



IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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Dear water user:

The Imperial Irrigation District will soon begin its new "Era of Limits" Tailwater Education Program (TEP).

Approved by the board of directors in late 2004 in response to challenging drought conditions on the Colorado River, IID has been gearing up for full implementation since then. During the last year the district has been finalizing TEP protocols and working with operational personnel and water users on a voluntary basis.

The goal of the TEP is to provide helpful information to the district and the water user by helping pinpoint solid on-farm management practices or identify new ones. We feel this program will help to promote and encourage the best use of a limited resource.

Under the TEP, fields in the IID water service area will be selected at random for delivery and tailwater monitoring. You will be notified if your field is selected. Up to three irrigation events will be continuously monitored for delivery and tailwater. Should your tailwater be in excess of the 15 percent of delivered water on two out of three TEP irrigation monitoring events, the responsible party will be required to attend a half-day TEP seminar on water management issues conducted by the district.

Please know that the new TEP supplements, but does not replace, IID's normal tailwater monitoring and enforcement.

At this time, I want to extend my appreciation to the number of growers and irrigators who have long participated in IID's voluntary tailwater monitoring efforts and look forward to working with all involved in the new TEP. I also want to thank you, in advance, for your cooperation as together we work to best manage our Colorado River water resources.

Please refer to the enclosed brochure for more details on the TEP.