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Notice to all Water Users
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2023 Water Supply Update

2023 is proving to be a significant water year for Semitropic and will provide the opportunity to replenish our groundwater supplies and improve groundwater conditions across the District. Therefore, it is imperative that all water users maximize the use of the District's surface water supplies and refrain from using wells to maximize recharge of our aquifer. We have asked our Systems Operators to notify the District office if you are observed running a well so that we may contact you to see if we can help.

Contract Water:

On March 24th the State of California increased the State Water Project Allocation to 75%, accordingly your allocation for Contract Water is currently 75%. The District will promptly notify you in the event the allocation changes.

Non-Contract Water:

Non-Contract Water is being made available District wide to all water users on an un-allocated basis. At the March 8th Meeting of the Board of the Directors, the District's Board lowered the price for Non-Contract Water to \$100 per acre-foot to maximize deliveries and the ability of the District to capture as much water as possible for recharge. The District is currently taking maximum delivery of Article 21 water from the State Water Project as well as Kern River Water for the benefit of the District. The District has also received requests for maximum recharge from our banking partners. We expect to have Non-Contract Water available throughout 2023.

It is very important to note that all water users are to refrain from using their wells especially those that have an Intermittent Water Service Agreement. This agreement provides for a significant surcharge for anyone that elects to run wells in lieu of accepting the District's Non-Contract Water. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



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Water Order Surcharge

The District's conveyance and delivery facilities were designed to accommodate consistent flow rates for each 24 hour period. At this time the District is experiencing a swing of more than 200 CFS for "Day Runs" vs "Night Runs" which is creating significant operational challenges for the District. On April 12th the District's Board of Director's authorized the imposition of a \$25/AF surcharge for any water order which is less than 24 hours in duration. The Water Order Surcharge will go into effect on April 24, 2023. The new Water Order Surcharge will apply to both Contract, Well Share, and Non-Contract Water Orders. Also, in the event that your water order is reduced to less than 24-hours due to a request for an "emergency off" then the Water Order Surcharge may be applied.

Please keep in touch with Becky Ortiz or Joe Acevedo at the District office if you have any questions regarding supply, delivery restrictions or any other water problems you may have.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

/s/ Jason Gianquinto
General Manager