

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 6

RESOLUTION SETTING THE 2026 IRRIGATION SEASON FOR THE TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, as of February 23, 2026, the Tuolumne River watershed has received approximately 100% of its historical average precipitation and 70.7% of its historical average snowfall for this date, and cumulative full natural flow for the Tuolumne River to date is at 109.3% of average; and

WHEREAS, based on the current Don Pedro Reservoir storage level and projected inflows, the District will be able to make 48 inches of water available per acre for the 2026 Irrigation Season with sufficient carry-over storage for the following year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District as follows:

1. The 2026 Irrigation Season shall begin on Thursday, March 12, 2026 and end on Wednesday, October 28, 2026.
2. Irrigation water shall be available for purchase using the Normal Year Water Rate Schedule, pursuant to Resolution 2025-6 adopted on January 14, 2025.
3. The amount of water available for each acre of irrigated land during the 2026 Irrigation Season shall be 48 inches per acre.
4. Replenishment water is available to in-District lands for purchase at the Tier 4 Rate of \$20 per acre-foot, pursuant to Resolution 2025-6 adopted on January 14, 2025.
5. Groundwater recharge projects, including but not limited to, the Idle Lands and City/County Storm Basin recharge projects, will be implemented when possible.
6. Garden head parcels shall be delivered irrigation water once every two (2) weeks using the Normal Year Water Rate Schedule, pursuant to Resolution 2025-6 adopted on January 14, 2025.
7. All irrigated parcels are required to place water orders for each lateral, sidegate, and flow combination to receive irrigation water from the District unless other arrangements are approved by the District.
8. Sidegates will be required to be shut when not in use, unless other arrangements are approved by the District.
9. The Director of Water Operations may adjust the season due to weather conditions and crop requirements. Any adjustments will be reported to the Board at its next scheduled meeting.

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

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

Ayes: Directors Arellano, Frantz, Alamo, Macedo, and Yonan
Noes: None
Absent: None

The President declared the resolution adopted.

I, Jennifer Land, 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 3rd day of March, 2026.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. Land', written over a horizontal line.

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



BOARD AGENDA REPORT

Board Meeting Date:	March 3, 2026
Subject:	Set the 2026 Irrigation Season
Administration:	Water Resources Administration
Recommended Action:	Consider a resolution establishing the start and end dates, amount of water available, rate schedule, and garden head rotation schedule for the 2026 Irrigation Season.

As of February 23, 2026, the Tuolumne River watershed has received approximately 100% of its historical average precipitation and 70.7% of its historical average snowfall for this date, and cumulative full natural flow for the Tuolumne River to date is at 109.3% of average. Don Pedro reservoir storage is approximately 208,000 acre-feet higher than this time last year. Taken together, the higher storage and comparable snowfall conditions indicate that the District can expect a water year similar to, or better than, last year.

Based on the current storage levels and projected inflows, staff recommends that the District make 48 inches of water available per acre for the 2026 Irrigation Season. Staff further recommends that additional replenishment water be made available to in-District growers for groundwater recharge purposes.

Additionally, staff recommends that the 2026 irrigation season begin on Thursday, March 12, 2026, and conclude on Wednesday, October 28, 2026. If approved, the District would begin accepting water orders on Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

Irrigation water shall be available for purchase using the Normal Year Water Rate Schedule, pursuant to Resolution 2025-6, adopted on January 14, 2025.

Garden head parcels will be delivered water every two (2) weeks.

Consistent with past practice in similar years, growers may order more than the available water to meet crop needs and support the District's groundwater recharge efforts. This water will be billed at the Tier 4 rate of \$20 per acre-foot.

Due to unsettled weather patterns often experienced at the beginning, and sometimes at the end, of the irrigation season, staff requests that the Director of Water Operations be authorized to adjust the start and end dates as necessary. This flexibility will allow staff to respond quickly to changing conditions and maximize the effective use of District resources. Any adjustments will be reported to the Board at its next scheduled meeting.

Alternative(s) Pros and Cons:	Alternative: Not approve the recommended action. Pros: None Cons: Delaying the start of the irrigation season could increase groundwater pumping.
Additional Information:	N/A
Fiscal Impact:	N/A

Presenter Signature	Dir Water Resources Signature	AGM Signature
		
Name: Wes Miller	Name: Wes Miller	Name: Tou B. Her
Date Signed: 02/24/2026	Date Signed: 02/24/2026	Date Signed: 02/25/2026

GM Signature

Name: Brad Koehn
Date Signed: 02/25/2026