

## **Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District**

Effective Water Resource Management

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February 7, 2023

Re: 2023 Irrigation Season Water Application

## Dear Water Customer:

Enclosed for your use is the 2023 Water Application. This application, together with the appropriate acreage deposit, must be returned to the District office or postmarked no later than the close of business on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>March 15</u>, 2023. For your convenience, there is a downloadable version of the application available on the District's website at <u>www.ycfcwcd.org</u>. As always, District staff are available to answer any questions you might have regarding completing this application.

As of February 7, 2023, the District's total stored water supply is approximately 156,000 acre-feet (maximum supply is 450,000 acre-feet and full season supply is 245,000 ace-feet). Based on the current water supply and the average irrigated acreage over the last six years, the District will likely be imposing an allocation of approximately 1.0 acre-feet per acre this irrigation season. This allocation will be adjusted if we gain additional water supply before April 1, 2023, or as the situation changes throughout the season. Water storage amounts are updated regularly on our website (www.ycfcwcd.org) and provided daily during the week to the Daily Democrat for publication.

Additional items that District staff are working on as part of an allocated season include coordinated runs and water wheeling. Coordinated runs will define the duration of releases to limit canal seepage losses and water wheeling will provide flexibility to water customers to augment supplies during the allocated season. *The District will provide additional details on the anticipated length of a coordinated run and the policy for water wheeling closer to the start of the irrigation season.* 

As noted above, applications must be in the office or postmarked no later than Wednesday, March 15, 2023. Please note that an application is not considered filed until the acreage deposit of \$5.00 per acre is received. Acreage deposits are credited to a water customer's account and will constitute a guaranteed minimum purchase for the 2023 season. Applications that are not complete will be returned to the water customer with a request for the needed information. *Late applications are not accepted during a year that an allocation is imposed.* 

Historically, the District has based agricultural water rates on combined water storage in Clear Lake and Indian Valley Reservoir on April 1. The District Board of Directors will be discussing an updated water rate schedule at the March 7, 2023 Board meeting. As we approach the irrigation season, the District will provide an update on reservoir levels and anticipated water rates.

If you have questions or need assistance in completing and filing your application, please contact Christina or Bonnie at the District office, or come into the office with your application.

Sincerely,

Kristin Sicke General Manager

**Enclosures** 

2023 Water Application Return Envelope

cc: YCFC&WCD Directors