



## KLAMATH IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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### Memorandum of Record

Reference: Klamath Project Drought Response Agency's 2022 Small Parcel Assistance Program.

Situation: On 11 May 2022, the Klamath Project Drought Response Agency (DRA) approved a program allowing for parcels with 3.99 acres or less to enroll into a no irrigation program, through the District, for reimbursement of the annual 2022 Operations and Maintenance assessment. As of 18 May 2022, this plan has not been published. This plan will be available on the DRA's website at [www.klamathwaterbank.com](http://www.klamathwaterbank.com) once it has received legal review.

The Districts must apply to the DRA, on behalf of land-owners, to receive this funding no later than 15 June 2022. The District must also validate that no irrigation water was delivered by the District to the enrolled lands.

Given the conditions experienced to date, the available water supply is insufficient to meet all water right holders needs, nor sufficient to meet contractual obligations. Reclamation has informed Klamath Irrigation District (K.I.D. / District) to not deliver water to Warren Act contractors, including Klamath Basin Improvement District (KBID) As K.I.D. calculated the amount of water available to each acre, our initial assessment identified we must limit deliveries to 0.25 acre-feet of water per acre. As information about enrollment into DRA programs becomes available, it is anticipated this amount of water may be more; however, it will not be known before 15 June 2022.

The amount of water currently assessed as available to suburban areas (~1,790 acres) is 447.5 acre feet of water for the entire year. The infrastructure is designed to operate at no less than 56 acre feet of water per day which allows for 7.99 days of irrigation deliveries to the suburban areas for the entire year. This is a constraint of the current infrastructure; improving this condition in future years will require investment and significant costs.

Therefore, Klamath Irrigation District is taking the following action.

First, because of the cool conditions and our assessment of delivering water for beneficial use without waste, Klamath Irrigation District is delaying deliveries to the suburban area until at least 18 June 2022.

Second, Klamath Irrigation District is enrolling all assessed acres which meet the 3.99 contiguous acres or less criteria into the DRA Small Parcel Program on patron's behalf. With this enrollment, Klamath Irrigation District is planning to not open laterals and turnouts in the suburban areas.

Third, when funds become available from the DRA (anticipated in January 2023), any funds received from the DRA for this program will be applied as a credit to each account enrolled as confirmed eligible by the District. The District staff must validate that no water was delivered by the K.I.D. controlled infrastructure to these parcels. Payments will be applied in the same manner as they were assessed in 2022.

Fourth, the District will continue to patrol areas where water can be accessed and remove any acres from enrollment which are observed having taken water from the irrigation system controlled by K.I.D..

Landowners wishing to not participate in this program may elect to opt out of the program. Landowners must return the attached opt-out application to K.I.D. before 4pm on 13 June 2022.

This enrollment does not guarantee acceptance by the DRA. The DRA must first approve K.I.D.'s application and validate K.I.D.'s eligibility to receive funds. K.I.D. must also validate that no water was delivered through the infrastructure we maintain to the property.



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Klamath Irrigation District

**Klamath Project Drought Response Agency's 2022 Small Parcel Assistance Program**

**Klamath Irrigation District / Klamath Basin Improvement District  
Opt – Out form.**

This form must be completed and returned to Klamath Irrigation District Headquarters no later than 4pm on 13 June 2022.

**Initials**

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the District has automatically enrolled my eligible acres into the DRA's 2022 Small Parcel Assistance Program. No further action on my part is necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that opting out of this program does not guarantee water availability to be delivered to eligible lands.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that opting out of this program does not effect nor change the water-rights of the property.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that this program is an attempt to create water savings for the benefit of the economic foundation of our community. By opting out of this program, the benefits may not be realized and may create conditions for excessive water loss which the district will need to assess and balance beneficial use claims.

Given that I understand the above, I \_\_\_\_\_.

Residing at \_\_\_\_\_.

Tax lot Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_.

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_.

Hereby express my desire to opt-out of the 2022 Small Parcel Assistance Program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Upon receipt of this form, the District will assess the accuracy of the information, analyze the infrastructure capability to deliver water for beneficial use without waste, and make a determination on how to best serve our patrons.