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To All District Water Users:

Lake Isabella has received 7.73 inches of precipitation since October 1, 2023. The latest California Department of Water Resources (DWR) water supply forecast model predicts 440,000 acre-feet during the April through July runoff season, which is 97% of the long-term historical average for the Kern River. DWR's B-120 model (which uses data from 1999 through 2020) reflects a 103% of average April through July runoff forecast. The current DWR allocation of State Water Project water is 30%.

Utilizing this information, the District does not expect prorations for Utility ground this summer (June – August), though waiting lists may be necessary from time to time. State Water Project (SWP) water will be prorated for Eastside Utility, Buena Vista Utility, and State ground both east and west of the 99. It is anticipated that all District systems will be operating through the summer months and possibly into early September. Estimated amounts for SWP prorations in acre-feet per acre are as follows:

Service Area	State Proration
Eastside Utility	0.27 acre-feet / acre
Buena Vista Utility	0.08 acre-feet / acre
State West of 99	0.27 acre-feet / acre
State East of 99	1.48 acre-feet / acre

These quantities are estimates only and are subject to revision. As the season continues, adjustments will be made as needed due to changes in the estimated runoff.

District Staff will do our very best to keep you informed of any changes in water supplies. Growers are encouraged to sign up for our weekly newsletter for the latest information. Please visit www.kerndelta.org and follow the link at the bottom of the page to sign up for the newsletter. We ask for your continued cooperation and patience during this process. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Operations Department at (661) 834-4653.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Teglia
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Kern Delta Water District