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NOTICE TO WATER USERS

Noncontract Water for 2012:

The District, for the 2012 water year, will continue the policy of offering water service to all users, i.e. Contract and Noncontract, starting January 2, 2012. The District will then adjust operations as the water supply picture develops. The intent of this policy is to avoid or at least minimize groundwater pumping early in the year. **For your planning purposes, we are hopeful that the District will deliver Noncontract water through mid-April and weather permitting, through the end of the year.** This is based on the fact that the State is beginning the year with relatively full reservoirs and in anticipation of high State Water allocations.

For those landowners planning on utilizing Noncontract water service, you are reminded of your obligation to maintain your groundwater pumping capability in a capacity adequate to meet your needs at all times as *Noncontract water service is interruptible and can be terminated at any time*. Furthermore, the success of the District's banking program hinges upon the ability to reliably deliver and return banked water. Therefore, *those growers with an "Intermittent Water Supply Agreement" or a "Groundwater Pumping Agreement" are reminded that you have an obligation to maintain your well such that it may be used to meet your own water supply needs or be called upon to return water under the terms of your contract with the District*. The groundwater banking program has been a success and provides a multitude of benefits to the growers within the District. Through your continued cooperation, the program will continue to be a success in the future.

Please note that the ability to deliver water in 2012 is subject to our planned winter maintenance activity as discussed below.

Notice of shutdown for Winter Maintenance Activity:

The District will begin dewatering District conveyance facilities on December 27th. The shutdown schedule by system is as follows:

- a. **Intake Canal:** Minimal interruptions in service are expected for turnouts in the "North" and "East" systems, which affects turnouts starting with an "S".

- b. **Buttonwillow Ridge Canal:** January 2, 2012 to January 30, 2012. This will affect turnouts starting with “B”, “L”, “BR” and “R”. Some end of the line turnouts will continue to operate for a couple of days to remove water from the system.
- c. **Pond Poso Canal:** January 2, 2012 to January 16, 2012. This will affect turnouts starting with “K”, “J”, “H”, “G”, “BP”, “PP” and all turnouts with the letters “A”, “B”, “C”, and “D” following a number. Some end of the line turnouts will continue to operate for a couple of days to remove water from the system.

We expect to resume full operations on or before January 30, 2011. Please stay in touch with the District’s dispatcher as there is the possibility that some of the above canal systems will be placed back into service prior to January 30th. We apologize for the inconvenience and will work diligently to minimize the length of the system shutdown. If you have specific needs during the shutdown, please call to see if there is a way that the District can assist in meeting your water needs.

/s/Jason Gianquinto