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To All District Water Users:

RE: 2026 District Water Proration Letter

Lake Isabella has received 10.94 inches of precipitation since October 1, 2025. The latest California Department of Water Resources (DWR) water supply forecast model is predicting 290,000 acre-feet during the April through July runoff season, which is 63% of the long-term historical average for the Kern River. According to DWR's 30-year model period (which uses the years from 1996 through 2025) this would reflect 66% of average. The DWR allocation of State Water Project water increased on Friday, May 15th to 45%.

The District does not expect prorations for Kern Island and Eastside Utility ground this summer, though waiting lists may be necessary from time to time. Utility and State Water Project (SWP) water will be prorated starting on June 1 for the Buena Vista, Stine, and Farmers Utility ground, and State ground both east and west of the 99. Stine Utility is expected to be available through June to near the end of July. All other District systems will be operating through July and into mid-August. Estimated amounts for Utility and SWP prorations in acre-feet per acre are as follows:

	<u>Utility</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Total</u>
Buena Vista	0.98	0.20	1.18
Stine	1.03	0.15	1.18
Farmers	1.41	0.00	1.41
State West of 99	0.00	1.18	1.18
State East of 99	0.00	0.36	0.36

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 run-off.

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 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steven L. Teglia".

Steven L. Teglia
General Manager
Kern Delta Water District