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RE: 2023 Water Rate Amendment

Dear Landowner / Water User:

The adoption of the 2023 budget took place in December 2022. At that time, a third year of severe drought was anticipated. As such, significant expenses were budgeted to secure water supply, and the budget reflected significantly reduced water deliveries.

Since the budget was approved, hydrology turned significantly wet during the latter part of 2022, extending into 2023. Precipitation to date is 186% of normal for this date. The snowpack in the Central Sierra is 227% of normal for this date.

With these conditions, it is highly unlikely that water supply expenditures will be needed at the level budgeted, and revenue is anticipated to be increased as a result of having more water available for beneficial use.

Reflecting current hydrological conditions, the Board of Directors amended the water rate as follows:

First Installment Minimum Water: \$220/AF

Second Installment Minimum Water: \$100/AF

Excess water: \$80/AF

With this amended water rate, the district is anticipated to meet expenditures for the year and begin replenishing reserves that were depleted last year.

If a water user has already paid both installments, the water user may request a credit on their account or request a reimbursement. For those water users who were previously assessed late penalties, those remain in effect and will be enforced.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Pierce".

Robert Pierce, P.E.
General Manager