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Dear Landowner/Water User,

Enclosed is the 2022-23 Patterson Irrigation District (PID or District) Assessment Statement. Unprecedented drought conditions continue in California from 2020 affecting our operations now. In 2020, the San Joaquin River (River) system observed critical conditions in snowpack and precipitation thus providing diminished flows in the River. In 2021, we observed one of the lowest rainfall periods in history and snowpack being lost to dry ground and draining the reservoirs to historic lows. In 2021, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted emergency regulations allowing them to issue curtailments for an entire year after adoption in August. Even though PID was only able to divert 40 cfs in 2021, we were still curtailed. Now into 2022, facing one of the driest January and February periods in history, PID is again found in one of the driest years we've faced; with uncertainty on operations in the Delta (pumping into the Delta-Mendota Canal), storage availability in San Luis Reservoir and potential actions by the SWRCB into August, the outlook is marginal. As a result, the rates and allocation reflect these conditions.

The land-based assessments are as follows:

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| 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   |
- **For the 2022-23 irrigation season, there will be an allocation of water with the assessments for landholdings 2 acres or greater of 0.5 feet.** The allocation reduction is due to the uncertainty of supplies available to PID from the San Joaquin River and trying to firm up PID's position in being better able to respond for water available from the Delta-Mendota Canal.
  - Water deliveries will continue to be unrestricted as long as supplies are available to the District. **The water rate for 2022-23 is \$45 per acre-foot.** The Board will continue to review water supply conditions into the late spring to evaluate possible opportunities to reduce the water rate.
  - For Priority Area 1 there will be \$60 per acre contract fee, with a water rate of **\$82 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.

Please note, PID typically provided to PID growers at about \$2.5 million per year; although your costs are going up for water this year, this year's rates and allocation provides for a subsidy of approximately \$2.9 million to maintain a low water rate to our growers.

Kindest Regards,



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