



ARVIN-EDISON WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

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Subject: 2021 Water Supply Update – **POTENTIAL PRORATE POSTPONED**

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Dear Landowner/Water User:

While recent hydrology still hasn't produced much in terms of precipitation/snowfall for the entire State, there are a number of developments regarding the District's 2021 WY supplies as follows:

- Bureau of Reclamation has made its initial declaration (20% Class 1)
- Carryover amounts in Millerton Lake/San Luis Reservoir
- Clarity from water management programs

Subsequently, the District Board of Directors have opted to postpone a prorate decision at this time.

However, based on current conditions and possible consideration for 2021 operations, there remains a possibility that the District may have to institute **a 5-month Prorate Period (from May 1 through September 30) with a range of available supplies between 1.6 acre-feet per acre to 1.8 acre-feet per acre**. The historic 10-year average for this period is 1.8 acre-feet per acre, which amounts to nearly 10% and 0% reduction, respectively. The

District Board of Directors will continue the discussion at its April 13, 2021 meeting with additional notifications by April 16, 2021.

If the Board elects to institute a prorate, similar to the 2014 through 2016 Water Year Prorate Periods, components of previous Drought Allocation Programs are *expected* to be available to supplement your deliveries (for example; utilizing farming units, turnback/reallocation pools, and/or canal and pipeline pump-ins).

As you may recall, the Prorate Period is for the peak irrigation period of May through September when surface supplies are necessary to supplement District supplied groundwater to provide requested deliveries. For the months of March, April, and October through February 2022 (off-peak months), the irrigation demand can typically be met with the District's instantaneous well production from water bank facilities; and therefore, no prorate is anticipated during the off-peak months at this time.

You will be updated next month, as more information is forthcoming.

Thank you,

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