

Central California Irrigation District
IMPORTANT WATER SUPPLY INFORMATION
Update - 15 February 2016

WHAT WE KNOW:

- 1) On Friday February 12, 2016, the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) notified CCID that USBR has computed the initial forecasted full natural inflow to Shasta Lake for the 2016 Water Year, and has determined that the 2016 Year is **not** a Critical Calendar Year under the Exchange Contract.
- 2) Due to the regulatory restrictions in the Sacramento River system and the Delta, if drier conditions persist, the USBR will not be able to deliver all of our contract supply through the Delta and the Delta-Mendota Canal. They will have to release water from Friant into the Mendota Pool this season to meet our irrigation demands
- 3) Under our present dry forecasts, water supply will have strict monthly limits in June, July and August; therefore consumers will not be able to roll unused allocation from earlier months into those summer months. Each water user will need to make sure that the summer allocation depths published later this week will be sufficient to meet their peak demands.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR CCID OPERATIONS:

- 1) The District plans to start making irrigation deliveries to consumers on February 16, 2016.
- 2) Water delivered to consumers will be counted against their allocations.
 - a. The initial allocation under the Exchange Contract for February and March combined is as follows:
FEBRUARY AND MARCH COMBINED ALLOCATION
Tier 1 Allocation: 5.25"/acre (Exchange Contract Surface Supply)
Tier 2 Allocation: 0.50"/acre (CCID Well Water)
Any unused Tier 1 allocation can be moved to November 2016, NOT the summer months.

3) Delivery Rates

Tier 1 Rate: \$17.00/acre-foot

Tier 2 Rate: \$40.00/acre-foot

As a reminder, since we have been notified that we are to receive a non-Critical Year contractual supply allocation from USBR, the District will make developed water available to Class 2 Lands on an "if and when available" basis, at a rate of \$40.00/acre-foot.

Even though the present statewide weather situation is more promising than the past few years, it could change to a drier pattern quickly. **CCID is preparing a comparison of 2015 water use vs. a 2016 Non-Critical monthly allocation for each individual water user. The allocation schedule will delineate monthly limits and available flexibility. The comparisons will be available later this week to assist each water user in making their individual risk assessment, and deciding on when and how much to plant and irrigate.**

We are working diligently on your behalf. Please understand that things can change quickly and that we will update you as often as necessary so that you can make informed decisions.