

# THE GROWER



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## State Water Board Leaves Valley High & Dry

On October 20, the State Water Resources Control Board sent a letter to the District informing TID that they were walking away from the Tuolumne River Voluntary Agreement process and would instead move forward with implementing their error-plagued Phase 1 Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan. The District has negotiated in good faith for years and, by walking away, the State has rejected that collaboration.

The Bay-Delta Plan adopted in 2018, requires at least 40% of natural flows from February to May, without being able to scientifically support the conclusion that such releases will actually increase fishery health and salmon populations.

TID has repeatedly expressed our commitment to continue Voluntary Agreement discussions and to implement our comprehensive, science-based plan to improve the ecology of the Tuolumne River. The VA was designed to meet all the beneficial uses of the Tuolumne River and help protect and enhance fishery conditions. Furthermore, the plan included improvements that could be immediately implemented.

Parallel to the voluntary agreement discussions, TID filed lawsuits against the State Water Resources Control Board's Bay-Delta Plan. While we are committed to long-term, science-based, voluntary solutions we will continue to pursue legal action against the State's unlawful plan.

## TID Redistricting Process Underway

Redistricting is the process of adjusting the division boundaries to ensure that all districts have equal populations and are in compliance with all state and federal laws. All jurisdictions that have electoral divisions, including special districts like TID's Board of Directors, must equalize the populations of their respective divisions every 10 years following the decennial federal census.

Over the coming months, the Board of Directors will be accepting public comments and input on what kind of boundaries should be drawn to best represent their community. For more information on the redistricting process and to submit comments, visit [tid.org/redistricting](http://tid.org/redistricting).

## 2021 Water Year Recap



6<sup>th</sup> Driest  
Year Since 1897



4<sup>th</sup> Driest  
Two-Year Period



32.9% of Average  
Full Natural Flow



Addition of Enhanced  
Online Tools Offering  
Real-Time Data

# Drought Operations Workshop & Programs

As it is likely that much of California is entering a third consecutive dry year, the TID Board of Directors is developing potential programs to assist growers beginning in the 2022 Irrigation Season.

Existing grower programs include the TID Pump Rental Program, the Pumping for Credit Program and the existing Land Lease Transfer program which allows growers to transfer water between parcels that they own or rent. In addition, the District is also reviewing the TID Irrigation Rules, specifically rules that impact water use efficiencies.

Lastly, the District is working on developing a Farmer to Farmer Water Transfer Program for implementation at the start of the 2022 Irrigation Season. The Farmer to Farmer Program would allow a grower's unused water to be made available and transferred to another grower. The guidelines of the program are still taking shape, but will likely be specific to the type of water year. TID is working on building safeguards into the program to be sure the opportunity does not negatively impact groundwater pumping.

Preliminary information on the 2022 programs were discussed at a workshop, a video of which is available at [TID.org/Drought](https://www.tid.org/Drought). TID customers are encouraged to review the program information and offer comment. Please visit [TID.org/Drought](https://www.tid.org/Drought) to submit your comments or email [PublicComment@TID.org](mailto:PublicComment@TID.org). TID customers will have the opportunity to provide input over the coming months as programs take shape.

## State Curtailment Update

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has temporarily lifted the curtailment orders on imposed upon water right holders in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta – including Turlock Irrigation District, which allowed TID to capture water for storage in the Tuolumne River Watershed, from the early water season storm in October.

The curtailments, when imposed, could have significant impact on water available in 2022 and beyond, however TID will challenge the orders and as such has filed a lawsuit to oppose the SWRCB's regulation authorizing the issuance of the curtailment orders, and the individual curtailment orders themselves.

## Customer Satisfaction Survey

As a community-owned utility, you are an owner of TID. We are asking for your feedback through our Customer Satisfaction Survey to better serve your needs!

TID has partnered with industry leader, GreatBlue Research, to conduct the survey. Great Blue will be calling customers to walk them through the survey. TID customers can also access the survey online at [TID.org/survey](https://www.tid.org/survey).

TID is proud to provide reliable and competitively priced electric service and a high level of customer satisfaction. Your input regarding how TID serves its customers and community is greatly appreciated!

Scan now to take the TID Customer Satisfaction Survey



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