

# 2021 TID Water Supply and Operations Policy

## Water Supply (TID Allocation)

### **Private Ground: 0.5 AF/AC over total individual whole farm acreage**

The water supply available at this time for private ground consists of an anticipated volume of well water to be produced by the ten TID Wells and includes a surcharge for use. Information and details of the eligible acres, available water supply, and charges are explained in the 2021 TID Well Irrigated Acres Program

### **Public Land (Lease Lands): 0.4 AF/AC over total individual lease lands acreage**

The water supply available at this time for public land consists of an anticipated volume of water in the Tule Lake Sumps.

## Water Measurement and Accounting

Measurement of deliveries will be done per TID's Water Measurement and Pricing Policy. Accounting of usage will occur in near real-time as ditch riders turn in water orders that will be put into TID's delivery tracking spreadsheet. Status of usage by individual irrigator's may be requested at any time by contacting the District Office, and will be provided in a timely fashion.

## Irrigation Diversions and Water Orders

Unless offset by a District approved alternative source, all irrigation diversions via turnout or pump suction from any **canal, lateral, or drain as well as Tule Lake Sumps 1-A & 1-B, and Lost River** will count toward usage of each irrigators' appropriate total available water supply as determined by the District. **All irrigations from any of the supply sources identified above must be ordered/noticed through the District Water Office and must receive District authorization prior to start. In addition, it is vital that irrigators provide the District with advanced notice of finishing irrigations to ensure efficient use of the limited water supply.**

## Private Wells

Irrigation supplied by private well pumping either direct on-field or by way of conveyance utilizing District facilities will not count against irrigators' total available water supply to be delivered by the District, provided that measurement and quantification of well water produced can be verified and made available to the District. Any discrepancies between the District's recorded usage and the verifiable private well production quantity will count against irrigators' total available District water supply. **In order to help ensure proper and accurate record of District water accounting, irrigators utilizing private wells for irrigation, even direct on-field, must still inform the District of their irrigation activity prior to the start of each irrigation.** In any case that District facilities are to be utilized to convey private well water the well owner/irrigator must receive prior authorization from the District.

## Transfers

Transfers will be dealt with on a case by case basis and must receive authorization from the District in order to track the water accounting properly.

### **Allowable Transfers:**

1. Individual irrigator TID Allocations, or portions of, to any eligible farm unit(s) (Including between different irrigators)
2. Private well water only if there is a direct line of flow from the well to the desired transfer location or through certifiable demand exchange

### **Prohibited Transfers:**

1. No transfers outside of TID's service area
2. No transfers of TID Well Allocation to Lease Lands
3. No transfers of Lease Lands Sump(s) Allocation to Private Ground

The policies in this document are contingent on water supply projections and overall Project operations plans that may change. Therefore TID reserves the right to amend, add to or remove any portion of any policy at any time upon Board approval.