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Dear Water User,


The Patterson Irrigation District (PID or District) is providing this letter to inform water users of the upcoming irrigation operations plans for this fall and winter. As noted in the newsletter, and the letter mailed out in the beginning of August, the finalization of the construction of the Schedule B improvements of the Main Canal Rehabilitation Project are impending. During the irrigation season, the improvements constructed are those that were not intended to disrupt irrigation water deliveries with the remaining improvements dedicated to the winter when deliveries typically cease. The plan being, is that the District needs to shut down its deliveries this winter to accommodate the execution and construction of the new connections to the laterals and turnouts on the fourth lift of the Main Canal.

Regarding fall operations, commencing in early October, growers may be asked to wait for a few days to irrigate to try to get a few more water orders that come in. The request could span over a weekend with asking you to wait to irrigate until Monday or Tuesday. This is intended to help bunch orders up, but also to not delay growers for an extended period.

Regarding winter operations, PID will have a District-wide wintertime shut down for the period of **November 15, 2024 through March 1, 2025**. 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 advance notice to PID growers as possible, the wintertime shut down has been discussed in the newsletter that was sent out in February, posted on PID's website, and presented at the Grower Meeting. The District will continue to provide notice to its growers and water users until the shutdown.

Thank you for your consideration and accommodation regarding this notice.


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