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Dear PVID Water Customer

RE: PVID WATER OPERATIONAL GUIDE LINES

PVID would like to explain the current and future water situation as it relates to water available for delivery to you the customer for the remainder of 2014. We are dependent upon cumulative inflows into Lake Pillsbury and benchmarks in acre feet that must be met by specific dates. Water releases from Lake Pillsbury are currently being made under a Critically Dry Year classification. That is 5 cfs for the East Branch Russian River (EBRR) plus 5 cfs for PVID. On April 1st the water year classification changes to Dry and EBRR releases will be increased to 35 cfs but, will be decreased to 25 cfs on April 15th and remain there through October.

PVID's 5 cfs Contract water increases to a maximum of 50 cfs from March 16th through April 15th, but only by specific amounts needed, and requested, following a forecasted fruit frost event. On April 16th PVID's full 50 cfs will be available as needed in the EBRR until October 15th when it will again revert to the specific amounts needed, and requested, for post harvest irrigation until October 31st. PVID will then revert back to the 5 cfs maximum.

For release of water to the EBRR to be classified as a Dry Year it is dependent upon 40,000 acre feet of cumulative inflow to Lake Pillsbury by March 1st, 45,000 acre feet by April 1st, 50,000 by May 1st, and 55,000 by June 1st. As of March 20, the total inflow is 60,217 acre feet. Therefore we have met the Dry Year classification requirement for 2014.

PVID has only one benchmark to meet in order to receive our delivery of 50 cfs, and that is 25,000 acre feet of cumulative inflow to Lake Pillsbury by April 1st. If not, we would face a 50% reduction to 25 cfs. If this should ever happen, which it never has in the history of the District, we would not only have half of our contract water, there would not be any water available from the EBRR.

As of April 1, 2014 our water season will operate under the same flow availability as 2013. Knowing this, however, it is still important that we do everything possible to conserve water.

- * **Operations must strictly follow our By-Laws. If you don't have a copy please call the District office, we will send you one.**
- * **If you lease your property to someone else, ensure they irrigate it properly, and that the Standby and water bill payments are current.**
- * **Waste of water will not be tolerated. Tail water must be held to an absolute minimum.**
- * **Please be patient. The water tenders will do everything possible to minimize the length of the rotational time frame between your irrigations.**
- * **PVID is not able to deliver frost water to all users at the same time. It is essential that you use as little water as possible during each frost event. Now might be a good time to consider developing a method for capturing some of your runoff and reusing it.**

Sincerely,

**Board of Directors
Potter Valley Irrigation District**

Kenneth Stroh, President

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Handwritten signatures of the Board of Directors members, each written over a horizontal line. From top to bottom: Kenneth Stroh, Janet KF Pauli, Guinness McFadden, Jim McMenomey, and Mac Magruder.