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Irrigation season set to end October 10

TURLOCK – Low precipitation totals coupled with the need for carry over water storage in the years to come will mean that Oct. 10, 2012 will indeed mark the end of the current irrigation season for TID customers.

As such, Turlock Irrigation District encourages growers and other irrigators to make necessary plans to their operations that do not include an extension of this irrigation season.

Earlier this year, the TID Board of Directors authorized the irrigation season to run from March 8 through Oct. 10, pending weather and crop conditions.

With Tuolumne River Watershed precipitation levels near 63 percent of average this year, and with Don Pedro Reservoir at a lower than expected storage amount, it has become increasingly prudent to hold water in the reservoir in preparation for next year's irrigation season. This year will end as one of the 15 driest years in 115 years of TID recordkeeping.

Growers are reminded to contact the Irrigation Call Center at 883-8456 to place irrigation orders. The last day to place irrigation orders will be Sunday, Oct. 7.

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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 and follow [@TurlockID](https://twitter.com/TurlockID) on Twitter.