

**CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
IMPORTANT UPDATED WATER SUPPLY INFORMATION – FEBRUARY 3, 2014**

On January 30, 2014 the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) informed the Exchange Contractors that due to the record dry rainfall the state is experiencing that they will only be able to deliver as low as 40% and as high as our 75% critical year allocation depending on rainfall. The district has verified these amounts based upon recent forecast information provided by Reclamation, Department of Water Resources, and the National Weather Service.

Therefore, the Board of Directors has set an allocation of 50% of our normal year water supply to our growers. This allocation will be re-checked by the district monthly and if weather improves then the allocation will be increased. Based on the forecast the District is relying on there is a chance that the allocation could go down. For present, the 2014 allocation levels and rates will be as follows:

Tier 1 – 1.67 acre-feet/gross acre (Reclamation Surface Water Supply) - \$17.00 / acre-foot.

Tier 2 – 0.5 acre-feet/gross acre (CCID Well Water) - \$40.00 / acre-foot.

Critical Year

Monthly Allocation in Inches per Gross Acre

	Tier 1 <u>USBR</u>	Tier 2 <u>Wells</u>	<u>Total*</u>
January	0	0	0
February	1.00	0	1.00
March	2.00	0.50	2.50
April	2.25	0.75	3.00
May	3.25*	1.00	4.25
June	3.25*	1.00	4.25
July	3.50*	1.00	4.50
August	3.25*	1.00	4.25
September	0.75	0.50	1.25
October	0.50	0.25	0.75
November	0.25	0	0.25
December	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	20.00	6.00	26.00

*These are absolute maximums in months that we presently expect the USBR to make deliveries to CCID from the San Joaquin River. Should extreme dry conditions persist, even less water might be available during those months.

SUPPLEMENTAL WATER

The District will be working hard to purchase water to make some available above Tier 2. Depending on the success of this effort, the first pool of supplemental water will be well water purchased from private consumer-owned wells which will be made available on a request basis at a rate of \$95.00/acre-foot. The second pool of water will be made available by the District purchasing allocated water from growers who voluntarily wish to fallow their land and sell their allocated water to the pool. Water from the second pool will be made available at a rate of \$272.30/acre-foot. Supplemental water application forms are available at the Main Office for those who wish to purchase water from these pools. Supplemental water applications will also be mailed to all landowners and consumers next week. The application deadline will be February 28th, 2014.

DEVELOPED WATER –CLASS II LANDS –IMPORTANT NOTICE

There will be no water available from the District for Class II lands. We will, however, transport private well water for those who have access to wells that can be pumped into our canals. The water will be subject to a \$2.00 per acre-foot transportation/administrative charge, and a loss factor related to the field's distance from a well source.

PROPOSITION 218 NOTICE

If you are a CCID landowner, you have a right under California law to protest this adjustment of tiers which could affect water costs. Please read the following notice:

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND WATER USERS

OF RIGHT TO PROTEST TIERED PRICING CHANGES FOR WATER USE

APPLICABLE TO WATER YEAR 2014

NOTICE IS GIVEN that protests to the Critical Year allocations and tiered prices and the increased period when tiered water rates are in effect to the full calendar year, as described in the above notice, which potentially increases the charge for water use, during the period of February 1 through December 31, 2014, and which were adopted by the District in response to the long-term trend toward unsustainably high water sales in the 5-month period (January, February, March, November and December), may be filed in writing by landowners pursuant to Article XIII D, Section 5 on or before Thursday, March 20, 2014 at the hour of 5:00 p.m. at the District Office, located at 1335 West I Street, Los Banos, California 93635. The District will hold a hearing upon the tiered pricing changes and tabulate any protests at the next meeting of the Board of Directors. An engineering report in regard to the basis of the charge is on file at the District office.

If you have any questions, please call the CCID Office at (209) 826-1421.

Signed: 
Chris White, General Manager

Dated: 3 FEB 2014