



INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

March 13, 2024

2024 ALLOCATION and WATER RATE

The Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) announced an initial allocation of 60% for the 2024 Central Valley Project-Friant Division. At the March 12, 2024, Board meeting, the Board approved the initial surface water allocation to growers at .72 acre-feet per acre. The water rate was set at \$344 per acre-foot. If the BOR revises the allocation in a timely manner, the District will adjust the grower allocation and water rate accordingly.

2024 DELIVERY SEASON

Growers/Landowners can begin taking delivery of water April 1, 2024. It is anticipated that water deliveries will continue until mid-November of 2024.

AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

One component of the \$344 water rate is to address the District's aging conveyance infrastructure. The District's water delivery infrastructure is over 75 years old and deteriorating rapidly. Replacement of the infrastructure will require millions of dollars. There are two ways to raise the amount of money required for the conveyance system upgrade. Growers/Landowners can elect to increase the current assessments by a 218 Election process or put the cost of the upgrade on to the water rate, which the District has done over the two years. Due to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, the District has no options but to replace its infrastructure in order to assist its growers/landowners of becoming sustainable. Over the next few months, the District will be preparing the necessary cost analysis required by the 218 Election process and submit the findings to you, the grower/landowner, for approval.

2024 WATER ORDERS AND OFFICE OPERATIONS:

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

For the 2024 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, the **call-in time** 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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