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Early Irrigation Approved by TID Board

TURLOCK – Persistent dry weather conditions combined with the absence of appreciable rainfall in local forecasts prompted the TID Board of Directors to authorize an early irrigation beginning on January 19 to satisfy growers' needs. The early irrigation period is expected to last approximately 10 days and is dependent on weather conditions.

The Board approved a staff recommendation to charge growers \$15 per acre-foot. The early irrigation would be separate from the regular 2012 irrigation season that traditionally begins in mid-March. Water delivered during the early period will not be counted against the allotment set for the 2012 season, which has not yet been determined. The last time TID implemented an early irrigation was in 2007.

Growers will be able to begin placing water orders on January 18 by calling the TID Irrigation Call Center at 883-8456. Outstanding water charges and assessment balances must be paid in order to receive irrigation water.

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About the Turlock Irrigation District (TID)

The Turlock Irrigation District, located in Turlock CA, is the first publicly owned Irrigation District and is one of only four today that provides irrigation water and power to residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural customers within its service area. TID has been in the retail electric business since 1923. TID provides safe, low-cost, reliable energy to a growing customer base that today exceeds 98,000 home, farm, business, industrial and municipal accounts. TID also serves 5,800 irrigation customers covering approximately 150,000 acres of farmland. For more information about TID visit www.tid.com.