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**GENERAL MANAGER**

Justin Dahl

Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Dear Landowners & Water Users,

This letter is to inform you of the current change in the district's water payment structure. In past years the district has asked for water payments to be made in two 50% installments on predicted use per year. For critical years this payment structure works excellent but for non-critical years the district collects more funds than necessary due to users overestimating their water needs for the year. Moving forward in non-critical years the district will require the first water payment to be 50% of predicted yearly use. After those funds run out, staff will bill water users by your monthly water usage. **In the 2024 water year the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment for water will not be required, but will be billed off your monthly usage.**

The initial payment of 50% will allow the district to have the proper funds to pay necessary invoices to the Bureau of Reclamation and TCCA for our contract water use. The new structure will allow the district to keep very large credits off the books. District Board and staff would like to thank the landowners and water users for all their support and suggestions to make this process run in the most efficient way possible.

Staff wanted to update everyone on the current projects the district is working on. The board of directors on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 approved a quote from Lely's Pump to convert four of our pumping facilities from out dated equipment to soft start capabilities. This update will allow the district to remove outdated equipment that was failing and replace it with new and improved technology.

The board of directors on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 approved staff to move forward with a new water measurement program called H2oTech. The district currently uses a program called H2opro which is starting to fail due to lack of support for the system. The new system will allow the district to manage our turnout data, along with having a complete water accounting system. H2oTech also will allow landowners and water users to access their own portals to track water use and eventually water use payments. This new system will hopefully be operational by water year 2025, and District staff will facilitate training sessions for landowner portal operations and log-in trouble shooting when necessary.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the office at (530)865-4304.

Best Regards,



Justin Dahl  
General Manager