ARNOLD
IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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Dear Patrons,

As the June 17th letter mentioned, in the Upper Deschutes Basin this past winter much of the winter's precipitation fell as rain rather than as snow. The current snowpack deficit means that the mountains are missing several feet of snow which, when it melts, usually serves as a natural reservoir to feed streams and rivers throughout the summer.

On Wednesday July 1st, a special meeting was held with the district's board and management to discuss and decide upon the future of water conveyance for the remainder of the 2020 season. Arnold Irrigation District (AID) would like to thank our patrons for your responses to the previous water conveyance proposals. Your feedback was taken into careful consideration by each board member and management in making a final decision regarding the water schedule for the remainder of this year.

The board and management have decided that **beginning Monday July 6th**, AID will be cutting the flow rate to **4.5GPM (gallons per minute) per acre**. **Beginning Saturday July 11th**, AID will be implementing the **Four Day Rotation** which is attached to this letter. **Both the 4.5GPM flow rate and the Four Day Rotation will be in effect until further notice**. Our best estimation is that the district has approximately thirty or less days of storage remaining until we would be required to shut off by Oregon Water Resources Department. The district board and management are asking other districts for help in creating a possible progressive solution for our water shortage. There is a *possibility* that we will be able to turn back on as of September 16th, as the natural flow changes in the shoulder season.

We thank you again for your understanding during this difficult water season and these difficult times. The District board and management are doing their best to make the right decision for our patrons by delivering water for as long as possible during this season.

Once again, we urge patrons that do not wish to take some or all of your water for a portion or the remainder of this season, to please contact the office as soon as possible with your information. If you have any questions that pertain to this letter, we ask that you frequently visit our website for updates at www.arnoldirrigationdistrict.com.

Sincerely,

Colin Wills
District Manager

Cc: Bren Hirschberg, Board President