

THE CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

"67,000 acres of diversified family farms in San Joaquin County, California"
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Dear Landowner:

Enclosed please find Notice of Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors. This meeting is held to review groundwater conditions for the aquifer underlying the District. The report concludes that the groundwater conditions and groundwater levels have declined due to the drought of 2012 to 2015.

Since 1995, the Bureau of Reclamation has allocated a supplemental surface water supply to the District from New Melones Reservoir under the terms of a surface water contract. Although rainfall has been above normal, the Bureau of Reclamation has not made an allocation of surface water to the District for the 2016 water year due to seriously depleted storage at New Melones Reservoir. This decision is subject to change dependent upon weather conditions and snow melt inflow to the reservoir. It is anticipated that all agricultural irrigation for the current water year will be supplied by groundwater. All irrigators should plan for no surface supply and should take all possible measures to conserve water.

District efforts to supply supplemental surface water for agricultural irrigation and groundwater replenishment have positively affected the groundwater basin. The District will continue its efforts in supplying supplemental surface water to benefit the groundwater conditions of our area.

Very Truly Yours,

Board of Directors
Central San Joaquin Water
Conservation District