



## 2022 NOTICE TO IRRIGATORS/LANDOWNERS

At its March 3, 2022 meeting, the Board of Directors for the Merced Irrigation District made available its surface water allocation for in-District deliveries this year. Class I growers will receive a surface water allocation of 1.1 acre-feet per acre, and Class II growers will receive a surface water allocation of 0.55 acre-feet per acre. Surface water is priced at \$100.00 per acre-foot. The Board also authorized the Supplemental Water Supply Pool Program this year, making available an additional 25,000 acre-feet, priced at \$161 per acre-foot. This supplemental supply is made available on a voluntary, subscription basis.

MID is currently accepting water orders and has begun filling the conveyance system for deliveries in early March. For further information regarding fulfillment of a pending water order, please contact your Distribution System Operator (see "Irrigation Operations (DSO) Telephone Numbers" enclosed).

Enclosed is important information regarding 2022 water deliveries, including:

1. A hard copy of the recently updated MID Rules and Regulations Governing Distribution of Water.
2. The 2022 Water Management Implementation Plan (2022 WMIP), which supplements the MID Rules and Regulations Governing Distribution of Water.
3. The Supplemental Water Supply Pool Program (SWSPP) description and Request Form. Note, the ***deadline to submit the request form for this supplemental supply is March 31, 2022.***

Please take the necessary time to review all of the inserts carefully. If you have any questions, please contact MID Customer Service at (209) 722-2720.

**PLEASE SEE BACK OF THIS PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Water Payments** – Water will be charged as used with payment due upon receipt of the District’s monthly statement. Prior year account balances must be paid in order to receive water deliveries.

**Landowner/Tenant Agreements** – Landowner/Tenant Agreements on file from the prior year will be honored unless notice of revocation is received by the District from the owner or tenant.

**Water Orders and Deliveries** – Water orders and deliveries shall be initiated according to MID’s Rules and Regulations Governing Distribution of Water, except where provisions in the attached WMIP plan may differ.

**Tail water may not be discharged into any MID water conveyance facility.**

<b>MID WATER CUSTOMER SERVICE: (209) 722-2720</b>
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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR LANDOWNER

### 1. **STANDBY FEES:**

- a. **PURPOSE OF STANDBY FEES:** Standby fee revenues are used to support the District’s budgets. Payment of standby fees is not payment for delivery of irrigation water. Standby fees must be paid on all lands in the District, including acreage that is not irrigated and on acreage which will be irrigated from privately owned wells.
- b. **IRRIGATION DISTRICT STANDBY FEES:** The District’s standby fee is computed by multiplying the number of acres of your property, as described by the Merced County Assessor’s office, by the per-acre standby fee. The standby fee is currently set at \$24 per acre.
- c. **PAYMENT OF 2022 IRRIGATION DISTRICT STANDBY FEES:** Standby fees will be billed in April, but may be paid in installments. The first installment is considered delinquent if not paid by May 15, 2022. The second installment will become delinquent if not paid by June 30, 2022.  
Payments can be made by mail to Merced Irrigation District at 744 West 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, CA 95340; in person at the Administration Office located at 744 W. 20<sup>th</sup> Street; by logging into your water account at [www.mercedid.org](http://www.mercedid.org); or by phone at (209) 722-2720. To pay by mail, please return the bottom portion of the statement with your payment in the return envelope. Please make checks and money orders payable to Merced Irrigation District and write your customer and statement number on your check (the numbers appear above the customer name). **THIS WILL BE THE ONLY BILL FOR STANDBY FEES THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE. STANDBY FEES WILL NO LONGER APPEAR ON YOUR WATER BILLS TO AVOID DUE DATE CONFUSION.** A 1% penalty will apply to amounts unpaid or received after the due date, and monthly thereafter. A \$25.00 fee per parcel will apply if the fees are sent for collection. Any delinquency may cause denial of delivery of irrigation water (See item 3).

2. **RESPONSIBILITY OF LANDOWNER:** The landowner is responsible for the payment of standby fees and water usage charges. Any private agreements between tenants or sub-tenants for use of the land do not relieve the landowner of the responsibility of paying standby fees or water usage fees on his or her land(s) when they become due and payable.
3. **DENIAL OF WATER SERVICE DUE TO DELINQUENCIES:** If an account is delinquent or overdue, no delivery of irrigation water will be made until arrangements for payment of the delinquent amount have been made. Past due standby fee installments must be paid prior to any delivery of water to avoid denial of water service. INTEREST AND PENALTIES WILL BE ADDED TO DELINQUENT STANDBY FEE AMOUNTS. THE AMOUNT OF UNPAID WATER AND STANDBY FEES SHALL CONSTITUTE A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY AND MAY BE PLACED FOR COLLECTION WITH THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR.
4. **BILLING DISPUTE:** Any dispute regarding a billed irrigation must be filed with the District within 15 days of receipt of the billing. Your prompt notification will ensure timely, accurate dispute resolution. Payment will be deferred until dispute resolution for the disputed event only. The remaining statement balance is due according to standard terms.
5. **IDENTIFICATION OF PROPERTY:** The primary identification of property is the Assessor's Parcel Number (APN). Examine your bill carefully before paying. Be certain it references your property and confirm that the water account is associated with the parcels receiving the water. If you have other property for which you have not received a bill, please contact the Merced Irrigation District office. If you have sold the property, please return the bill to the District's office with the new owner's name, address, and the date of sale.
6. **AUTHORIZATION:** Standby fees and water usage charges are established in accordance with applicable sections of California law, including but not necessarily limited to Water Code §22280.