



# THE GROWER


**OCTOBER 2023**

## Ceres Regulating Reservoir

TID completed construction of the Ceres Main Regulating Reservoir on August 18.

The regulating reservoir is the second constructed by the District following the success of the Lateral 8 Regulating Reservoir, which was completed in 2016.

Ceres Main Regulating Reservoir, which sits on a 36-acre footprint and was designed and built by TID staff, has an operational 220 acre-feet (AF) and will provide an estimated 10,000 AF of average annual water savings.

The regulating reservoir will capture fluctuations in water flow from the Ceres Main Canal and pump the stored excess water back into the Ceres Main Canal to improve customer service downstream, lessen the need for groundwater pumping in the area, and reduce water loss from the canal system. This will have large benefits for nearly 25,000 acres that TID serves below the reservoir.

Flows into the reservoir are gravity-driven from the Ceres Main canal and can be pumped out to put water back into the Ceres Main and Lower Lateral 3.

The project, which broke ground in October 2022, cost \$10 million to construct. The District received a \$2 million grant from the United States Bureau of Reclamation to assist with the cost of the project due to its potential water savings benefits.

TID has preliminary plans to construct an additional regulating reservoir along Lateral 5.5 in the coming years.



For more on TID's Regulating Reservoirs, check out the TID Water & Power Podcast, Episode 29: Part 1 and 2



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## Take Advantage of Online Irrigation Tools

TID's Online Forecast Tool can help you efficiently utilize the remaining water you have. Simply login at [WaterRequest.TID.org](https://WaterRequest.TID.org) to access the Online Water Tools.

Your online water account also shows real-time data and tools that will help you make more informed decisions for your parcels.

Use your mobile phone, tablet or computer to:

- Order water
- Forecast your final irrigations for the season to optimize remaining water
- Check water usage by parcel
- Group parcels for a comprehensive look at irrigations
- View remaining water balances
- Generate & download summary reports

Visit <https://waterrequest.tid.org> to access the online tools. Call the Water Call Center with questions: (209) 883-8456

## Recap of Grower Meetings

TID would like to thank the roughly 100 TID growers who attended this year's grower meetings on July 25 and August 2 at TID's Turlock Office. Growers heard updates on water rights legislation, our ongoing Don Pedro relicensing efforts, and other water efficiency projects taking place within the District.



In addition, proposed changes to the TID Irrigation Rules were reviewed and discussed. The feedback provided by those in attendance and discussion with growers on the topics presented was extremely helpful and we look forward to seeing more of you when Grower Meetings are held next year.

## End of Irrigation Season Approaches

As we approach the end of the 2023 Irrigation Season, there are still some important dates and reminders for growers.

The last day to order water is **Saturday, October 28**, with the last day to receive water being **Wednesday, November 1**.

TID's Online Forecast Tool can help you efficiently utilize the remaining water you have. Simply login at **WaterRequest.TID.org** to access the Online Water Tools.

You can also order water 24/7, see the amount due on your irrigation accounts, and pay your bill from your computer or tablet with a credit card with the Online Water Tools.



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## Irrigation Rule Updates

The TID Water Operations team has recently undertaken a significant effort to review and modernize the TID Irrigation Rules. While minor updates had been made in recent years, it had been roughly 14 years since the Rules had received such a comprehensive review.

After noting potential edits and adjustments, TID staff presented those to customers at two Grower Meetings held in late summer and posted the edits to the District's website, offering the opportunity for the public to submit comment.

The TID Board of Directors reviewed the edits in workshops on June 27 and October 3. Staff field notes and revisions each time, before finally seeking approval from the Board on October 10. At that meeting the Board voted unanimously to adopt the revisions to the Irrigation Rules. The updated rules are available at [TID.org/irrigation](https://www.tid.org/irrigation). If you would like a printed copy of the Irrigation Rules booklet, please contact Pam Lancaster at [pmlancaster@TID.org](mailto:pmlancaster@TID.org) or (209) 883.8356.



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