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WATER SUPPLY ALERT

On February 25, 2020, we received notice from the Bureau of Reclamation that the forecast indicated inflows to Shasta would be sufficient to declare us non-critical. February is typically our wettest month of the year. However, last month set a new record low with 0" of precipitation in the Shasta watershed. DWR has conducted their March 1st snow survey and the results indicate Shasta inflow at 3.1 million acre-feet, which is slightly below the critical year threshold of 3.2 million acre-feet required for us to remain non-critical. We are working with the Bureau of Reclamation to closely monitor this situation. We anticipate receiving an updated declaration later this month.

The District is now making plans for a likely Critical Year declaration by the Bureau of Reclamation. While that declaration will not officially be made until about around March 20, we want to give our consumers an early notice so that preparations can be made for what may be a challenging year.

Since surface water is not available to Class 2 lands in a Critical Year, we encourage all Class 2 consumers to test the functionality of their wells. Consistent with our policy guidelines, the District will assist, to the extent possible, in transporting private well water through our canal system.

As stated above, the Non-Critical declaration by Reclamation is in effect until they provide the March update on about March 20th. The District is taking precautionary measures should the dry conditions persist. We will have updated water allocations and rates based on Critical Year declaration immediately available should we receive a critical year declaration later this month. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the office at 209-826-1421. In the meantime, may we all pray for rain.

REMINDER: Annual Meeting is on March 31st. Please RSVP by Monday March 23rd.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jarrett Martin".

Jarrett Martin

General Manager