



## *July 2026 Grower Bulletin*

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### **USE YOUR SURFACE WATER ALLOCATION**

Landowners within the Ivanhoe Irrigation District are strongly encouraged to make full use of their surface water allocation this season. With canal maintenance on the horizon and important carryover policies in place, planning your water use now will save you time, money, and hassle later in the year.

#### **This Year at a Glance**

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| <b>2026 Allocation</b>          | 1.08 ac-ft / acre (Increased 0.04 at July Board Meeting) |
| <b>Carryover</b>                | Landowners can carryover 5% of 2026 allocation           |
| <b>Water Supply Remaining</b>   | Approximately 72% remaining for the year                 |
| <b>Friant-Kern Canal Outage</b> | Down for maintenance November – February                 |

#### **Why It's Important to Use Your Water Now**

- The Friant-Kern Canal will be shut down for maintenance from November through February, limiting delivery options during that window.
- Based on current projections, deliveries are running behind schedule, which is on pace to leave landowners with a large amount of carryover. We need to use 18% of our allocation each month to be on track.
- Carryover storage in Millerton Reservoir is not guaranteed — if flood conditions occur this spring, carryover water may be released and lost.
- Per District policy, landowners are required to purchase any carryover that isn't used. Unused carryover will be charged to your account and stored as groundwater credits.
- Growers must return any unused District allocated water no later than September 1, 2026. All returns must be coordinated with District office staff to ensure accurate accounting and safe conveyance.

**Please Note:** Carryover is not a free safety net. District policy requires landowners to purchase any carryover that goes unused — it will be charged to your account and converted to groundwater credits rather than surface water.

**Using your surface water allocation now, ahead of the November–February canal outage, is the most reliable way to protect your groundwater allocation.**

## How to Request Water Delivery

We're glad to help you make the most of your allocation before the canal outage begins. Contact the District office to schedule your delivery or check your remaining allocation and carryover balance — our staff can help you plan deliveries around your irrigation schedule.

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| <b>Tuesday – Saturday Deliveries</b> | Must be received by 8:00am the day prior to delivery                                |
| <b>Sunday – Monday Deliveries</b>    | Must be received by 12:00pm on the preceding Friday                                 |
| <b>Delivery Options</b>              | 24 Hours / <a href="mailto:waterorders@ivanhoeid.org">waterorders@ivanhoeid.org</a> |
| <b>Payment Options</b>               | Cash / Check / Credit Card (3% processing fee)                                      |

## Contact Us

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