

ORLAND-ARTOIS WATER DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

January 28, 2021

District Charges

Enclosed with this newsletter are the invoices for the annual District Charges. The information is as follows:

DISTRICT CHARGE	Description	\$/Acre	1st Installment Due Date	2nd Installment Due Date	Penalty/ Interest
OPERATIONS CHARGE	Pays Operations and maintenance of the District and Facilities	\$40.74 Total	April 1 st or Before Water Is Used; whichever comes first (\$20.37/acre)	Aug. 1 st (\$20.37/acre)	10% /1.5% Monthly Interest
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ASSESSMENT	Repayment of the loan for Distribution System	\$21.75 Total	June 1 st (\$10.88/acre)	Oct. 1 st (\$10.88/acre)	5%/ .075% Monthly Interest
CVP CONSTRUCTION CHARGE	Repayment of the loan for CVP Construction (previously in water rate)	\$23.00 Total	June 1 st (\$11.50/acre)	Oct. 1 st (\$11.50/acre)	10%/ 1.5% Monthly Interest

These three District Charges are due whether District water is used or not and water will not be delivered to land with delinquent accounts.

WATER RATE REDUCED FOR FEBRUARY 2021

The TC Canal was drained for planned maintenance for most of January. The canal is being refilled and should be operational by February 1st. The Board of Directors have reduced the cost of base water for the month of February 2021 to \$50.00 per acre-foot. Please order water 24 hours prior to use. For those who have not used District water because of RRA restrictions, please contact the District office before using water.

2021 WATER OUTLOOK

We have not yet received an announcement from Reclamation for the 2021 Water Allocation but due to a dry winter and poor carryover in the reservoirs our water supply does not look promising. In the worst case, a zero allocation and a Shasta Critical Year, the District will have its multi-year transfer water available, water from the District wells, and transfers from river contractors. The District will work with landowners who are able to use Warren Act water; the Warren Act Contract is in place. The new water year starts March 01, 2021. Until then we have an abundance of allocated water available for irrigation and frost protection.

After March 1st, water availability will depend on an allocation from Reclamation. At this time we may be looking at a zero to a very low allocation. The cost of water for 2021 has not yet been calculated, but it could be expensive. To help the District plan for 2021, we are asking water users to let us know how much water you will need to purchase from the District in a critical year with the cost of water at \$250 or more per acre-foot. Please send the amount of water you will need to purchase to the District office or you may email the General Manager by February 10th. This information is important and will enable the District to know how much water to look for. You will not be committing to any water at this time, but please be as accurate as you can so that we can be well prepared to fill your needs. Thank you in advance for your help.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at the District office.

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