



## INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

August 9, 2023

### 2023 ALLOCATION

At the June 13, 2023, Board meeting, the Board approved the 2023 surface water allocation at 1.46 acre-feet per acre. However, at the August 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, staff recommended rescinding the 2023 allocation. The recommendation was based on the Friant Kern Canal being de-watered from mid-November until February 1, 2024, and the uncertainty of the Bureau of Reclamation allowing carry-over water. Management was also concerned that undelivered water would be lost, and growers would still be financially responsible for water although they did not receive it. In conjunction, the remaining 2023 District water supply is sufficient to meet all grower irrigation demands and by rescinding the 2023 allocation would have minimal impact to growers. The Board accepted the recommendation of management and rescinded the 2023 allocation. From August 1<sup>st</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup> growers will not be limited on their water orders to meet irrigation demands. District water supply is to be used within the District, request to transfer water outside the District will require Board approval.

### RECHARGE WATER

For growers who want to purchase water at \$180 per acre-foot for recharge, the District will facilitate recharge deliveries to the District basins, as well as Cottonwood Creek. These deliveries will be reported to the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency on the grower's behalf, minus the 5% leave behind requirement, as stated in District's recharge policy, adopted January 10, 2023. District delivery capacity for recharge is 25 cfs. If participation exceeds capacity, the District will equally prorate deliveries to participating growers.

### 2023 WATER ORDERS AND OFFICE OPERATIONS

**The District will resume the following water ordering procedure, effective 8/14/2023.**

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.**, preceding next day delivery.
- Water orders for Sunday and Monday must be placed by **12:00 p.m.** on the preceding Friday.

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