



### IMPORTANT DATES

#### ✓ Payments

for August billings are due  
Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
5:00 p.m.



✓ James Irrigation District  
Board of Directors  
Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am



✓ James Groundwater  
Sustainability Agency  
Board of Directors  
Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am

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✓ Reclamation District No. 1606  
Board of Trustees  
Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am

## September, 2023

### 2023-2024 ASSESSMENTS

The James Irrigation District Board of Directors convened as a Board of Equalization on Tuesday, September 12th, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., to hear public comments regarding the 2023-2024 assessment rolls. As there were no objections presented, the Board voted to leave the rates at \$50.00 per acre for 2023-2024. Assessment bills will be mailed to the owners of record on November 1, 2023.

### GROWERS—PLEASE NOTE!

**WATER IN LATERALS HAS BEEN 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.*

### JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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## WATER SUPPLY & OUTLOOK

- ◆ **USBR Central Valley Project (CVP)** allocations were increased to 100% for south-of-Delta ag contractors.
- ◆ **San Joaquin River Riparian, Schedule II** entitlement deliveries are scheduled for 100%.
- ◆ **San Joaquin River Flood Water** -Earlier this year, the District was able to divert Friant flood flows for recharge.
- ◆ **Kings River Flood Flows** started in February and were discontinued mid-July.
- ◆ **Kings River Entitlement** is being diverted by the District for irrigation & recharge purposes.
- ◆ **Wellfield** - With flood releases & increased allocations, groundwater pumping has been greatly reduced 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.
- ◆ **Precipitation**



August 2023	.63 inches
Highest August: 2023	.63 inches
Historical August Average	.03 inches

## WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING...

- ◆ **Winter Deliveries** - There will be no winter water deliveries this year due to lack of grower interest.
- ◆ **Groundwater Sustainability Plan** has been approved by the California Department of Water Resources! We continue to work with six other members of the Kings Subbasin to coordinate compliance.
- ◆ **2023 On-Farm Recharge Program** continues in this unprecedented water year which will allow for year-round recharge on fallowed ground. If you are interested in participating, contact Manny Amorelli.
- ◆ **Reclamation District No. 1606 Leases** - A Special Meeting was held September 5th to review bids submitted for agricultural/ grazing leases. Letters were mailed to bidders notifying them of the results. New 5-year leases will be mailed shortly. Our thanks to all who expressed an interest!



### IN MEMORIAM

*We extend our sincerest sympathies to the family of retired President, Martin Barcellos (1987-1999), following the passing of his wife, Vivian (1935-2023). Martin & Vivian were married nearly 68 years and have four sons, Martin, Richard, Merv & Robert, who currently serves on the James ID Board.*





**PROUDLY SHE WAVES...**  
**August 14, 2023**



**Floral Avenue Basin Complex**  
**Full since February, 2023**



**Southwest Groundwater Banking Project**  
**McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

**HOW WE'RE RECHARGING THE AQUIFER**

- ▶ Over 1.1 million acre-feet of outside surface water has been brought into the District over the last 35 years.
- ▶ Averaging 31,000+ acre-feet per year
- ▶ Over 450 acres is currently being used for recharge.



**Solar Project #2**  
**Lateral K Recharge Basin Complex**

**THE DISTRICT HOLDS RIGHTS TO SIX SOURCES OF WATER**

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



**Additional District Facilities**  
**Filled Since January, 2023**