

EXCHANGE CONTRACTOR WATER SUPPLY ALERT

CURRENT STATUS

OUR 2014 WATER SUPPLY – March 21, 2014 update.

FACTS AS WE KNOW THEM TODAY

1. On March 18, 2014 the Executive Director of the California State Water Resources Control Board signed a revised Temporary Urgency Change (TUC) order that lifted the restriction which limited the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) from providing the Exchange Contractors an allocation of water from the Delta-Mendota Canal.
2. The Executive Director also indicated that he is anticipating that the State Water Project (SWP) and the Central Valley Project (CVP) would be finalizing an operations plan for the projects for the remainder of 2014 and 2015. The projects had indicated that the operations plan would include provisions to protect water quality in the Delta sufficient to ensure that at a minimum health and safety water could be delivered even if dry hydrology continues.
3. CCID, the Exchange Contractors, and all of the Settlement and Ag Service and M&I Contractors have been working with Reclamation to develop the operations plans.
4. The projects have indicated that initial allocations based on the March 1 snow surveys will be announced on April 1, 2014. Until then:
 - o Based on the modeling that we have helped to develop it looks like we will receive the equivalent of a 40% water supply in 2014, consisting of deliveries from the Delta-Mendota Canal and the San Joaquin River. We won't know this for sure until April 1.
 - o What is certain is that water delivery operations this year will provide flexibility to the Exchange Contractors which will also be passed on to our water users. We will have a monthly schedule of water deliveries. Water not used from our February, March, April schedule can be rolled into May. Water not used in May can be rolled into June, and then July and so on until the end of October. *Water cannot be pulled forward from a later month to an earlier month.*
5. CCID is still providing Tier 2 well water on the schedule previously published and that water can be rolled into later months in the same way.
6. CCID will now finalize the Supplemental Pools 1 and 2 and notify consumers on April 1st as to the quantities available.
7. To reiterate, Reclamation will make its water supply announcement on April 1, 2014. Reclamation and the Exchange Contractors will be updating water supply quantities monthly and will notify you of any changes 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 will notify you on April 1 as to the updated allocation and your monthly allocation depths.

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.

Please feel free to call the CCID Main Office at (209) 826-1421 with any questions you may have.