



MID awarded \$1 million grant for new water regulating basin

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Merced Irrigation District has received a \$1 million grant to help offset costs for a new regulating water basin in Eastern Merced County. The grant is through the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Water SMART and Energy Efficiency program.

The basin will span about 40 acres located five miles south of the City of Atwater on acreage adjacent to Bear Creek.

In total, the basin is expected to help conserve approximately 5,300 acre feet of stored water each year. MID operates several other similar water-regulating basins as part of its water delivery system in eastern Merced County.

“This is going to be a tremendous benefit to our growers and to the community,” said Bryan Kelly, Deputy General Manager of Water Resources. “It will improve service to our growers and help to conserve water in Lake McClure.”

Construction on the project is expected to begin after the grant funding has been awarded and is projected to be completed by August 2021.

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