



### **MID Updates Lake McClure Operations for Growers**

Due to several factors, MID is able to extend the date by which it recommends growers use their water allocations to [Oct. 1, 2014](#). The prior projection was Sept. 15, 2014. Additionally, the District is making late season drought adjustments to the 2014 Water Management Implementation Plan, with the goal of providing additional water supply re-allocation flexibility to assist growers in need of end-of-season water supplies.

MID continues to monitor water storage in Lake McClure and downstream water demands, including grower irrigation water demand and MID's other downstream and through system water commitments. In the past couple of weeks, actual grower irrigation demand has diminished slightly from estimated demands, likely due to crop harvests and effective on-farm water management. Based on current storage and estimated demands, it now appears that Lake McClure will not reach the minimum pool of 85,000 AF until at least the end of September, absent a significant increase in irrigation water demand that is not predicted at this time.

As such, MID urges growers use their water allocations by [Oct. 1, 2014](#). MID's irrigation season will continue until Lake McClure water storage reaches 85,000 AF. MID will continue to update growers on the situation at the end of each week. Please visit [www.mercedid.org](http://www.mercedid.org) weekly for updated information.

Growers - For an update on the 2014 Water Supply Implementation Plan, including temporary policy variances and allowances on grower to grower water supply re-allocations, please go the MID website at [www.mercedid.org](http://www.mercedid.org).

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