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Re: End of 2022 Water Season

Dear Water User,

On August 17, 2022, the Board of Directors of the Patterson Irrigation District (PID or District) voted to end the 2022 irrigation season and District deliveries on October 14, 2022.

District deliveries will step down in capacity leading up to October 14th as follows:

- 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 14, 2022.
- Water deliveries after October 14, 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. If you want water for a certain period, but we do not have enough requests, we will ask you to schedule your water for the period in which we are “bunching up” the water orders.
 - Please plan as far in advance as possible if you need water after October 14. Please also plan that the water availability will be limited to Monday-Friday, so communicate with the District as far in advance as possible so PID can make accommodations

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

Due to limited supplies and the uncertainty of availability of water from the San Joaquin River, water will be available on a limited basis. We ask that all growers be patient with operations as we navigate winter maintenance, putting water into storage, and other construction activities.

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 2023. 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.

Winter Construction Activities

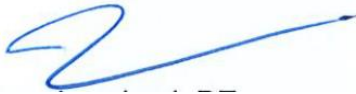
Please take note that PID Lateral 3-North will be piped this winter between Walnut and Olive Avenues. The construction window for this is between November 15 and March 1. However, a lot of work will be performed

leading up to November 15, leaving a tie in that may shut the lateral down for roughly a month. If you are served off 3-North, more specifically between Walnut and Eucalyptus Avenues, you will be experiencing intermittent unavailability of water. Please be patient with the District as this construction will benefit operations into the future, but may cause some inconvenience to growers during the period of November 15 through March 1.

In addition, laterals throughout the District will be periodically shut down for maintenance activities and water will not be available. Again, please plan your irrigations with the District in advance, in the event we are maintaining a lateral and cannot get you water.

Thank you for your continued efforts to use water efficiently and conserve in 2022. 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. And thank you for working with the District as we try to navigate these unprecedented conditions and move into winter operations.

Kindest Regards,



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