



Walker River Irrigation District

Established in 1919

Subject: 2020 Stored Water Leasing Program

Dear Water Users:

Walker River Irrigation District hopes this letter finds you safe and healthy. With the Federal, State and local isolation and distancing mandates for COVID-19, our office has made the necessary modifications to ensure the safety of the staff and constituents. Even though the office is open to the public via phone or email only, the staff has been working diligently to maintain day-to-day operations. A part of the operations is consideration of proceeding with the 2020 Stored Water Leasing Program. Petitions have been filed with the State of California Water Resources Control Board but are still pending approval due to the minimal staffing of agencies in accordance with the restriction mandates. Because WRID recognizes that water users need to make timely decisions about how best and when to use their available water, it is clear they need to know sooner rather than later whether the 2020 Stored Water program will proceed. With the uncertain duration of the mandates and the additional approvals which will be required after California acts, there is no way to predict when that information would be known. For a timing reference, at this time last year all the necessary approvals/permits had been obtained and constituents were enrolling in the Program.

Therefore, at the April 7th meeting, the WRID Board of Directors voted to postpone the 2020 Stored Water Program. It will proceed with obtaining approvals from the State of California, but delay submission to the Nevada Division of Water Resources for the Nevada permits. The California approvals are valid for one year from the date of the last approval, which would allow for the final permit request through the Nevada State Division of Water Resources to be submitted in time for the Program to run in the 2021 irrigation season.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact our office at (775) 463-3523 or via email at water@wrid.us. WRID thanks you for your patience during these uncertain times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert C Bryan".

Robert C Bryan
General Manager