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2022 Final End-of-Season Update

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NUID Patrons,

This season has been exceptionally challenging for all of us, and the last week of the irrigation season is no exception. In my previous update, I mentioned the need to hold off ordering water at Haystack Reservoir because district staff were concerned about an unsustainable demand come October 1. The District water demand was not as high as anticipated, and operations staff, in coordination with U.S. Fish & Wildlife adaptive management recommendations, reduced the outflow from Wickup Reservoir last week. The reduction was intended to reduce the amount of water in Haystack Reservoir by the end of the irrigation season to prepare for critical inspections/maintenance activities, in addition, to begin storing water in Wickiup.

The District received notification last Friday, that Arnold Irrigation District (AID) located a potentially severe compromise in their Main Canal and as a result, AID shut off for the remainder of the season.

AID's water essentially replaced the water the district cut out of Wickiup the prior week. As a result, on October 10, the NUID Board of Directors held an Emergency Board Meeting to discuss the patron allotment and final end-of-season operations. The Board approved to allow all patrons, with or without remaining water, the ability to place water orders as needed for the remainder of the irrigation season, which will conclude on October 14. Water will be available for delivery on Tuesday, October 11, and will be free of charge for the remainder of the season. Normal operational guidelines will continue to be in place for water orders, deliveries, etc.

NUID staff anticipates water remaining in Haystack Reservoir through October 14. If you are actively receiving water on October 14, you will be required to continue diverting water until Haystack has reached dead-pool status.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as water conditions and availability changes daily. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the District office.

Respectfully,

Josh Bailey
General Manager.