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Irrigation season set to begin March 18

TURLOCK – Today, the Turlock Irrigation District’s Board of Directors approved a resolution to begin the 2010 irrigation season on Thursday, March 18 and for it to conclude on Wednesday, October 20.

Due to the unsettled weather patterns often experienced at the start and end of the irrigation season, the resolution authorized staff to adjust the season, as necessary, based on weather conditions and irrigation needs. The Board would be apprised of any such adjustments during its weekly meetings.

While current precipitation trends in the Tuolumne River watershed appear promising, the Board has deferred establishing the annual water allotment until the results of the March snow survey by the California Department of Water Resources is known.

Growers may begin placing water orders starting 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 17, by calling the TID Call Center at (209) 883-8456.

The 2010 water allotment charge is \$26.00 per acre. When available, water above the allotment will be provided at the cost of \$15.00 for the first acre-foot (up to 12”) and \$20.00 per acre-foot for any water thereafter.

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