

DELANO-  
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IRRIGATION  
DISTRICT

THE MISSION OF THE DELANO-EARLIMART IRRIGATION DISTRICT IS TO PROTECT, ENHANCE, AND MANAGE THE DISTRICT'S WATER AND ENERGY RESOURCES AND RELATED ASSETS TO BENEFIT ITS GROWERS, THE COMMUNITY, AND THE REGION IT SERVES THROUGH OUTSTANDING CUSTOMER SERVICE, COMMITMENT TO QUALITY, AND LEADERSHIP IN THE WATER RESOURCES INDUSTRY.

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**FULL WATER SUPPLY FOR ALL DEID LANDS**

The development of the 2011 water year is progressing well and unfolding as yet another outstanding water supply year. The District will be able to meet the full demand from all lands in the District without limitation.

**No More “Excess” Lands**

With the execution of the District’s new 9(d) repayment contract, all lands in the District can now be served with federal water. Previously, under the District’s prior 9(e) water service contract, the District was prohibited from delivering District water to lands deemed as “excess” under federal Reclamation law. That is the way it has been since the District signed its first water service contract with the Bureau in 1951. For the first time in history, and from this point on, all acreage in the District is eligible to receive water from DEID on an equal basis.

**Water Supply Declaration Updated**

The Bureau updated its water supply declaration last week, announcing 100 percent Class 1 and 20 percent Class 2. The Class 2 amount declared is projected to be available following March and April, where additional Class 2 has been made available on a “take as much as

you can” basis. This is being done to encourage maximum water use during this time period in order to avoid flood releases from Millerton Lake.

DEID anticipates a 2011 water supply of 164,000 acre-feet with an in-district demand from growers of approximately 130,000 acre-feet. The balance of the



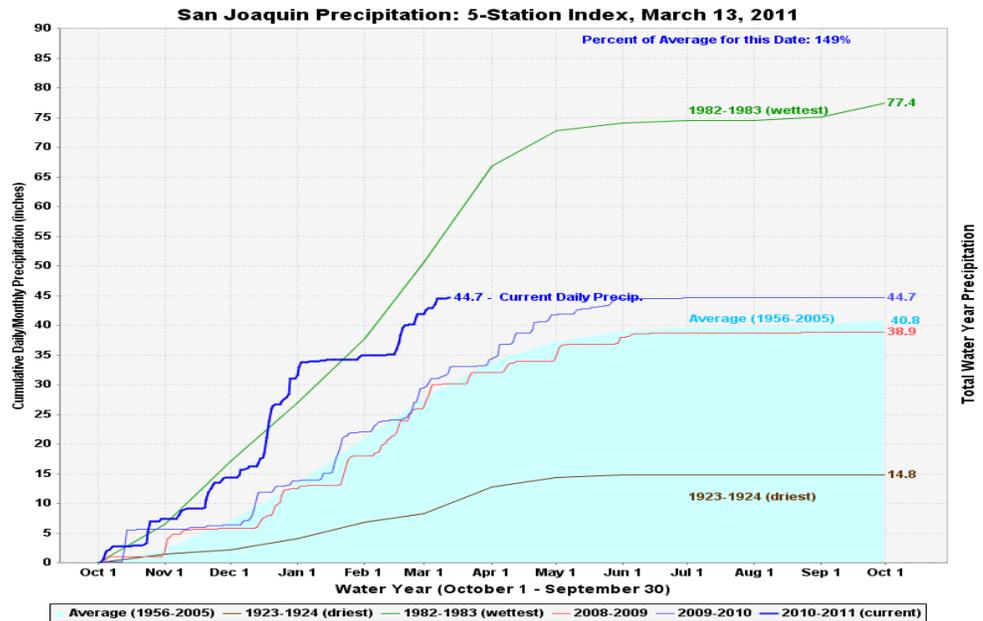
supply will be banked in both the District’s Turnipseed Basin Water Banking project and in other banking programs that DEID has outside of the District. Banked water is available for recovery during dry years.

**2011 Water Rate Lowered**

The Board of Directors has set a new, lower 2011 water rate for irrigation water users. The new rate is \$41.00 per acre-foot, down from the 2010 base water rate of \$49.50 per acre-foot. Also, because of the District’s new 9(d) contract, there are no longer differential water rates for some District water users. “Full-cost” water rates are now a thing of the past. All irrigation water users now pay the same rate for water.

The Municipal and Industrial water rate remained unchanged from 2010 at \$48.00 per acre-foot.

The 2011 water year is shaping up as the third straight year of at or above average precipitation totals. The adjacent graph compares the current year to the average, the wettest, and driest year on record. Also included are the 2008-09 year and the 2009-10 year.



## DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

2010 construction activities associated with the District's existing 80-acre groundwater recharge and recovery banking project are now complete. Those projects included:

- Four new recovery wells - These new deep wells are in addition to the first recovery well that was constructed in 2009 and will be used in drought years to recover water previously recharged for delivery to District water users.
- Recovery wells pipeline - The District successfully installed 7,100 feet of new pipeline that ties the new recovery wells to the District's existing distribution system.
- Levee improvements - Selected levees at Turnipseed Basin were increased in height and width and were sloped for more efficient maintenance.
- Groundwater monitoring wells - Five new dedicated groundwater

monitoring wells have been installed, complimenting the existing grid of wells that are measured for water elevations, movement, and water quality.

A total of \$1.55 million in state and federal funding was obtained for these projects.

### 2011 Construction in the Works

The District will be doubling the Turnipseed Basin project area with new construction in 2011. An adjacent 80 acres that was purchased in 2009 will be developed into new recharge cells that will be operated in conjunction with the existing project. Construction is expected to be completed not later than the end of this summer.

The District has secured an additional \$320,200 in federal funding that will be used to construct the new recharge facilities and a new delivery structure to take water from White River to the new 80-acre project.



Levee improvements recently completed at the Turnipseed Basin Banking Project site included reconstruction of selected banks to increased capacity.

## DISTRICT DEDICATES THE H.K. NELSON MEMORIAL

The District recently recognized the contribution of DEID pioneer H.K. Nelson at the dedication of a newly installed monument at the District office. The monument consists of a rock with an embedded bronze plaque and a flag pole that now flies the American flag.

Joining in the January 11th dedication was Michael Jackson, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Area Manager, Pete Vander Poel, Tulare County Board of Supervisors, the District Board of Directors, Nelson family members, and a number of local landowners.

Supervisor Vander Poel presented a proclamation from the Tulare County Board of Supervisors to the Nelson family, which was accepted by H.K.'s son, Harold Nelson. Continuing his father's legacy of service to the DEID community, Harold has served on the DEID Board of Directors since 1989 and is the current Board president.

H.K. Nelson served on the organizing committee that preceded the formation

of the District in the early 1930's. H.K. joined the Board shortly following the District's formation in 1938 and served on it until his retirement in 1989. He was the Board president from 1946 through 1987.

The monument plaque reads:

*"In honor of H. K. Nelson, DEID grower and pioneer, who was instrumental in bringing Central Valley Project water to this area and surrounding communities for the lasting benefit of agriculture, cities, and the local environment.*

*H.K. Nelson served his community for many years as a director on this and other water-related organizations. He provided the leadership that successfully saw to the construction of the Friant Dam and the Friant-Kern Canal. His vision provided and continues to provide water, the lifeblood of all civilization.*

*From all who have benefited, this monument is dedicated as a symbol of gratitude and praise to H.K. Nelson and all other Delano pioneers who brought the Friant Division of the CVP into existence."*



*Tulare County Supervisor Pete Vander Poel presents a Board proclamation honoring H.K. Nelson to his son, Harold Nelson.*



*H.K. Nelson monument stands next to the District office.*

## DEID DIRECTOR MEETS WITH INTERIOR SECRETARY

DEID Director Nick Canata met with Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar during a February 20th visit by the Secretary to the San Joaquin River to discuss the river restoration project and litigation settlement that brought it about.

Stressed by Director Canata with Secretary Salazar was the need for the federal government to live up to its part

of the settlement that requires the Interior Department to find all possible ways to return all or most of the water lost by Friant districts as a result of the restoration project.

Director Canata also serves a vice-chairman of the Friant Water Authority, which was one of the organizations that were invited to meet with the Secretary.



*DEID Director Nick Canata greets Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar during a recent visit to the Valley.*

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## HISTORY MADE

Marking the occasion of the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District signing its new 9(d) contract with the Bureau of Reclamation, Michael Jackson, Bureau South-Central California Office Area Manager joined the DEID Board of Directors at a signing ceremony held at the District office.

The new 9(d) contract replaced the District's previous water service contract that was first signed in 1951.

The new contract ushered in a new era for the District and its water users, one without full-cost pricing, the need to file annual Reclamation law forms, and the end of excess land in the District.



*Attending the District's 9(d) contract signing ceremony, from left to right: (top row) Bureau Area Manager Michael Jackson, Director Kelley Hampton, Director Nick Canata, District Manager Dale Brogan, (bottom row) Director Anton Caratan, Board President Harold Nelson, Director Pete Hronis.*