

# ORLAND-ARTOIS WATER DISTRICT

**March 19, 2021**

## **2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Allocation**

*The water outlook for 2021 continues to be dismal. The dry weather and low reservoir levels are not a good mix for a water allocation. Reclamation announced a 5% allocation and the Shasta Critical Water Year continues. The District has secured a small amount of water from transfers which it has added to the 2021 allocation. With the 5% allocation from Reclamation and two small transfers added to the previous allocation of .34 acre-feet per acre, there is a total of .60 acre-feet per acre available to the landowners who have already applied for 2021 water.*

*The additional .26 acre-feet per acre will be priced at \$190 per acre-foot. If you want to purchase this water send payment for this water to the District office by April 10<sup>th</sup> by 4:00 PM. The payment amount will be .26 X your applied acreage X \$190.00. **There will be no credits issued for unused water in the 2021 water year.** To be eligible for the 2<sup>nd</sup> allocation, you must have applied and paid for the 1<sup>st</sup> allocation.*

*Please be aware the water transferred from Settlement Contracts is available only during their contract period, April thru October, and can be further constrained due to the Shasta Critical Year. The District will be managing the different types of water in a way to provide water to its growers as smoothly as possible. But, after October 31<sup>st</sup>, water deliveries could be restricted.*

## **2021 Landowner Purchase Agreement for Transferred Water**

*The District is pursuing forbearance and project water transfers from river contractors. These types of transfers can be expensive, but valuable. To allow the District to execute agreements in a timely manner, water users will need to commit to the purchase of transferred water in advance. The included agreement, once signed, will allow the District to purchase water for the water user. Payment will be required at the time the water is purchased. The District will work to get the best rates for transferred water, but we cannot predict these rates and must have commitments to proceed. The maximum a water rate could be is \$640.00 per acre-foot. The District will not purchase any water that has not been committed to.*

*If you decide you need this water, please sign the agreement and enter the amount of water you will commit to. When water is purchased, you will be notified of the cost and amount of water you will receive, and the total amount due.*

*Please return the signed agreement to the District office by March 24<sup>th</sup> by 4:00 PM.*

*If you have a maximum per acre-foot rate you feel you cannot exceed, contact the District Office and we can discuss this. Later in the season, water may become available for transfer, but there is no way to predict availability or costs. The District will pursue transfers until all requests are filled as long as water is available. If you have a problem during the season and need more water, contact the District; we will do all we can to assist you.*

*This newsletter along with water rates, applications, and water order forms are available on the District's website, [oawd.org](http://oawd.org). If you have any questions, please give me a call at the District office.*

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