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## **TID canals, facilities to receive ongoing patrols**

TURLOCK – Further protecting the canals and electrical facilities that supply water and power to its customers, Turlock Irrigation District has contracted with Rank Investigations and Protection to patrol and secure many of the District’s physical assets.

As part of the yearlong agreement, effective March 1, 2011, armed, trained and experienced security agents will patrol much of TID’s 662-square-mile service area 24 hours per day, seven days a week in the hopes of preventing costly vandalism and theft of District property. Destruction, defacement and loss of TID property cost customers thousands of dollars each year.

In previous years, TID contracted with the Stanislaus and Merced County sheriff’s departments to provide this service. The District decided it was prudent to contract with Rank Investigations, the benefits of which include a lower cost and 24-hour patrol surveillance. The change also allows TID to coordinate facility protection with a single contractor.

TID canals and facilities have been patrolled since the 1990s. The patrols were initially a means of ensuring authorized canal use. However, it is the hope of the District that this increased patrol presence will not only protect TID assets and secure canals, it will also help prevent criminal activity on TID customers’ property.

The new security agents are trained to obey all state laws, mandates and regulations while cooperating with local law enforcement agencies. While they are a means of protecting TID assets, the District also encourages its customers to help prevent loss by reporting any suspicious activity to local law enforcement and by calling the TID 24-hour emergency service phone number at 883-8301.

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### **About the Turlock Irrigation District (TID)**

*The Turlock Irrigation District, located in Turlock CA, is the first publicly owned Irrigation District and is one of only four today that provides irrigation water and power to residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural customers within its service area. TID has been in the retail electric business since 1923. TID, provides safe, low-cost, reliable energy to a growing customer base that today exceeds 98,000 home, farm, business, industrial and municipal accounts. TID also serves 5,800 irrigation customers covering approximately 150,000 acres of farmland. For more information about TID visit [www.tid.com](http://www.tid.com).*