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Dear Customers of Pescadero Reclamation District # 2058,

This letter is being sent to you to provide two important updates regarding the upcoming irrigation season.

First, effective May 15, 2021 the District's water rates will be \$19.00 per acre per irrigation for flood irrigation and \$58.00/acre-foot for drip irrigation.

Second, on March 22, 2021, the California State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) sent out an early warning notice advising water users of the ongoing dry conditions throughout the state and potential impacts on water supply. A copy of the notice is attached to this letter for your reference. Please note that the State Board has indicated that hydrologic conditions since 2020 have been very similar to the drought years of 2014 and 2015. As a result, Pescadero Reclamation District # 2058 (District) may face a difficult irrigation season in 2021.

Given the potential for water shortages this year, crop choices should be made accordingly. While the District cannot guarantee water delivery, it will do everything it can to protect its water users. Please do all you can to irrigate efficiently and in a timely manner giving District staff plenty of time to shut off and start the next customer quickly. Time will be of the essence.

Your cooperation and patience during this time is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

The Pescadero Reclamation District Board of Trustees


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Enclosure

State Water Resources Control Board

March 22, 2021

ONGOING DRY CONDITIONS IN MOST CALIFORNIA WATERSHEDS – PREPARE FOR DROUGHT IMPACTS STATEWIDE

After two years of low precipitation, the U.S. Drought Monitor now reports that 95 percent of California is experiencing Moderate to Exceptional Drought. Reservoir and groundwater levels are significantly below average, and despite recent storms, snowpack is only 58 percent of average as of March 10, 2021. Continued dry conditions can threaten water supplies, impair critical habitat, reduce recreational opportunities, and create uncertainty for all water users. Hydrologic conditions since 2020 have been very similar to the drought years of 2014 and 2015.

Your early efforts can help minimize the potential impact of water management actions on businesses, homes, farms, and California's public trust resources. Start planning now for potential water supply shortages later this year and identify practical actions you can take to increase drought resilience, such as increasing water conservation measures, reducing irrigated acreage, managing herd size, using innovative irrigation and monitoring technologies, or diversifying your water supply portfolio.

The Division of Water Rights (Division) relies on accurate and timely water use data from you and other diverters to help manage California's water. All diverters must report their annual water use, and many diverters must report diversion metering or measuring data. By accurately reporting your water diversion and use data on time, you fulfill your legal reporting obligation and provide critically important information for managing the state's water resources.

The Division is monitoring the situation closely and plans to engage more frequently with water users if dry conditions continue or worsen. We encourage you to work collaboratively with your community to develop cooperative water management solutions that meet both local and state-level needs.

More information on **Drought Conditions** can be found at: <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/drought-status-update-california-nevada>

More information about the **Division of Water Rights** can be found at: <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/>

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