

ORLAND-ARTOIS WATER DISTRICT

March 06, 2023

2023 HIGH FLOW WATER RATES AND AVAILIBLTY

At this time, Section 215 water is available at a rate of **\$12.17** per acre-foot. This is high flow water and is temporary. To use Section 215 water, call the office and verify it is available and submit a water order. Any water used will be invoiced at the Section 215 rate as long as it is available. The district can use up to 10,000 acre-feet of Section 215 water. If Section 215 water runs out and there are still high flows in the river 3F water will be available at **\$56.12** per acre-foot. Both Section 215 and 3F water are unallocated and do not count against any allocation.

2023 ESTAMATED WATER RATE & APPLICATION PERIOD EXTENSION

The Bureau of Reclamation has announced a 35% allocation for the 2023 water year. The announcement is not firm and we will not be sure for a few weeks. Reclamation also announced a 100% non-Shasta Critical year for river contractors, but again, this is not firm. The district will be monitoring the situation closely and will try to keep you informed.

A non-critical year is important because it makes quite a bit of water available for transfer from river contractors. OAWD has two transfers ready to execute and we are looking at more. With the new water year starting on March 1st, the district will make water available for its water users. With the current allocation and transfers, the district has enough water for 1.0 acre-feet per acre. The estimated rate for Base Water is currently **\$80.00** per acre-foot. The water rates are strictly a "pass through" cost of what the district is paying for the water. The 2023 M&I Water Rate is estimated at **\$85.36** per acre-foot. The actual rate will be set by the Board of Directors.

If you would like to purchase 2023 water, fill out and sign a 2023 water application. At this time, you may purchase 1 acre-foot per assessed acre at \$80 per acre-foot. The water will be available as of March 1st. Please check with the office before you write a check to see if you have a credit on your water account. The amount of water and the rate will be adjusted if the allocation increases or decreases. The 1st installment of the Operations Charge is due April 1st or before allocated water is used.

Once you purchase the water it is yours and there will be no refunds. If the water becomes unavailable, you will receive a credit on your water account for the undelivered portion.

As the 2023 water year proceeds, we will do our best to keep you informed on the availability of water for irrigation. Feel free to contact the office if you have questions.

With consideration of the wet spring, the Directors have extended the **Water Application due date to April 30th** or before allocated water is used.

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