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# **TID Board increases 2012 allotment, water available**

TURLOCK – Thanks to better than average rain and snowfall in March and encouraging April numbers, the Turlock Irrigation District Board of Directors increased the allotment and total water available for the 2012 Irrigation Season on Tuesday.

This year's irrigation allotment was raised to 30 inches, and the Board also decided to make an additional 10 inches of water available for purchase above the allotment, for a capped amount of 40 inches. Back in March, when conditions were dry, the Board set the 2012 allotment at 24 inches with six inches available above the allotment, for a 30-inch cap of delivered water.

In February, the Board set the irrigation season to run March 8 through Oct. 10, pending weather and crop conditions.

The increase in available water comes on the heels of a wet March and promising April. March's 5.99 inches of precipitation marked the first time since September that a month's precipitation bettered the California Department of Water Resources 50-year average.

As of April 15, the total precipitation to the watershed stood at 21.17 inches, or 64.8 percent of average for that date.

In addition to the water stored in Don Pedro Reservoir used for irrigation, TID is expecting to pump about 120,000 AF of groundwater this year, about twice the amount of normal years.

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