

# THE Current



MID's Monthly Newsletter

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## Revealing History Original Exchequer Dam Appears

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The first Tuesday of  
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*Deputy General Manager Hicham EITal walks on water – almost. The day before the historic Exchequer Dam emerged in Lake McClure, EITal walked across the top of it in ankle-deep water.*

Following two years of drought, the original Exchequer Dam revealed itself in October as the water level in Lake McClure receded. The dam has largely remained underwater since the late 1960s when the larger New Exchequer Dam was constructed. The last time the lake level fell so low was in 2008. Near the end of October, Lake McClure had approximately 262,000 acre feet of water remaining in storage. Heading into the winter months, the reservoir is holding only 25 percent of its full capacity. Although regularly submerged, the original dam remains a functioning part of MID's Hydroelectric Project. The above photo was taken by MID employee Gary Per-dew at night with the camera shutter open for two minutes.

# In The Community



## Bringing Local Families Together

As part of its ongoing commitment to the community, MID participated in the Pedal Merced Family Bicycle Fest last month.

Supported by United Way and a host of community sponsors and volunteers, the event brings families together to ride several miles through Merced.

Along the way, cyclists stop at Merced Parks and play games, pick up snacks, and collect tickets for prize drawings.



## MID Joins Farm 2U Youth Education Effort

In October, Merced Irrigation District joined more than 70 other presenters at the Farm 2U education event at the Merced Fairgrounds.

Organized by the Farm Bureau and local educators, the event brought more than 3,000 third-grade students together to learn about agriculture and the origins of their food.

MID's Ann Marie Felsingher showed students a working model of a hydroelectric generator and canal system used to deliver water to local growers.



## GO GREEN ... AND KEEP MORE OF YOUR \$GREEN\$

The Merced Irrigation District is dedicated to helping its residential customers keep their electric bills low. In addition to purchasing ENERGY STAR appliances, here are some easy things you can do to reduce your energy bill:

### Around The Home

- Check weather stripping.
- Replace air filters every 6 months.
- Service air conditioner regularly.
- Cool/heat only the rooms in use.
- Use ENERGY STAR fluorescent light bulbs or natural lighting when possible.

### Laundry

- Run full loads in your washer/dryer.
- Don't run dryer longer than necessary, clean the lint filter, and check air vent and hose for clogging.

### In The Kitchen

- Cook with small appliances (e.g. toaster oven, electric skillet, slow cooker, microwave). Small appliances use less energy than the range and oven.
- Defrost freezer regularly. Frost makes it work harder.
- Run full loads in the dishwasher and use a short cycle.
- Set refrigerator between 36° and 42° and the freezer between -5° and 6°.