Important deadlines for ag water users and land owners

December 15: 2017 Apportionment

Apportionment acceptance authorization forms for 2017 water apportionment must be submitted by Dec. 15, 2016, by owners only.

If the landowner does not return a completed 2017 apportionment form, all apportionment will be considered “accepted”. Tenants can use the apportionment, will be responsible for take-or-pay and can use the ag water clearinghouse to offer unneeded water.

In late December or early January, the district will notify owners and tenants confirmation of the accepted apportionment for 2017.

December 20: Ag water clearinghouse

Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2016, is the deadline to offer water to, or request water from, the ag water clearinghouse for the month of December.

On-farm participants should use their last status update as a guide for how much water to keep in their farm unit. In addition, on-farm participants can use the checkbox on the clearinghouse notice of transfer form (highlighted in the image to the right) and the district will calculate and balance the farm unit at the end of the year.

December 20: Take-or-pay relief period

Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2016, is also the deadline for the last relief period of the year, which is further encouragement for any water user with unused apportionment to turn in a notice of transfer to the clearinghouse. IID will accept up to 7 percent of any farm units’ accepted apportionment, thereby relieving the water user of the payment of that water on the take-or-pay basis.

Based on year-end conditions, IID staff may recommend an additional clearinghouse take-or-pay relief period in late December.

If you have any questions, including assistance offering or requesting water to be transferred through the clearinghouse, please contact:

- **Kirk Hale**, Supt., Water Accounting, NE Division, 1-760-482-9959, mkhale@iid.com
- **Brian VanBebber**, Supt., Water Accounting, SE Division, 1-760-339-9645, bvanbeebber@iid.com

Clearinghouse Notice of Transfer forms can be accessed at [www.iid.com/edpforms](http://www.iid.com/edpforms).
Enhancements made to web portal

Water users are advised that several enhancements have been made to the web portal where water orders can be placed, reviewed and consumption monitored.

Clearinghouse transfers

Water users now have the ability to submit water transfers requests online (referred to as the Clearinghouse Notice of Transfer) to offer back water, or request more water, for the farm unit. Customers must submit the request before the 20th of each month.

Water cards

The web portal now allows landowners the ability to submit a new Water Card online when there’s a change in tenants or designees. This should make it more convenient for owners. (Divisions will receive a completed form, as well as a customer log-in credential and time stamp.)

To apply for an IID water account, contact the IID division office closest to your field or delivery site.