

Stop NID's Herbicide Dependency

Protect Irrigation & Drinking Water



350 miles of canals in
Nevada Irrigation District are treated with
herbicides, including the
ditch on your property
according to public records

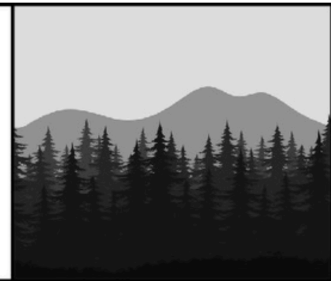
Herbicide-free NID is finally within reach
— it's time to make it happen.

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Dear Nevada County Property Owner,

According to public records, the ditch that runs through or along your property is treated with herbicides. This ditch is part of an extensive system owned by Nevada Irrigation District (NID) supplying raw water to thousands of ranches, farms, and homes throughout Nevada and Placer Counties. For decades NID has used glyphosate and copper-based herbicides to manage vegetation along a majority of its 475 mile canal system:

- RoundUp is sprayed along dirt ditch banks and berms year-round
- Copper-based algaecides such as Nautique & Cutrine Ultra are dripped directly into the water throughout the irrigation season, from April 15th - October 15th each year

Just this year, several research studies and court cases have shown that exposure to RoundUp (glyphosate) may cause health impacts such as non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. A first-of-its-kind study by Washington State University indicated that even our great-grandchildren's health may be severely impacted by today's RoundUp exposure. Additionally, ingesting copper-based aquatic herbicides can cause serious health impacts to animals, particularly dogs and sheep.*

This is why we are contacting you. In July, NID began posting online notification (see link on safeditches.com/info) giving a snap-shot of terrestrial spray applications that are planned to take place the following week. This head's up is enough time to protect your family, your property, and your animals from herbicide exposure – and here at Safe Ditches & CEA we highly recommend you do: **keep children and animals away from herbicide-treated canals, and shut off irrigation water on application days** (if you are a raw water customer).

This head's up notice before spray applications is a step forward for NID but does not address the whole issue. NID's man-made canals connect natural watersheds together, guiding water through public parks and trails, and through thousands of private back yards. The negative impacts these herbicide applications have on natural wildlife are profound and unmonitored.

NID is currently in the final stage of a 2-year pilot project that examined methods of vegetation control that do not use RoundUp. **We need your help to convince NID to implement these alternatives.** Visit SafeDitches.com to learn more and get involved today!

Sincerely,

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