



May, 2023

**Let's talk!**  
The Board of Directors is hoping to improve communications between the Board and its constituency to better inform growers and landowners of matters affecting the District. Please contact us for more information or visit our website at [www.jamesid.org](http://www.jamesid.org).

**\*\*\* GROWERS - PLEASE NOTE \*\*\***  
**WATER IN LATERALS IS ALLOCATED.**  
**AN ORDER MUST BE PLACED TO AVOID OPERATIONAL ERRORS.**  
\* *We cannot accept telephone messages left for water orders.*  
\* *Please call your order into the office 2 days ahead of the desired delivery date.*  
\* *In an effort to conserve water and to maintain operating efficiency, we request growers call in same-day cancellations by 8:00 a.m.*  
\* *As demand increases, we will make every effort to deliver water as ordered.*  
\* *Please call your orders in as soon as possible and try to stick to your schedule.*

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

- ✓ **Payments**  
for April billings due  
Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
5:00 pm
- ◆
- ✓ **District Assessments**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Installment**  
Postmark no later than  
Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>
- ◆
- ✓ **James Irrigation District & Reclamation District**  
**No. 1606**  
Special Joint Meeting  
Long-term Land Use  
Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am
- ◆
- ✓ **James Irrigation District**  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am
- ◆
- ✓ **Reclamation District**  
**No. 1606**  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 am



As of this writing, Shasta Lake is **FULL** (within 2-3 feet from the top). The water level rose nearly 100 feet since January 1 & has reached the tree line.

**WATER SUPPLY & OUTLOOK**

- ◆ **USBR-Central Valley Project (CVP)** The Bureau increased south-of-Delta ag allocations to 100%.
- ◆ **San Joaquin River Riparian, Sched. II** The District is scheduled to receive 100% of its entitlement.
- ◆ **San Joaquin River Flood Water** - The District was able to divert

Friant flood flows for recharge.

- ◆ **Kings River Entitlement** remains in storage behind Pine Flat Dam.
- ◆ **Kings River Flood Flows** continue flowing down the James Bypass & are being diverted for irrigation & recharge purposes.
- ◆ **Wellfield** - Annual repair & maintenance has been completed. Considering flood releases & increased allocations, it is anticipated groundwater pumping will be minimal this season. Please call the office for any well-related operating questions.
- ◆ **Other Water Supplies** - The District continues to deliver water to the Southwest Groundwater Banking Project. This effort demonstrates the District's commitment to enhancing local groundwater supplies & works to alleviate flooding in urban areas.

◆ **Precipitation**



April 2023	0"
Highest April 1978	1.82"
Historical April Average	.59"

◆ **Outlook** - The District is closely monitoring hydrology for the 2023 growing season.

**SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT**  
**BENEFITS EXTENDED TO GROWERS**  
**GROWERS! YOU MAY BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE LOW RATES THAT HAVE BEEN LOCKED-IN UNDER THE DISTRICT'S SOLAR PROJECT POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, ACT NOW! IF YOU DIDN'T RECEIVE AN E-MAIL, CALL THE OFFICE AND SPEAK WITH STAFF WHO CAN ASSIST YOU.**  
**DEADLINE TO FILE: FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023**

**WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING...**

◆ **On-Farm Groundwater Recharge Program** - To qualify for payment, land should be suitable for percolation & must be fallowed for the entire season. Contact the office for information to participate.

**★★★SEE PAGE 2 FOR FLOOD UPDATES★★★**

# 2023 KINGS RIVER FLOOD FLOWS



James Weir in the James Bypass near McMullin Grade, diverting Kings River flood releases from Pine Flat Dam into the District's Main Canal. Excess flows continue west toward Tranquillity Irrigation District & the Mendota Pool. March, 2023



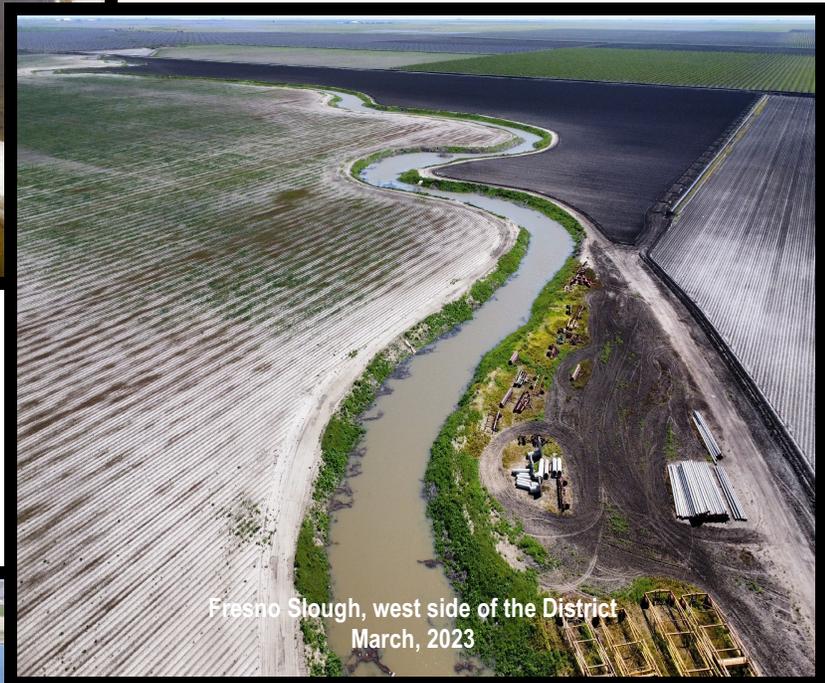
Southwest Groundwater Banking Project  
near McMullin Grade east of the James Bypass  
April, 2023

## DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE DISTRICT?

- Over 1.1 million af of outside surface water has been brought into the District over the last 35 years
- Approximately 31,000 af per year
- Over 400 acres of dedicated recharge basins

## THE DISTRICT HOLDS RIGHTS TO SIX SOURCES OF WATER

- ✓ San Joaquin River Riparian
- ✓ San Joaquin River Floodwater
- ✓ Kings River Entitlement
- ✓ Kings River Floodwater
- ✓ USBR Central Valley Project Contract
- ✓ Groundwater



Fresno Slough, west side of the District  
March, 2023



K Basin Solar Purchase Project (Left) • K Basin Recharge Basins (Right)  
May, 2023