



INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

April 14, 2023

2023 WATER YEAR

The 2023 year has been very wet to say the least. Rainfall, as of April 1st, measured 21.03” at the Ivanhoe office. Snowpack is forecasted at 300% of April 1st. The District’s water supply comes from two sources; Kaweah Lake and Millerton Lake, which both are currently in mandatory flood release. The flood releases are expected to run through June 30, 2023. The peak snow melt, anticipated in early June, may cause localized flooding in the Kaweah and St. Johns Rivers. Due to snow melt, Cottonwood Creek is not expected to experience any flooding issues, but stay prepared.

2023 CLASS 1 SUPPLY and CLASS 2 SUPPLY:

The Bureau of Reclamation’s initial 2023 allocation of water supply has been announced and the District has been allocated 100% of its Class 1 contract and 70% of its Class 2 contract. However, the Class 2 allocation is subject to revision. District growers will receive their allocation after the Uncontrolled Season releases from Millerton Lake, which is anticipated to end June 30, 2023. Until June 30th, growers’ irrigation or recharge water is not limited and will not be taken from their 2023 allocation. The cost of water from March 1 through June 30, 2023, will be \$60 per acre-foot.

DISTRICT NOTIFICATION of ORCHARD REMOVAL

Growers must provide the District adequate notice of any orchard removal, so staff can mark the location of the District lines to be avoided. If adequate notice is not given and damage occurs, the landowner may be invoiced for the cost of the repair. Please notify Chris Marshall directly or contact the office at least two weeks prior to any orchard removal.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE:

2023 WATER ORDERS AND OFFICE OPERATIONS:

The District office is open Monday through Friday, **7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

In the past, all water orders, including changes, were required to be called in 48 hours prior to delivery or shut-off. For the 2023 season, to accommodate the District’s growers and encourage surface water use, water orders only need a **24 hour advance notice**.

To accommodate the advance notice change, the call-in time has been changed as well and will be strictly adhered to, with no exceptions.

- Water orders for Tuesday through Saturday must be placed by **8:00 a.m.**, for the next day’s delivery.
- Water orders for Sunday and Monday must be placed by **12:00 p.m.** on the preceding Friday.

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