

## **Dan Pope to Leave Merced Irrigation District**

*Merced, California. July 7, 2009.* Dan Pope, General Manager of the Merced Irrigation District (MID) announced today that he would be leaving the District on August 3, 2009, to become the General Manager of the Tri-Dam Project. Mr. Pope had been the General Manager of MID since July 2008. Previously he served the District as its Hydroelectric Project Manager at the New Exchequer Dam power facilities.

“We thank Dan for his many years of service to the District,” said Tim Pellissier, President of MID’s Board of Directors. “Although he was General Manager for a short time, Dan’s steady guidance and strong leadership have been appreciated by the District’s Board and staff. We all wish him well on his new position with Tri-Dam.”

The Board will immediately launch a nationwide search for a replacement, President Pellissier noted. “It will take some time to find a suitable replacement and we are still working on plans to determine the best course of action.” In the meantime the Board may name an interim General Manager to conduct the daily affairs of the District. “We have a very skilled staff,” President Pellissier stated. They can function and lead their respective departments and divisions very capably on a day-to-day basis.”

The Tri-Dam Project, headquartered in Strawberry, California, is a partnership between the Oakdale Irrigation District and the South San Joaquin Irrigation District. Together they developed, operate and maintain the Beardsley, Donnells and Tulloch dams and powerhouses located on the Stanislaus River.

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