

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
IMPORTANT UPDATED WATER SUPPLY INFORMATION -- June 1, 2015

Possible Threat to Allocation.

The United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has discovered that the temperatures in Shasta Lake presently are warmer than they had been tracked a month ago when they developed the current Sacramento River temperature and operations plans. The discovery renders the current plan untenable.

On Friday, Reclamation notified water users including CCID, the Exchange Contractors, and refuges, together with the agencies National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) about this new information. As a result of discussions that ensued, Reclamation will be working with NMFS and SWRCB staff to reformulate the temperature and operations plans within the next week or so. Reclamation will be attempting to reformulate the plans to preserve ours and our neighbors' water supplies, while also attempting to assemble a new temperature plan for the Sacramento River.

There is a possibility that our allocation will be reduced depending on the outcome of the effort.

The individual district and Exchange Contractors' staffs will be working hard this week to insure that Reclamation can provide a balanced plan that accommodates the water supply needs of the citizens of California. However, as evidenced by recent actions by NMFS and SWRCB staff, their approval of such a plan is not certain.

We intend to provide email updates to this situation as this week develops - on a daily basis, if necessary. Your help in encouraging our State and Federal elected officials to weigh in will be helpful, the message being the need for a plan that can realistically be accomplished, keeping in mind our substantial investment and that our economy is at stake. We will be developing a sample letter and updated contact list for your use very soon.

Signed:  Dated: 1 JUNE 2015
Chris White, General Manager