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MEMORANDUM

To: All CCID Consumers

From: Chris White, General Manager

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "CW", is written over the name "Chris White" in the "From:" line.

Date: June 25, 2013

Subject: **Remaining 2013 Water Supply - \*\*\*Very Important\*\*\***

As you know, the spring of 2013 was very dry. In fact, the January through April months were the driest of record in terms of rainfall. As a result of the dry conditions, our January through May water use has been significantly higher, supporting our cropping pattern in the District. We have used approximately 45,000 acre-feet more of our Exchange Contract water supply in those months as compared to 2012. **We have also already used all of the five-month water which was available at \$7.00 per acre-foot, including our normal supply of water for November and December.** In 2012 our irrigation season ended on November 5; this year's season has the potential to end much sooner.

**The Central California Irrigation District will target extending our surface water deliveries through the end of October, although this is not certain.**

**We are getting this information to you as soon as possible in order to help inform your decisions for crop planting/ irrigation for the rest of the 2013 season. At the same time, it's extremely important for consumers to continue to take all measures to conserve water on an irrigation by irrigation basis through such things as limiting spills, and employing night irrigators.**

The District will be taking the following actions in order to extend the water delivery season as long as possible.

1. We will be purchasing consumer well water at \$55.00 per acre-foot. If you have a well that is plumbed into our canal system you most likely have already been contacted about this issue.
2. If you have a well that is not plumbed into our canal system that can be used on specific in-District fields we will be encouraging the use of those wells by offering \$55.00 per acre-foot to run a well in lieu of using District surface water.
3. The seven-month tiered water rates will remain in place until the end of our delivery season.
4. We will be maximizing the use of District owned wells for the rest of the delivery season.

CCID has budgeted an additional \$1,100,000 for these actions.

If you have a well in either category and you haven't been contacted by the District, please call either Gerry Giesel or Chris White at our Main Office in Los Banos, at (209) 826-1421.