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## WINTER SHUT DOWN – FINAL NOTICE

Dear Water User,

As farming harvest operations reach completion and the Patterson Irrigation District's (PID or District) demand is dropping, we want to inform growers of plans for this fall and winter. During fall and winter of 2018/2019 the District will be finalizing construction of improvements on the Main Canal Rehabilitation Project (Project). During the irrigation season, the District constructed all improvements that could be made without disrupting water deliveries. The remaining improvements for the Project include the connections to the laterals, turnouts and pipeline discharge into the Main Canal. **The District needs to shut down all deliveries this winter to accommodate construction of these remaining connections.** We want to inform growers of this shutdown so you can prepare, and apply water in preparation for the winter.

### **Fall Operations**

PID is suspending its "Season Fringe Policy" to provide flexibility for water deliveries in the fall. The suspension does come with a caveat that for the sake of distribution efficiency, growers may be asked to wait for a few days to irrigate to see if there are more water orders that come in. This is intended to help bunch orders up, but also to not delay growers for an extended period. Growers will not be told that we are not running water on the weekends or that they need to be off by Saturday. In the cases that some growers absolutely cannot hold off on irrigation, DSO's will make water available and this will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

### **Winter Operations**


#### **Shutdown**

The District-wide winter time shut down is set for the period of **NOVEMBER 15, 2018 THROUGH MARCH 1, 2019**, which is historically the time of least water demand. Please note this shut down period and make plans appropriately to accommodate this notice.

#### **Wheeling**

During this winter shutdown period only, the District will allow grower-to-grower wheeling within the District. Wheeling will be limited to only if the growers well water can be physically delivered to the buyer, in the sole discretion of the General Manager; for example, if a grower well is located on the south side and wants to wheel to the north side, this won't be allowed. Furthermore, the grower purchasing the water will be billed PID's \$25.00 wheeling charge on each acre foot of water delivered through PID's facilities.

Thank you for your consideration and accommodation regarding this notice.

  
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