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October 2026 Grower Bulletin

FRIANT SHUTDOWN & IMPORTANT 218 ELECTION NOTICE

Growers within the Ivanhoe Irrigation District are strongly encouraged to make full use of their surface water allocation this season due to the Friant-Kern Canal shutdown and possible flood conditions from a Super El Nino event. Please coordinate with the office and your fellow IID growers to utilize their allocation.

Proposition 218 Election (POSTPONED)

The 218 election has been postponed. Further details to be released at the November 10, 2026, Board of Directors meeting to be held at 34945 Road 192, Woodlake, CA 93286.

Friant-Kern Canal Outage (REMINDER)

Friant Water Authority is scheduled to shut down IID's FKC supply on **October 27th** (subject to change). This accelerated pace is due to forecasts of flood conditions this winter. To secure your water supply, IID encourages growers to **use their allocation before the shutdown**, otherwise your carryover may be lost to flood releases if not delivered for recharge. Friant Water Authority has scheduled the canal to open **February 1st**, however the authority implored that the canal may reopen prematurely due to potential flood conditions. Wutchumna deliveries will not be affected.

This Year at a Glance

2026 Allocation	1.08 ac-ft / acre (Increased 0.04 at July Board Meeting)
2026 Water Rate	$280.00/ac-ft
Carryover	5% of 2026 Allocation
Friant-Kern Canal Outage (UPDATE)	Down for maintenance October 27th – February 1st
218 Election (POSTPONED)	To be scheduled for a future date

Why It's Important to Use Your Water Now

- The Friant-Kern Canal will be shut down for maintenance from November through February, **limiting deliveries from Wutchumna diversions only**.
- Based on past and projected water deliveries, some landowners' water accounts are expected to exceed the permitted 5% carryover limit. Landowners with excess balances will need to coordinate with District staff to schedule recharge deliveries and reduce their remaining account balances.

- Carryover storage in Millerton Reservoir is not guaranteed – carryover storage is the first to be released during flood conditions.

Winter 2026-2027 Outlook

Current forecasts show a high likelihood of a strong El Nino/Super El Nino event occurring this winter. Historical Super El Nino events have caused flood conditions due to above average precipitation (Winters 82'-83' and 97'-98' were both Super El Nino events). **This is further emphasis to utilize your allocation to reduce any carryover that can be spilled this winter.**

How to Request Water Delivery

We're glad to help you make the most of your allocation before the canal outage begins. Contact the District office to schedule your delivery or check your remaining allocation and carryover balance. Our staff can help you plan deliveries around your irrigation schedule.

Tuesday – Saturday Deliveries	Must be received by 8:00am the day prior to delivery
Sunday – Monday Deliveries	Must be received by 12:00pm on the preceding Friday
Delivery Options	24 Hours/email: waterorders@ivanhoeid.org
Payment Options	Cash / Check / Credit Card (3% processing fee)

Contact Us

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