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Re: End of 2021 Water Season

Dear Water User,

On August 18, 2021, the Board of Directors of the Patterson Irrigation District (PID or District) called for the end of the 2021 irrigation season and District deliveries on October 15, 2021.

District deliveries will step down in capacity leading up to October 15th as follows:

- Towards the end of August, District available capacity will reduce to approximately 95 cfs, due to PID being curtailed off the San Joaquin River. This should not impede deliveries as water demands and orders have dropped off considerably and are historically minimal in September.
- On or about October 1st, the District will cease delivering water from the Delta-Mendota Canal and use District groundwater resources only to meet irrigation demands. These resources are limited, and growers are asked to plan water demands prior to this period to avoid and minimize rationing.
- District will cease deliveries altogether by noon on October 15, 2021.
- Water deliveries after October 15, will be provided via District wells. Staff will "bunch up" water orders and will make water available for Monday-Friday periods when demand is high enough to make deliveries.
 - Please plan as far in advance as possible if you need water after October 15.

Please plan your winter cropping plans and water supplies appropriately given this outage.

The District is undertaking this necessary step to conserve stored water supplies in San Luis Reservoir and prepare for the possibility of continued drought into 2022. The District will allow wheeling of private well supplies through the winter at District discretion, but only for well owner use downstream of the well, and only if this wheeling does not impede District maintenance activities. The District will consider opening up irrigation deliveries for limited periods of time during the winter depending on hydrology and San Joaquin River curtailments.

Thank you for your continued efforts to use water efficiently and conserve in 2021. This efficient use of water allowed the District to stretch limited supplies, and is allowing growers to complete another volatile and uncertain growing season in this extreme drought year.

Kindest Regards,

Vince Lucchesi, PE
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