## Water apportionment update

IID will mail another status update to water users on the apportionment remaining in their farm units the second week of October, after the September Agricultural Water Clearinghouse transfers have been processed. Water users can also access the status of their remaining apportionment through the IID web portal [http://mywateraccount.iid.com](http://mywateraccount.iid.com). A summary of the remaining apportionment in the farm unit is also included with the water bill.

### Ag Water Clearinghouse

September was busy for the clearinghouse with over 80 notices of transfer received. Notices were evenly split between offers and requests for water representing about 15 percent of the farmable acres.

Since this is a year in which IID’s water diversion is tracking close to the annual order schedule, water users are encouraged to make sure their accounts have enough apportionment available to farm for the remainder of the year.

Water users who have extra water are asked to offer it for transfer through the clearinghouse so they are not faced with paying for unused apportionment after the end of the year and so that fields running short do not face restrictions and can be farmed to their full potential, fueling the local economy.

To make your request in the next round of clearinghouse transfers, IID must receive your notice of transfer by Monday, Oct. 20. These forms are available at [www.iid.com/edpforms](http://www.iid.com/edpforms) and at water division offices.

If you have a question or need assistance, please contact Kirk Hale (Northend Division), 1-760-482-9959 or mkhale@iid.com or Brian VanBebber (Southend Division), 1-760-339-9645 or bjvanbeber@iid.com.

### 2015 apportionment

The IID Board of Directors has approved the same method of apportionment for 2015 as was used in 2014.

The 2015 apportionment will be calculated by taking one half of the field’s average annual use from 2003 to 2012 and adding a component calculated by multiplying the field’s size by a straight line value of 2.86 acre-foot/acre. The average use calculation will throw out the highest and lowest year.

The district expects to send 2015 apportionment notifications to landowners and tenants before the end of October. Workshops are being scheduled across the valley the first week of November. If you are a water user, now is a good time to start thinking about how much apportionment you will need to accept for next year.

IID would like to thank all of our growers for their water management efforts and assistance in making water available for fields that require more.

### Agricultural Water Clearinghouse Distribution Worksheet

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Filled Transfer Requests and acres represented by the requests

Accepted Offers to Transfer and acres represented by the offers

Unfilled Transfer Requests and acres represented by the offers

Unaccepted Offers to Transfer and acres represented by the offers

Net of Requests Filled by Other Available Water

Available Balance
Farm Unit Fallowing Program update

A total of 389 fields are being fallowed in IID’s 2014-15 Farm Unit Fallowing Program that started in July. This equates to 32,915 acres being fallowed, which is expected to generate in excess of 182,196 acre-feet in conserved water at farm.

Participants can expect to receive payment in early October for all completed contracts. The payment rate is $175 per acre-foot, with 20 percent of the payment going to the farm unit manager/tenant and 80 percent to the participating landowner. Owners/operators will receive 100 percent payment for both portions.

IID’s website has been updated to include the latest on the 2014-2015 Farm Unit Fallowing Program at www.iid.com/farmunitfallowing. The site provides information on participating fields by canal and gate and background information on the program.

The Farm Unit Fallowing Program is a modified version of the district’s historical fallowing program, reengineered to better meet the needs of the farming community and the district’s annual system of apportionment.

IID appreciates the support of its conservation programs, and in particular the transition to the new Farm Unit Fallowing Program. Questions should be directed to the Fallowing Program hotline at 1-760-339-9898 or emailed to fallowingprogram@iid.com.

Web portal enhanced

Farmers are reminded that when they review their water account information online, two new reports are now available to assist in managing their water apportionment: a farm unit apportionment balance report and an owner’s apportionment balance report.

There are currently over 150 subscribers to the IID web portal. Subscribers have access to a number of tools and reports to better manage their apportionment:

- View farm unit apportionment balance in real-time.
- Review irrigation event details and field delivery charges for the current crop prior to billing.
- View each field’s monthly consumption (going back to 2008) in a formatted annual report.
- View and print a report for all placed, running and completed orders for the last 30 days.
- Check if your water order has been carried over (available after 3 p.m. each day).
- Option to place water orders 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. (This is in addition to being able to place orders by phone.)
- Review monthly water account billing history, including current account balances and payment history.

To request access to your IID water account, go to http://mywateraccount.iid.com and click on the “Apply for an Account” link. When applying, please be sure to go to the “comments box” and include your IID water account number and the name on the account that you’re requesting to access. Your IID water account number consists of seven digits beginning with the number three. (For example: 3xxxxxx).

Canal maintenance outages suspended

To accommodate the germination of new fall crops, the ag water community is reminded that IID suspends canal maintenance outages from mid-September through mid-November. The outage schedule will resume after Nov. 15.