

Central California Irrigation District
IMPORTANT WATER SUPPLY INFORMATION
Preparing for a Critical 2015 Water Year

WHAT WE KNOW:

- 1) The United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) will not make an official allocation for CCID and the Exchange Contractors until late February 2015 at the earliest.
- 2) Presently, dry year forecasts performed by our consultants indicate that we will be under the Critical Year provisions of the Exchange Contract.
- 3) USBR and California Department of Water Resources (DWR) are working on a 2015 Drought Operations Plan that is scheduled to be submitted to the State Water Board on January 15, 2015. There will most likely be a State Board hearing later in the month on the plan.
- 4) We are working with USBR to help them prepare and submit a feasible plan to the State Board.
- 5) Our water supply allocation will not be certain until these processes are complete.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR CCID OPERATIONS:

- 1) The District will start irrigation deliveries no sooner than February 1, 2015.
- 2) Water delivered to consumers will be counted against their allocations.
 - a. The initial allocation under the Exchange Contract for February and March combined is as follows:

FEBRUARY AND MARCH COMBINED ALLOCATION

Tier 1 Allocation: 5.25"/acre, (Exchange Contract Surface Supply)
Tier 2 Allocation: 0.50"/acre, (CCID Well Water)
We won't know until February if and where unused Feb/Mar allocation can be moved.
 - b. Water delivered will also be counted against the annual allocation. The allocation for a full Critical Year supply under the Exchange Contract:

MAXIMUM ANNUAL CRITICAL YEAR ALLOCATION (Including February/March)*

Tier 1 Allocation: 30.00"/acre, (Exchange Contract Surface Supply)
Tier 2 Allocation: 6.00"/acre, (CCID Well Water)

* It's possible under extreme dry or regulatory conditions that less water will be available.

3) **CRITICAL YEAR RATES**

In December, the CCID Board of Directors adopted initial Critical Year Rates as follows:

Tier 1 Rate: \$17.00/acre-foot

Tier 2 Rate: \$40.00/acre-foot

As a reminder - in a critical year there is no District water available for Class 2 lands.

To reiterate, USBR is expected to make our initial water supply announcement in **late February 2015**. CCID and the Exchange Contractors will update you as soon as we receive the allocation and will notify you of any changes throughout the irrigation season immediately. **Each individual water user must weigh the information as we know it today, make their individual risk assessment and decide on when and how much to plant and irrigate.** We are working diligently on your behalf. Please understand that things can change quickly and that we will update you as often as necessary so that you can make informed decisions.