

2011 IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR LANDOWNER

1. **STANDBY FEES:**

- a. **PURPOSE OF STANDBY FEES:** Standby fees defray the cost of maintaining the DISTRICT's water distribution system. Payment of standby fees is not payment for delivery of irrigation water. Standby fees must be paid on lands in the DISTRICT, including non-irrigation acreage and on acreage which will be irrigated from privately owned wells.
- b. **IRRIGATION DISTRICT STANDBY FEES:** The BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT, after reviewing costs of maintaining the water distribution system, establishes annual standby fee rates to be charged to lands within the DISTRICT. The fee is computed by multiplying the number of acres of your property, as described by the Assessor's Parcel Number, by the per-acre standby fee rate applicable. The standby fee rate for the 2011 irrigation season is \$24.00 per acre.
- c. **PAYMENT OF 2011 IRRIGATION DISTRICT STANDBY FEES:** Standby fees were billed in full in January at \$24.00 per acre. The first installment of \$12.00 per acre is considered delinquent if not paid by February 15, 2011. The second installment of \$12.00 per acre will become delinquent if not paid by May 15, 2011. Make payments by mail or at the MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT office. Return the bottom portion of the statement with your payment in the return envelope. Please make checks and money orders payable to MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT. Please write your CUSTOMER and STATEMENT NUMBER on your check. The numbers appear above the CUSTOMER name.

2. **DELINQUENT DATES AND PENALTIES:** Standby fee payments are due on February 15, 2011 and May 15, 2011, as outlined above. WHEN EITHER OF THESE DATES FALLS ON SATURDAY, SUNDAY, OR A LEGAL HOLIDAY, DELINQUENCY OCCURS AT 5:01 P.M. ON THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY. Interest and penalties will be charged as authorized after the delinquent dates. Any delinquency may cause denial of delivery of irrigation water (See item 5 below).

3. **RESPONSIBILITY OF LANDOWNER:** The LANDOWNER is responsible for the payment of standby fees and water usage charges. Any private agreements between tenants or sub-tenants for use of the land do not relieve the LANDOWNER of the responsibility of paying standby fees or water usage fees on his or her land(s) when they become due and payable.

4. **IDENTIFICATION OF PROPERTY:** The primary identification of the property is the Assessor's Parcel Number (APN). Examine the bill carefully before paying. Be certain it references your property. If you have other property for which you have not received a bill, please contact the MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT office. If you have sold the property, please return this bill to this office with the new owner's name, address, and the date of sales transaction.

5. **DENIAL OF WATER SERVICE DUE TO DELINQUENCIES:** If an account is delinquent or overdue, no delivery of irrigation water will be authorized until arrangements for payment of the delinquent amount has been made. Current installments past due must be paid prior to any delivery of water and before the delinquent dates to avoid denial of water service. INTEREST AND PENALTIES WILL BE ADDED, AS AUTHORIZED, TO DELINQUENT STANDBY FEE AMOUNTS. THE AMOUNT OF UNPAID WATER AND STANDBY FEES SHALL CONSTITUTE A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY AND MAY BE PLACED FOR COLLECTION WITH THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR.

6. **AUTHORIZATION:** Standby fees and water usage charges are established in accordance with Section § 22280 of the California Water Code.

Payments may be mailed to the MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT at P.O. Box 2288, Merced, CA 95344, may be dropped off at the Administration Office located at 744 W. 20th Street, or made by phone at (209) 722-5761.



2011 WATER PRICING AND SALES INFORMATION

WATER PRICE:

In-District	\$18.25 per acre foot
Sphere of Influence (SOI)	\$42.50 per acre foot
Sphere of Influence (SOI Drought)	TBD by MID Board of Directors
Boost Fee.....	\$ 7.00 per acre foot

STANDBY FEE:

Regular	\$24.00 per acre
Reduced Standby Fee (Eligible Property).....	\$8.00 per acre

Total standby fees are billed in January. Payments of the fees are due in two installments. The first installment amount of \$12.00 per acre becomes delinquent if not paid by February 15, 2011. The second installment amount of \$12.00 per acre becomes delinquent if not paid by May 15, 2011.

ADMINISTRATIVE FEE.....\$30.00 annually per irrigator

MINIMUM IRRIGATION FEE..... \$9.12 per irrigation

For parcels over 5 acres, if the delivered water for irrigation does not exceed a value of \$9.12, then a minimum of \$9.12 will be charged.

INTEREST CHARGESThe 2011 interest rate will be 12% per year or 1% per month on all unpaid balances, except for interest.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deliveries – The DISTRICT is prepared, based on demand, to make total deliveries up to its “diversion” authority, depending upon water supply. The Board of Directors has not set a “right to buy” limit at this time.

Water Payments – Water will be charged as used with payment due upon receipt of the DISTRICT’s monthly statement. Prior year account balances must be paid in order to receive 2011 water deliveries. SOI water buyers must pay in advance, if it is determined by the Board of Directors that SOI water is available.

Owner-Tenant Agreements – Owner-Tenant/Sub-tenant agreements on file from the prior year will be honored for the 2011 irrigation season unless notice of revocation is received by the District from the owner.

Garden Head – Less than five acre parcel.

Out-of-Season Water Usage – DISTRICT wells and incidental surface water are available in some areas during the off-season at a rate of \$30.00 per acre foot of water pumped. Prices for out-of-season water usage may be adjusted subject to changing conditions.

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<p>WATER CUSTOMER SERVICE: (209) 722-2720 IRRIGATION ORDERS: (209) 722-2720 - CALLING FROM LIVINGSTON OR SNELLING: (800) 750-2720</p>
