

THE GROWER


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2025 Irrigation Rate Increase Approved

The TID Board of Directors approved the first rate increase for irrigation customers since 2015.

The approved 6% increase will be implemented over the next three years, beginning in 2025, with roughly a 2% increase each year.

Also approved was a change to the structure of TID's irrigation rates. Tiers 1-3 have been consolidated to a single rate to simplify the structure of how irrigation water is charged.

The per acre-foot charges will increase to \$2.70 in 2025, \$3.23 in 2026, and \$3.83 in 2027 for Tiers 1-3, while Tier 4 will be a \$20 per acre-foot charge in all three years.

Also new, a \$200 Minimum Charge will be applied to all parcels. If a parcel uses less irrigation water than would amount to a \$200 charge, they will be charged the flat \$200 Minimum Charge.

The Fixed Charge in both Normal and Dry Year types will remain at \$60 and \$68 per acre, respectively.

The rate increase supports the Districts' ability to maintain our current level of reliability, carry out needed capital improvement projects to update aging infrastructure and add new infrastructure to accommodate changing hydrology and water supply availability.

To learn more about the Irrigation Rate Update and the factors that went into the increase, visit [TID.org/waterrateupdate](https://www.tid.org/waterrateupdate).



February's Water & Power podcast featured Chief Hydrologist, Olivia Cramer.



Go to: [TID.org/podcast](https://www.tid.org/podcast) or wherever you get your podcasts.

Call Center Update

Effective with the start of the 2025 Irrigation Season, TID will be adjusting the hours of the Water Call Center to Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The decision to close the Water Call Center on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays was made after observing a decline in calls on these days as a result of a steady increase in the number of Growers using the online system to order water.

In addition, there are more TID representatives available during the week to answer calls and the District believes that this will improve the customer service experience for those who still want to call in their water orders. Growers have the ability to order water through the online system 24 hours a day, seven days a week at waterrequest.tid.org.

2024-2025 Water Year Outlook

February storms have improved the outlook of the 2024-2025 Water Year, bringing the Tuolumne River Watershed closer to average conditions.

As of February 18, the watershed had received 18.76" of the 25.05" historic September through February precipitation—approximately 82.6% for this date. Snowpack as of the same date, is at 79.6% of average for the date and 61.5% of the April 1 average—the historic peak of snowpack in the watershed.

Don Pedro Reservoir elevation had increased slightly to 783.8', but is still well below the 801.9' flood control line.

Despite the recent precipitation, there is still a wide spread of potential outcomes for the water year, depending on future weather events. If we experience wet conditions going forward, we could end around a 110% water year; with dry or average conditions going forward, we could end up between a 60%-75% water year.

Looking ahead, staff has recommended 42"-48" of available water for the 2025 Irrigation Season. The Board of Directors will consider setting the irrigation season and available water at the March 4, 2025 Board Meeting.



INVESTING IN Reliability

To learn how TID is investing in reliability through the Don Pedro Life Extension Project, go to [TID.org/InvestingIn](https://www.tid.org/InvestingIn).



HYDROLOGY UPDATE



PRECIPITATION

82.6% OF
HISTORIC
AVERAGE TO
DATE

SNOWPACK

79.6% OF
AVERAGE
TO DATE



DON PEDRO

CURRENT
ELEVATION:
783.8 FEET

FORECAST

8-DAY:
<1.5 INCHES

16-DAY:
0.1 TO 1.44
INCHES



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*AS OF 2/18/25



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