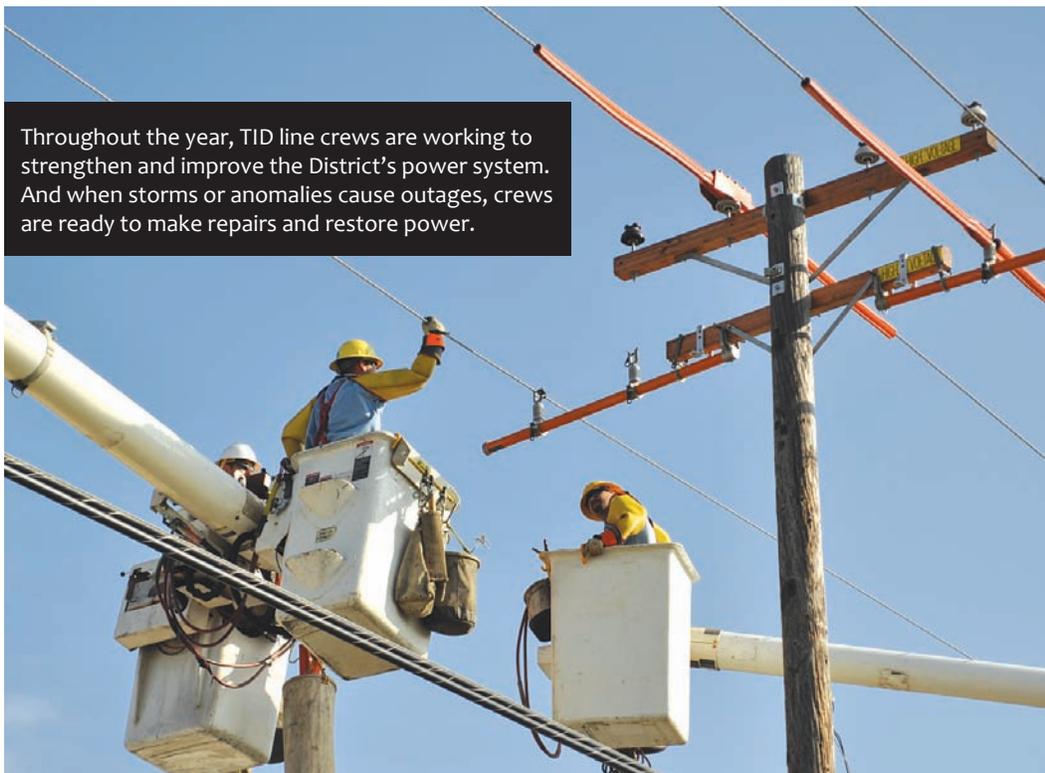
While base rates will remain the same in 2012, the increase will be reflected in an Environmental Charge that will appear as a line item on customer bills, further informing customers that the increase is part of a multi-year rate increase strategy that is needed to help cover the costs associated with meeting state environmental mandates.

The average TID electric customer can expect to see their bill rise about three dollars per month in 2012 based on this increase. The increase for 2012 is effective Feb. 1.

Assistance Programs

TID offers plenty of assistance programs to help its customers manage their energy costs. They include the **Budget Billing Program**, where customers receive 12 equal bills each year, dividing annual electric bills into equal monthly payments.

More information on assistance programs, energy conservation and rebates is available at TID offices in Turlock, Ceres and Patterson. Visit www.tid.com/for-home for more details.



Throughout the year, TID line crews are working to strengthen and improve the District's power system. And when storms or anomalies cause outages, crews are ready to make repairs and restore power.

Storm season is here – be prepared

For all of its perks, winter brings its share of problems for TID and other power providers across the nation.

Though TID works year round to maintain, operate and improve its electrical transmission and distribution system, unplanned customer outages are most likely to occur in the fall and winter months, as wind and rain create a bevy of unavoidable problems.

During severe storms, power outages causing safety hazards such as wires or poles down are given the highest operational priority, while outages affecting large numbers of customers are the second priority, and outages affecting small amounts of customers are a third priority.

TID customers experiencing power loss for longer than five minutes should call 883-8301 to report an outage.

There are several useful tips located at

My power is out!

1. Are the lights are out in your neighborhood? If they are, you are most likely part of a larger outage, which may have been reported.
2. If you are the only one on the street without power, you may want to check your circuit breaker box or service panel.
3. If your power is out longer than five minutes, call 883-8301 to report your outage.

www.tid.com/storms to help customers prepare for winter storms and better the likelihood of avoiding an outage.

Downed wires are dangerous!

Never touch or approach a downed wire! Call 911 or 883-8301 immediately to report a wire down or broken pole. More electrical safety tips are online at www.tid.com/education-safety.



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The TID Board of Directors holds regular meetings every Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the TID Canal Office, 333 E. Canal Drive, Turlock. For meeting agendas and board minutes, visit www.tid.com or call 209.883.8300.



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