June 2014

2013 Decree Accounting Report

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation released its 2013 decree accounting report on May 15 for the year 2013, and according to Reclamation, IID water users were diligent in managing ag water use under the Equitable Distribution Plan last year that the district ended 2013 with an underrun of nearly 65,000 acre-feet.

During the year, IID also met all of its 2013 Quantification Settlement Agreement conservation/transfer and payback obligations, conserving 55,710 acre-feet of required payback and an additional 37,347 acre-feet of early payback.

Support from growers of IID’s on-farm conservation and fallowing programs to meet the 2013 requirements/obligations, and their current efforts in 2014, is greatly appreciated.

“The Imperial Valley farming community is to be commended for their efficient water management practices and conservation efforts in 2013,” said Tina Shields, manager of Colorado River resources for the district. “We really want to recognize them for their commitment to the wise use of this critical resource to grow food and fiber for the nation, particularly during this ongoing drought.”

The same kind of effort will be needed this year, however. At the beginning of June, Reclamation estimated IID’s excess use for 2014 is about 30,000 acre-feet for the year – with summer high water use months approaching.

The 2013 decree accounting report can be viewed at www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/4200Rpts/DecreeRpt/2013/2013.pdf.

Equitable Distribution

The Agricultural Water Distribution Board meets monthly as needed to administer the Agricultural Water Clearinghouse and to act in limited circumstances on water transferred through the clearinghouse.

Offers and requests for water may be submitted to IID up to the 20th of each month for transfers of water through the Agricultural Water Clearinghouse. Clearinghouse Notice of Transfer forms are available at http://www.iid.com/edpforms or at your water division office.

The clearinghouse had water available to fully satisfy all requests for water in May as noted in the summary table below. Requestors will be notified that water was available to fulfill their request and the water will be transferred to their account upon payment to IID at the agricultural rate of $20 per acre-foot.

For questions about Equitable Distribution, contact Dean Currie, key customer coordinator at 1-760-339-9334.

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2014 APPORTIONMENT RESERVE

24,817 AF  Water set aside during the ag water apportionment process and not apportioned to any users

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Farm Unit Fallowing Program

Preliminary numbers indicate that as of May 16, 2014, the district received more than 100 farm unit manager forms, for about 160,000 acre-feet of water offered to be fallowed in the 2014-2015 Farm Unit Fallowing Program.

Program participants are advised that the district will mail contracts to farm unit managers in the first half of June. Field verification by IID staff will occur during the month of June.

The Farm Unit Fallowing Program replaces the previous fallowing program and is better aligned with the farm unit approach in the district’s Equitable Distribution Plan.

Conserved water from the Farm Unit Fallowing Program will be used to meet transfer and Salton Sea mitigation requirements outlined in the Quantification Settlement Agreement and may also be used to help the district with payback obligations and create water for IID storage purposes.

Program participants will be paid $175 per-acre foot with 80 percent of the fallowing payment going to the landowners that are participating within the farm unit and 20 percent to the farm unit manager.

Fields selected for fallowing in this program will be fallowed from July 2014 through June 2015.

For more information, visit www.iid.com/farmunitfallowing or contact the fallowing program team by email at fallowingprogram@iid.com.

Keep current with important dates and deadlines

IID’s website now has a dedicated page to help water customers plan for upcoming deadlines and events. Topics include:

- Fallowing Program
- Apportionment & Equitable Distribution Plan
- On-Farm Conservation
- System Conservation

To view the latest on all of IID’s programs and to register for email alerts, visit:

www.iid.com/waterdates