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Dear Water User,

With Patterson Irrigation District (PID or District) in full-swing irrigation mode, operations need to begin to look to this upcoming winter regarding Operations and Maintenance efforts. One big thing occurring this winter, as some of you may have noticed, is finalizing the construction of the Schedule A improvements of the Main Canal Rehabilitation Project. During the irrigation season, the improvements being constructed were those that are not intended to disrupt irrigation water deliveries with the remaining improvements dedicated to the winter when deliveries typically cease. As a result, PID will have difficulty delivering water throughout the District for a winter water demand.

PID is looking to have a District-wide winter time shut down for the period of November 15, 2018 through March 1, 2019. This shut down period was evaluated and developed to minimize any impacts to growers on any late season irrigation. Further, this winter period is when historical deliveries are almost non-existent for the District. Neighboring Districts have similar shut down periods for maintenance efforts. The District is asking its water users to note this shut down period and make plans appropriately. The goal of this letter is to provide as much as an advance notice to PID growers as possible, the winter time shut down has been discussed in the newsletter that was sent out in February, posted on PID's website, presented at the Grower Meeting on February 28, mailed with the May bills in the beginning of June, and a separate mailer at the beginning of July. The District will continue to provide notice to its growers and water users until the shutdown.

Please note, the District is developing a contingency plan for winter deliveries if this winter turns dry similar to that of 2017-18, where the District experienced a dry December and February. This contingency will only be enacted if the winter begins to look like a dry winter and diminished rainfall may impact crops.

Thank you for your consideration and accommodation regarding this notice.


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