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Water Deliveries Extended to August 15

Strong Supplies Despite a Drier Than Average Year

The Fresno Irrigation District (FID) Board of Directors made the decision at a special meeting held July 16 to extend water deliveries to all agricultural customers through August 15. FID began water deliveries on March 16, initially projecting a 4 1/2-month water delivery season continuing through the end of July. FID will now be able to provide a five-month water season primarily due to Kings River runoff being favorable to FID's water entitlements, as well as additional USBR Friant Class 2 supplies made available to FID over the past several months. The last day of regular water deliveries for the 2026 water delivery season is currently planned to be August 15.

"Water supply conditions have developed more favorably than anticipated this year," said Bill Stretch, FID's General Manager. "While hydrologic conditions are approximately 75% of average for the water year, FID ultimately received stronger Kings River water entitlements than were projected earlier in the season. In addition, the District was able to acquire USBR Friant Class 2 Unreleased Restoration Flows—supplies that were not expected to become available in a year like this. These additional water supplies, along with long-term investments in additional infrastructure, strengthened our overall portfolio and helped provide reliable water deliveries to our growers throughout the irrigation season."

FID will continue to convey water to the cities of Fresno and Clovis throughout the water year to their three surface water treatment plants, which keeps wells turned off and benefits local groundwater tables.

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Since 1920, the Fresno Irrigation District has proudly delivered water to agricultural and urban communities within Fresno County. Today, the District encompasses over 250,000 acres of prime farmland and municipal areas, including the cities of Fresno and Clovis. As the premier irrigation district in the Central Valley, the District is extensively involved in a host of local, state, and federal water issues.