AGENDA

Turlock Irrigation District
Board Room
Main Office Building
333 East Canal Drive
Turlock, California

SPECIAL MEETING
Friday, February 21, 2020
1:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Interested persons in the audience are welcome to address the Board concerning any item on the agenda for this meeting. Matters presented under this heading may be discussed, but no action will be taken by the Board at this meeting.

D. ACTION ITEM

1. Resolution Setting the 2020 Irrigation Season
   Consider approval of the start date, amount of water available, rate schedule and ending date for the 2020 Irrigation Season.
   - Mike Kavarian, Water Distribution Department Manager

E. MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next scheduled regular meeting is Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
TO: Board of Directors

PREPARED BY: Mike Kavarian

DATE: February 20, 2020

RE: 2020 Irrigation Season

Action Requested
Consider approval of a resolution establishing the start and end dates, amount of water available, rate schedule, and garden head rotation for the 2020 Irrigation Season.

Discussion
The full natural flow of the Tuolumne River thus far in the 2020 Water Year is 35.9% percent of the historical average. To-date, this year has recorded the fourth lowest precipitation levels on record. Weather forecasts indicate no significant rainfall on the horizon and given the current conditions, even if we did experience a wet spring, we would still not reach average year levels. Similarly, the snowpack is only 38.5% of average for the year. As a result, we must prepare for 2020 to be an extremely dry year.

Due to the limited amount of available water, it is recommended that the District shorten the length of the 2020 Irrigation Season by beginning on Thursday, March 5, 2020 and continuing through Wednesday, October 7, 2020. If so approved, the TID Irrigation Call Center would be activated and begin accepting water orders on Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

The amount of water available for each acre of irrigated land during the 2020 Irrigation Season shall be 42 inches per acre.

During dry years, the District has had a practice of implementing a combination of measures aimed at optimizing water supplies. Measures have included reducing surface water releases, increasing rented and drainage pumping to supplement surface water supplies, minimizing operational spills, and reducing the length of the irrigation season and the amount of water available to growers.

Due to unsettled weather patterns often experienced at the start and sometimes at the end of the irrigation season, it is requested that the Water Distribution Department Manager be authorized to adjust the start and end dates of the 2020 Irrigation Season as may be necessary. This will allow staff to adjust quickly to maximize the use of the District’s resources. Any adjustments will be reported to the Board at its next scheduled meeting.
Recommendation
It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the resolution establishing the start and end dates, amount of water available, rate schedule and garden head rotation and cost for the 2020 Irrigation Season.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020 -

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2020 IRRIGATION SEASON

WHEREAS, the Tuolumne River Watershed has received 50.2% of average precipitation for this date; and

WHEREAS, the full natural flow of the Tuolumne River thus far in the 2020 Water Year is 35.9% percent of the historical average; and

WHEREAS, to-date, the 2020 Water Year has recorded the fourth lowest precipitation levels on record.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District that:

1. The 2020 Irrigation Season shall begin on Thursday, March 5, 2020, and end on Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

2. Irrigation water shall be available for purchase using the Normal Year Water Rate Schedule, pursuant to Resolution 2015-1, adopted January 13, 2015.

3. The amount of water available for each acre of irrigated land during the 2020 Irrigation Season shall be 42 inches per acre. The maximum amount of water a grower will be allowed to go over their available water will be four (4) inches. Growers will be allowed to go over their available water to complete their final irrigation at the appropriate tier.

4. Garden head parcels shall be delivered irrigation water once every two (2) weeks. The fixed water charge shall be $350 for each gardenhead parcel.

5. All irrigated parcels are required to place water orders for each lateral and sidegate combination to receive irrigation water from the District.

6. Sidegates will be required to be shut when not in use.

7. The Water Distribution Department Manager may adjust the season due to weather conditions and crop requirements.

Moved by Director , seconded by Director , that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

Ayes: Directors
Noes: Directors
Absent: Directors
The President declared the resolution ________.

I, Tami Wallenburg, Executive Secretary to the Board of Directors of the TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT, do hereby CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of said Board of Directors held the 21st day of February, 2020.

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Executive Secretary to the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District