

## Water Order Cancellation and Waste Prevention Policy

Due to historically low inflows into the Amistad/Falcon Reservoir system, CCID2 is implementing conservation measures to further protect our limited water resources and ensure all irrigators can receive the already reduced allocation to which they are entitled.

Cameron County Irrigation District #2 is implementing the following policy to address and reduce water waste caused by canceled water orders.

Cancellations often result from a variety of circumstances, including:

- Inadequate field preparation or staff scheduling.
- Sudden changes in weather conditions.
- Operational issues within the Irrigation District that impede timely delivery.

While the District recognizes that some cancellations are unavoidable, it is essential that all parties work together to minimize the waste of water and improve efficiency in the following ways.

### 1. Advance Planning:

- Irrigators are encouraged to assess field readiness and weather forecasts before placing a water order.
- Water orders should only be placed when fields and equipment are prepared to receive water.
- Placing orders when rainfall is expected undermines conservation efforts and may lead to unnecessary waste and the loss of an irrigator's water allocation.

### 2. Cancellation Notice:

- If a cancellation is necessary, irrigators must notify the District **as early as possible**, but no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled delivery.
- Early notice allows the District to cancel, reschedule or reallocate water and avoid unnecessary river diversions or reservoir releases.

### 3. District Accountability:

- In cases where the District is unable to deliver water due to operational constraints, the District will make every effort to provide advance notice to the irrigator.
- The District will also work to resolve recurring operational issues to minimize such disruptions.

### 4. Monitoring, Reporting, and Credits:

- The District will monitor the volume of water lost due to late or uncommunicated cancellations.
- If a canceled order can be reallocated to another irrigator, captured or stored in the reservoir, the water allocation may be credited back to the original user.
- Late or excessive cancellations that result in unavoidable waste may lead to reduced scheduling priority, additional charges including partial or no monetary credit and/or partial or no allocation credit, or other measures as determined by the District Board.

### 5. Weather-related Events:

- The District acknowledges that weather events (such as unexpected rainfall) can make irrigation unnecessary. In such cases, irrigators are still required to notify the District as soon as possible to help prevent waste. Regardless, If a canceled order cannot be reallocated to another irrigator, captured or stored in the reservoir, the water allocation will not be credited back to the original user as the water has already been diverted through the district's delivery system.

**Our Shared Responsibility:** We all share the responsibility to manage water wisely. The District is committed to improving service reliability and communication. In return, we ask irrigators to plan carefully, communicate promptly, and help us reduce water waste for the benefit of the entire district and community they serve.