



THE GROWER


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TID Total Channel Control Pilot Project

As part of TID's effort to conserve water and have more water available to farmers, TID is piloting a Total Channel Control (TCC) Project on a stretch of the Ceres Main Canal from south of Keyes Road to Harding Road.

The TCC Pilot Project will replace all manually operated side gates and drops in the pilot area with automated Rubicon drops and gates, which will all be controlled using a cutting-edge online water ordering and scheduling software.

TID's previous installation of Rubicon In-Channel Automations along Lateral 8 and with the installation of the Lateral 8 Regulating Reservoir, resulted in less water level fluctuations, more consistent flows, faster response times to irrigation issues that arose by utilizing remote shut-offs, and an estimated water savings of 9,000 AF annually.

Growers with parcels within the pilot project area were invited to attend workshops and received printed and digital communications to learn how the project would impact how they order water moving forward. Additional information including a

video of the Total Channel Control Pilot Project workshops, and a full explanation of the project can be found on our website, TID.org/TCCPilot.

If you are a grower in the project area and want more information on how the pilot will change how you order water, please email us at TCCPilot@tid.org.

The TCC Pilot Project will help inform the District's decisions regarding the level of canal automation to pursue in the future.



February's Water & Power Podcast features TID General Manager, Brad Koehn



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Irrigation Rule 2.4.1

Construction of Irrigation Facilities

No turnout of any kind, diverting gates, weirs, structures, or pump intakes shall be constructed or placed in any District conduit until an application in writing has been made to the TID Board of Directors and permission granted therefore.

TID's Irrigation Rules can always be found on TID.org/irrigation. A printed and bound copy of the TID Irrigation Rules is available at the TID Main Office or a copy can be requested from your Water Distribution Operator. The Irrigation Rules offer important guidelines on water use, delivery, and customer responsibilities.

2025-2026 Water Year Outlook

December-January storms brought the Tuolumne River Watershed to average conditions – putting the District in a good position at the start of the calendar year.

As of February 1, the watershed has received 19.4” of precipitation or 99.5% of average for this date. Snowpack was measured at 57% of average conditions for this time of year – similar to the 2024 and 2025 year at this time. Don Pedro Reservoir elevation was at 801.2,

less than an inch below flood control levels. TID’s Hydrology team continually monitors the water levels and is closely monitoring forecasting conditions, as there is a potential to enter flood control conditions, which could result in the District’s need to make releases to the river.

Staff anticipates that the Board will take action to set the available water and irrigation season in March.

Canal Outage Map

TID invests in regular maintenance and improvement projects throughout our canal system during the winter irrigation off-season. Periodically, canals and laterals must be taken out of service to conduct this work. TID’s Canal Outage map shows current and upcoming outages. The map is updated weekly. To view a map of current outages, visit [TID.org/irrigation](https://tid.org/irrigation).

HYDROLOGY UPDATE



PRECIPITATION

99.5% OF HISTORIC AVERAGE TO DATE



SNOWPACK

57% OF AVERAGE TO DATE



DON PEDRO

CURRENT ELEVATION:
801.2 FEET



[TID.ORG/IRRIGATION](https://tid.org/irrigation)

*AS OF 2/1/26

TID REMEMBERS

MIKE KAVARIAN

Mike was a devoted member of the TID family for 44 years, including 35+ years in various leadership roles at the District. As a trusted leader and the “go-to” expert on irrigation, Mike guided the District through droughts and major modernization. His dedication to TID and our growers will never be forgotten.

DAIRY FAN REBATE

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