

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
IMPORTANT UPDATED WATER SUPPLY INFORMATION – April 5, 2015

There are two important updates to provide you today.

1. Allocation Reduction.

March proved to be much dryer than the dry year forecast upon which we based our February 25th allocation. While we are not expecting to see the results of the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) April 1 snow survey until next week, current information we have from DWR and other sources indicates that we need to **reduce our January through August allocation by 3 inches.**

We will have our April 1 allocation numbers reprinted for each individual landowner/grower this week, and will continue to update the forecasts and notify you of any further changes immediately.

2. Possible Threat of Additional Allocation Cut.

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) continues to pursue unsustainable and unreasonable protections for Salmon. Their current proposal poses a new and significant threat which might cause our supply to be reduced down to as low as a 10% allocation. The SWRCB has asked for an alternative operations plan that focusses on retaining water in Shasta for use later in the year or even next year to meet **cold water fishery** needs in the Sacramento River. The plan would make water unavailable in the Delta for pumping, resulting in **no pumping until the end of August.** This means no pumping to meet our Contract, no pumping for the State Water Contractors, and will create a circumstance of no transfers from northern California for our neighbors.

The Bureau of Reclamation and DWR jointly submitted a reasonable plan on March 26th which would meet temperature needs of the fishery and substantially comply with our Contract. State Board staff is considering whether to adopt or reject the Reclamation/DWR plan in favor of the plan that will not allow any pumping through the Delta all summer long. We expect an initial decision will be made on about April 8th by the State Board staff which would then need to be confirmed by the State Board later in the month.

The individual district and Exchange Contractors staffs have been working hard to insure that SWRCB staff adopts the balanced Reclamation/DWR plan. However, a review of the past actions by the SWRCB makes us believe that there is a real chance that they will make a decision in favor of over protecting the cold water fishery rather than striking a reasonable balance that better accommodates the water supply needs of the citizens of California.

We need your help. Please encourage your state Legislator, the Governor's staff, and your Federal Legislator, whose contact information is enclosed, to intercede.

Signed:



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Additional Information

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