On-farm efficiency conservation pilot program

The district continues soliciting conservation proposals from agricultural water customers for the 2013-14 On-Farm Efficiency Conservation Pilot Program, which will run through Aug. 2014.

Proposals for on-farm efficiency improvement projects that will be implemented during 2014 may be submitted until the program is fully enrolled.

The goal is to incentivize agricultural water customers to conserve 40,000 acre-feet in 2014 by implementing water use efficiency improvement projects on farm. Participants will be paid $285 per acre-foot of delivered water reduction, verified against historical baselines computed for each field and crop. The conserved water will help IID meet its scheduled water transfer and payback obligations.

Program information, proposal forms and related documents were mailed to customers and are available at www.iid.com/onfarmconservation, at IID headquarters and water division offices.

Water conserved in 2013 through proposed projects is currently being evaluated.

Applicants who have not yet been offered conservation contracts for 2013 and 2014 will soon be contacted.

Please contact the on-farm conservation team at 1-760-339-9777 or email onfarm@iid.com if you are interested in participating in, or have questions regarding the On-Farm Efficiency Conservation Pilot Program.

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Use tech to help manage your water

Farmers are reminded they can have online access to their IID water accounts, where tools are also available to assist in managing their apportionment. More than 150 users already have.

Through the web portal, you can:

- Place water orders 24/7/365 (in addition to placing orders by phone).
- After 3 p.m., verify online whether an order is scheduled to run the next day.
- View and print all placed, running and completed orders for the last 30 days in one report.
- View each of field's account water consumption, by month, on an annual report formatted on a spreadsheet, going back to 2008.
- Review monthly water account billing history, including current account balances and payment history going back to 2008.
- Review irrigation event details and field delivery charges for accuracy for the current crop prior to billing.

Additional web portal enhancements are being considered to further assist with apportionment tracking and management. IID welcomes your ideas to help the web portal be a valuable tool to better manage your apportionment and irrigation practices.

Go to http://mywateraccount.iid.com/ and click on the “Apply For An Account” link to request authorization to access your IID water account online. When applying, please be sure to, in the comments box, type in your IID water account numbers – these are the seven-digit numbers that begins with the #3 – and the names associated with those account numbers. Be sure to list all of your IID water accounts that you want access online.

To learn more about the web portal, go to www.iid.com/waterorders. Customer support is also available by contacting Dean Currie, key customer coordinator, 1-760-339-9334 or dmcurrie@iid.com. You may also contact your division office.

Update on the fallowing programs

For 2014-2015, IID expects to contract for up to 190,000 acre-feet in the fallowing program to meet payback obligations. The district's board of directors is expected to discuss a new farm unit fallowing program in February.

IID is currently in five fallowing programs that have fields contracted from:

- Jul. 1, 2013 – Jun. 30, 2014 (Mid-Year 13-14 FP) for both traditional and for Western Farm Land customers.
- Jan. 1, 2014 – Dec. 31, 2014 (Calendar Year 2014 FP) for both traditional and for Western Farm Land customers.