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Dear Landowner/Water User,

At its February 21st regular Board Meeting the Patterson Irrigation District (PID or District) Board of Directors set the water rates and allocations for the 2018 water year. The rates and allocations were set in consideration of the loss of approximately \$270,000 in 2017 and the potential of a loss of approximately \$1.4 million in 2018. Although the water rate for in-district remained unchanged from 2017 to 2018, the allocation was decreased from 2 feet to 1 foot. This decrease is intended to address the anticipated \$1.4 million loss for 2018; by reducing the allocation by 1 foot, it is anticipated to help offset the loss by approximately \$200,000.

Furthermore, there is an increase of \$10 per acre-foot for lands that are out of district under Priority Area 1. This increase is to work towards charging lands the cost to provide water service from PID. Although the cost to Priority Area 1 has increased, the water rate is still subsidized.

2018 DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS AND ALLOCATIONS

Enclosed is the 2018 PID Assessment Statement. The assessments are as follows:

- o Landholdings one acre and under \$12 per parcel
 - o Landholdings over > 1 acre and < 2 acres \$15 per parcel
 - o Landholdings 2 acres or greater \$60 per acre
- A water allocation is provided with the land-based assessment for landholdings 2 acres or greater. For the 2018 irrigation season, allocations will be twelve (12) acre-inches per acre (1 acre-foot per acre).
 - Water deliveries beyond the allocation will continue and be unrestricted as long as supplies are available to the District. The water rate for 2018 is \$30 per acre-foot.

For Priority Area 1 there will be \$60 per acre contract fee, with a water rate of \$50 per acre-foot. Water deliveries will be unrestricted as long as supplies to the in-district lands are not restricted. In the event that in district deliveries are restricted for any reason, out-of-district deliveries will cease.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Vince Lucchesi", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Vince Lucchesi, PE
General Manager
Patterson Irrigation District