



POTTER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
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RE: Water Management and Conservation for 2021

Dear PVID Water Customer,

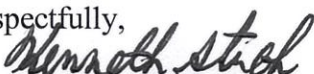
As you are probably aware we are in a very serious drought. The extremely low rainfall that we have received during the past winter and spring has put us below the previous drought of record rainfall of the 1976-1977 rainy season. Everyone south of Potter Valley is, or soon will be, under some form of mandatory water rationing. All agricultural users and municipalities are developing water conservation plans. Some areas will have severely restricted water deliveries and it is likely that Post 1914 Appropriative water rights will be curtailed by the State Water Resources Control Board. Redwood Valley County Water District has already stopped deliveries of water for their agricultural customers effective Monday April 19.

PVID is actively engaged in discussions with Pacific Gas and Electric Company and several resource agencies in an attempt to manage the drought we are facing. As a result of limited storage in Lake Pillsbury, PVID will only receive 9,000 acre feet (AF) in 2021. This will be approximately a 40% reduction in the amount we normally use and less than half of our contracted amount of 19,000 AF per year. Assuming strict adherence to our proposed schedule, customers will receive deliveries at their normal rate, however the rotation schedule will be extended from our usual 12 to 14 days, out to 21 or 23 days. The East Branch Russian River flows will be cut back from the current 25 cubic feet per second to only 5 CFS. We are optimistic that with the conservation efforts we are implementing, we will be able to sustain this limited water supply into October. PVID will track our weekly available water supply balance going forward from April 16, 2021. That amount remaining for us to use will be posted on our website at www.pottervalleywater.org. When the 9,000 AF is gone, we will no longer be able to deliver water.

The Board of Directors is reminding everyone to be conscious of the need for water conservation. The water tenders will continue to deliver water as scheduled on the newly extended rotation. Please communicate with them and stay in rotation with your neighbors on the same lateral. Moving water down a shared lateral for one customer would result in unacceptable water loss. As a reminder, Rule # 7 of the District Bylaws states in part that the District will endeavor to furnish sufficient water for irrigation without waste. A customer wasting water through carelessness, defective ditches, or land poorly prepared for irrigation will be refused the use of water until the conditions are remedied to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors.

Please contact your Director, or Superintendent Steve Elliott, with questions and for additional information.

Respectfully,


Kenneth Stroh, President

Board of Directors, Potter Valley Irrigation District