



# ARVIN-EDISON WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

December 29, 2021

**Subject: 2021 Water Supply Update**

Dear Landowner/Water User:

Due to recent storms the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) has increased their Friant declaration for the 2021 Water Year, which ends February 28, 2022, to 40% Class 1, which equates to 16,000 acre-feet (AF) of supply for Arvin-Edison. This additional supply must be used in a short time frame; therefore, District will commence operation of its water banking facilities, and will be initiating In-Lieu and Temporary Water Service Contract deliveries through possibly the end of February (or beyond if continuing storm forecast become a reality).

Subsequently, staff will be contacting lands under a Temporary Water Service Contract to complete the necessary paperwork in order to receive water. It shall be noted that the relaxation of the 24-hour delivery rule will continue for those water users in good standing to provide maximum flexibility.

Given that the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation has begun, **the Board of Directors encourages all District water users to stop using groundwater and exclusively use District surface water especially during these windows of plentiful**

**water supplies.** For the District to be successful with its SGMA plan, it is imperative that we import as much water as possible and Water Users prioritize surface water over groundwater. In addition, when developing land and installing new irrigation systems, please consider a dual/split system whereby a flood/furrow type irrigation can be included to take advantage of these plentiful water situations, which can also provide beneficial and efficient leaching practices.

As a reminder, temporary water is unreliable and can be interrupted or discontinued at any time. All lands in the District are eligible for temporary water and to qualify a landowner must; 1) demonstrate they have an active well that serves the property; and 2) be close to the District's distribution facilities such as a pipeline or canal.

For landowners who are interested in exploring a Temporary Water Service Contract, please contact our office.

Thank you,

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President

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Engineer-Manager

cc: Board of Directors  
Scott Kuney, Esq.  
All District Employees

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