

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL BY THE TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT TO ADJUST IRRIGATION RATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 to receive public comments and answer questions regarding a proposal to adjust irrigation rates. The public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the Turlock Irrigation District Board Room located at 333 E. Canal Drive, Turlock, CA 95380. If approved, the new rates schedules shown below would take effect on February 1, 2025, January 1, 2026, and January 1, 2027, respectively. The TID Board of Directors will continue to determine the amount of water available to growers and which rate schedule applies for each year.

Proposed	Normal Year Rate Schedule		
	2025	2026	2027
Fixed Charge	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Tier 1 – Tier 3 (Up to Available Water) per acre foot	\$2.70	\$3.23	\$3.83
Tier 4 per acre foot	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00

Dry Year Rate Schedule			
2025	2026	2027	
\$68.00	\$68.00	\$68.00	
\$2.70	\$3.23	\$3.83	
\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	

The proposed irrigation rates would increase the overall cost of water by varying amounts depending upon the amount of water used. For a customer using 48" of water in a normal year, the proposed blended charge would be \$17.70 per acre foot, \$18.23 per acre foot, \$18.83 per acre foot, in years 2025, 2026, 2027, respectively, up from the existing \$17.50 per acre foot. For a customer using 24" of water in a dry year, the proposed blended charge would be \$36.70 per acre foot, \$37.23 per acre foot, \$37.83 per acre foot, in years 2025, 2026, 2027, respectively, up from the existing \$36.50 per acre foot. Garden Heads will no longer have a fixed annual fee; they will be billed based on the proposed irrigation rates.

Under the California State Constitution, landowners subject to the proposed increase have the right to protest its adoption. While the District understands its irrigation rates are not property-related fees subject to the Constitution because no one is obligated to take irrigation water to make reasonable use of land, the District voluntarily complies with Proposition 218. In the event of a majority protest, the increase may not be instituted. **Landowners desiring to protest the proposed increase should send their written protest to:**

Executive Secretary to the Board of Directors Turlock Irrigation District P.O. Box 949 Turlock, California 95381

Protests may also be submitted in-person to the Executive Secretary of the Board at the TID office, located at 333 E. Canal Drive, Turlock, CA 95380 or via email at PublicComment@tid.org. All protests must be received by the end of the public hearing on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

Protests should include the landowner's printed name, parcel number or street address for the property affected by the proposed increase, reason for the protest, and signature. The failure to timely object to the proposed rates in writing bars any right to challenge those rates in court, as any such action will be limited to the issues identified in timely filed objections. Each parcel is entitled to one protest. If a parcel has more than one owner, any of them may submit a protest, but only one protest per parcel will be counted toward a majority protest.

Additional information is available on the District's website at www.TID.org/irrigation-rate, or by calling (209) 883-8353.